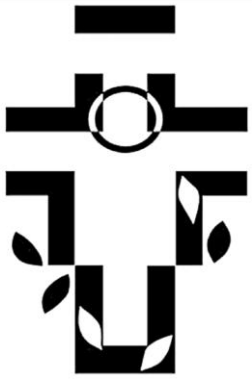


*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (1629), Claude Vignon (1593-1670). Oil on canvas.
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Mass Times

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm

**Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am
and 12 noon**

Weekday Eucharist

Monday to Friday: 9 am:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9 to 10 am

Ministry Centre Hours

Sunday:

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:**

9:30 am to 4 pm

Thursday: Closed

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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Forgive us as we forgive by Malcolm Guite

Forgive as we forgive: the prayer you give us,
Comes home so close yet radiates so far.
We set the limits on our own forgiveness;
As generous or grudging as we are.
The wounds we give and take in all our weakness,
The injuries that smoulder, burning slow,
The sins that others visited upon us,
Are ours to hold or utterly let go.

You tell the story of the wretched debtor,
The one forgiven everything he owed,
Who then exacted payment, to the letter,
From one who could not bear the given load.
Oh lift my given load that I, forgiven,
Might give away forgiveness, free as heaven.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners, peace and all Good to you!

Just like your new pastor, Friar Albert, I am coming to you from a smaller parish: Holy Family in Kingston, Ontario where I spent four graced years. Whilst there I was also involved with an elementary school and a high school. I also carried the hospital pager for four days a week. Our Franciscan community consisted of Friar Ed Debono, Friar David Collins and me. All three of us have moved here to the Don Mills Friary and are now part of a larger community that also includes Friars Joe Connick, Peter Knaapen, Maurice Richard and of course, our new pastor.

Fraternity is central to who we are as Conventual Franciscan friars and as the vocation director for the friars here in Canada, my hope is that our witness, whether we are in the office, walking the beautiful grounds or celebrating in church, will be one that aligns with the spirit of peace that so animated the founder of our Order, St. Francis of Assisi.

Peace is the experience I have had upon hearing that I was to be assigned to this, your parish. That peace I would say blossomed into the joy I have experienced in meeting and worshiping with you so far. Your warm welcome and dedication to the parish is evident and you wouldn't believe how many people have said to me: "this is a great parish!" I am humbled by this and hope that with your continued help, and alongside Friar Albert, I will be able to serve you with generosity as together we look with hope to the future of St. Bonaventure's parish.

I look forward to the years ahead in your company as we work for the coming of the Kingdom and its flourishing in our little corner of the world. May God bless us all!

Pax,
Friar Reto

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 14	9 AM	† Joseph Champagne
Tuesday, September 15	9 AM	Personal Intentions
Wednesday, September 16	9 AM	† Wendy Dingillo
Thursday, September 17	9 AM	Thanksgiving Intention for Estela Gabriel
Friday, September 18	9 AM	The Friars † Russel Coleman † Mary-Jane Courchesne † Grazia Maida † James McKenzie
Saturday, September 19	5 PM	† Cesar Urrutia
Sunday, September 20	8:30 AM	Intention of Dave Alon
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Marta Kedrzycki
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Thanksgiving Soans Family
	Bl. Sac.	† Julita Torres
	Our Lady	† Jim & Anna Meyer

OUR PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Dear Parishioners,

Now that we have celebrated Labour Day and students/teachers have returned to the classroom, more meetings and events will be taking place in our parish. As I look at the parish calendar, I see all the scheduled events, and I am amazed that so many things will be taking place. Clearly St. Bonaventure's is an active and vibrant parish.

Whenever a new pastor is assigned to a parish, parishioners may be concerned; that the pastor will begin making changes. There may be feelings of uncertainty, even fear. I can assure you that I am not here to make changes. I am here to continue to build on what has already been established here at St. Bonaventure's by parishioners and previous pastors and friars. That isn't to say that everything will stay the same; some minor things may need to change but only after consultation with the staff and parishioners.

This past week, I had my first meeting with the parish pastoral staff and, as you can imagine, we had many things to discuss. It was a very productive meeting, and I am grateful to the members of the staff for their dedication to our faith community. Friar Reto and I are grateful to each of them as they answer our questions and explain the day-to-day operation of the parish office. We both have a great deal to learn!

In addition to the parish staff, I had a meeting with Franklin Godoy, the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, who shared with me some of the events that the Knights have been planning for this year. I will be the chaplain for the Knights. Friar Reto and I met with Ryan Loganadhan to discuss our Youth Group here at St. Bonaventure's and we look forward to our first gathering on September 18. Friar Reto will be the spiritual advisor for our Youth Group. I also met with Ann Fellin to talk about our St. Vincent de Paul Society and all the good that they do for the less fortunate in our community. Ann also shared with me how parishioners so generously provide casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries (I have noticed many parishioners bringing their casseroles to the parish centre the past couple of weeks). Ann also told me about the Knitting Group, but I haven't had the opportunity to stop in and see the knitters in action on Wednesday morning. I will be meeting Céline Massaroni soon to hear about the works of the Catholic Women's League. Friar Reto will be the spiritual advisor for this group.

Before school started, I met with Maria Raso, the new principal for St. Bonaventure School. During our meeting, the principal mentioned that 575 students were registered at that time (that number may have gone up since then). I was amazed at the number of students enrolled at our school. We will celebrate our first school Mass on September 23.

This past Friday marked the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the USA. I am sure that all of us can still vividly remember that day; where we were and what we were doing at the time. It is hard to believe that it has been 25 years since that fateful day. When American airspace was shut down, Canada launched *Operation Yellow Ribbon*, welcoming 224 diverted international aircraft carrying over 33,000 passengers. Canadian communities sheltered, fed and comforted these stranded travelers until U.S. airspace was reopened. This stands as a testament to international cooperation and the strength of human kindness in a time of crisis.

Just to let you know: Monday through Wednesday of this week, I will be attending an Archdiocesan orientation for new pastors.

Let us continue to pray for each other.

Peace,
Friar Albert

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on **Sunday, September 20th** at the 10 am Mass. All children ages 4 to 9 are invited to participate in this parallel celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. Prayer leaders help the children pray with and understand the scripture readings in a manner suited to their developmental level. We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to support this vital and popular program! As a volunteer, you will help usher the children to and from the church, lead the children in prayer, facilitate the reflection and discussions, and create a welcoming environment. **Please contact Nancy Vanseader at 647-501-7744 or nvanseader@rogers.com if you are able to help. Training will be provided. All volunteers will be required to complete a mandatory screening process.** If you would like to learn more about the ministry, you are welcome to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 11 a.m. in the Bonaventure Room.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them.

If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS



The Prayer Network is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact **Teresa Krijgsman at 416-709-8150** with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2026-2027

Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare for their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7 (Grade 2). If you are a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and a parishioner of St. Bonaventure Church, and you think your child is ready to prepare for these Sacraments (e.g., your family's regular participation in Sunday Mass is a good indicator of readiness), then it will be important for you to attend one of the following **Parent Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre:

- **Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- **Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

Please note the registration deadline this year: September 25, 2026

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH) 2026-2027

Roman Catholic youth may begin to prepare for Confirmation around the age of 12 (Grade 7). If you are a parent of a 12-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and a parishioner of St. Bonaventure Church, and you think your child is ready to prepare for Confirmation (e.g., your family's regular participation in Sunday Mass is a good indicator of readiness), then it will be important for you and the child to be confirmed to attend one of the following **Parent & Youth Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre:

- **Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- **Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

Please note the registration deadline this year: October 9, 2026

FAITH & PRAYER



In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

+ James Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho, + Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty,
+ Nealia Somasundaram, + Jennie Mayer, + Tom Lloyd, + Joseph Cusimano, + Kathleen Fitzgibbons,
+ Patricia McQueenie, + Colleen Maida, + Zoe Duffy, + Louise Pappalardo, + Andrew Long, + Wendy Dingillo,
and + Julita Torres.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND PARISH INFORMATION

As we prayerfully prepare for the year ahead, we kindly ask that you clearly write your **first and last name**, along with the **amount being offered**, on every offertory envelope used at Mass. This helps us accurately allocate your donations and prepare charitable tax receipts at tax time. We will soon be ordering offertory envelopes for 2027 and would be grateful if you would ensure that your parish records are current. Please send any updates to Kathryn MacInnis at kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca, including your home address, telephone number, email address, first and last name, and the names of everyone registered in your household. **Please note that if your offertory envelopes were not picked up last year, a new box will not automatically be ordered for you this year.** If you would like envelopes for 2027, please contact Kathryn. Thank you for your faithful dedication and participation in the life of our parish, and for your cooperation, understanding, and generous support. May God bless you and your household.

HELPING OTHERS

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



CWL September Theme: Faith, Care for Creation & Indigenous Relations

This month, the Catholic Women's League invites us to live our faith through stewardship and reconciliation.

Suggested activities from the National CWL include:

- Hosting a community clean-up to care for our common home.
- Celebrating a Care for Creating Sunday with prayer and reflection.
- Gathering for an Orange Shirt social to honour Indigenous children and families.

If you have ideas on how our parish can bring these suggestions to life, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Tracy MacInnis at t.macinnis60@gmail.com

Together, let's nurture faith, creation, and community.

Other Announcements: Flea Markert Storage

The Great Storage Quest continues, and the plot thickens. Storage is needed for Flea Market items from now until October 22. There is no room at the inn (a.k.a. the church). If you have a garage corner or a basement nook to spare until October...we've got gratitude.

Email Elfreida Soans at jesoans74@gmail.com or call her at 416-424-4984 if you have room to spare.

Rosary Sunday - September 13

A beautiful pilgrimage day at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. Outdoor Mass at 12 noon. Living Rosary at 2:30 p.m. Pack a lunch, bring a chair, and let the peace of the day wrap around you like a warm shawl

ST. BONAVENTURE CWL - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



St. Bonaventure CWL - Parish Council Meeting Kicking Off Our 70th Anniversary Celebrations

All women of the parish are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 20** as we begin our 70th Anniversary year. We will start with **Mass at 12:00 p.m.**, followed by a special CWL meeting in the Parish Centre at 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments, celebration cake, fellowship, and an inspiring presentation from our guest speaker, **Kate O'Quinn**, Past President of the Toronto Diocesan Council.

Let's celebrate seven decades of faith, service, and sisterhood.

ST. BONNIE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS



Please come and see what the knitting group is all about. A welcoming gathering for knitters of varied knitting abilities. Even the simplest stitch can create a neck warmer for a person who has nothing and feeling the cold that winter brings. We learn from each other new patterns and share our needles and our wool with anyone who would like to join. If you knit at home and cannot attend our get together, please consider donating

your goods as we in turn donate to several charities in Toronto. Next date: Wednesday, September 9, 9:30 am in the Bonaventure Room. In October we will meet on Wednesday the 14th and Wednesday the 29th.

Call Ann Fellin 647-526-5066 if you have any questions.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Bible reminds us that it's not enough to have prayerful empathy for the suffering. Our prayers are important, but they must also lead to action. God calls us to come together to feed the hungry, tend to the sick, and lend a helping hand to those who have fallen on hard times. Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to

afford the necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service. Your donations to our SSVP boxes (available after weekend masses) and through Canada Helps do make a difference. Thank you! Online donations can be made securely through the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

If you have picked up a casserole pan lately you will see a letter of gratitude from the Good Shepherd acknowledging the casseroles that Bonaventure Cooks send each month. Also, they have sent a reminder of their food safety protocol. Many of you have supported this MISSION of MERCY for years but we always welcome new volunteers to add to this much needed charity. As the letter explains the number of people looking for a hot meal has increased. Imagine serving 1100 meals per day! St. Bonaventure's parish along with many others across Toronto contribute to the meal program. In August we contributed 62 casseroles to this worthy cause. Man, many thanks to all. Any questions, call Ann Fellin 647-526-5066



UPCOMING EVENTS

GENTLE FIT - STARTING SEPTEMBER 8TH

Gentle Fit classes will be held every second Tuesday, beginning **September 8**, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and every second Friday, beginning **September 18**. Everyone is welcome to participate, and the **cost is \$10 per class**. Classes will take place in the St. Francis Room in the Parish Centre for smaller groups, or in the Parish Hall for larger groups.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Ministry With Maturing Adults with the Focus on Nurturing our spirituality in Body, Mind and Spirit in the Second Half of Life

We aim to provide you with helpful and relevant information from our own presentations and our partners in the community while meeting and enjoying our Tuesday morning gatherings (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

Past and Future

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenter: MMA

In small groups, participants will be invited to share highlights from their summer and discuss potential topics and presenters for future MMA sessions. We value your input and want to hear from you!

Grief, the Untold Story

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenter: Arcangelo Limanni

Arcangelo Limanni is a registered psychotherapist working for Catholic Family Services of Toronto as the New Beginnings Program Promoter. In 2005 he began his studies at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and in 2016 obtained a master's degree in religious education. He graduated from the Master of Arts and Counselling Psychology program at York University in 2024. He has a special passion for griever and has personal experience in bereavement, separation/divorce and other unrecognized loss. Through his own experiences and outreach, Arcangelo approaches grief and loss through enthusiasm, empathy, and education. He gives back to the grieving through support group facilitation, public speaking and community engagement.

**Save the Date - Upcoming Sessions: October 13 & 27, November 10 & 24, and December 8 & 22, 2026
More details to follow.**

ST. BONAVENTURE'S YOUTH MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM



With the school year set to begin, St. Bonaventure Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be having our first event on Friday, September 18th at 7pm. The session will include pizza, a few ministry announcements, and then conclude with a social hour. All high school students are both encouraged and welcome to join us as we continue to grow together as a community. We look forward to seeing you all!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PARISH BBQ OCTOBER 4TH

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ANNUAL**
Knights of Columbus • St. Bonaventure



PARISH BBQ

FUN • FOOD • COMMUNITY SPIRIT
October 4th, 2026 • 1:00–4:00 pm

St. Bonaventure Church Grounds
1300 Leslie Street

TICKETS \$7 per person
Available at the parish office, after weekend Mass
in September or the day of the event
CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS Accepted on the Day of the Event



This BBQ is not just about great food and fun, it's about coming together as a community. Whether you're a regular at St. Bonaventure or just curious to see what we're all about, we welcome you with open arms. Meet your neighbors and make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

**DELICIOUS BBQ MENU**
Savor a variety of grilled favourites and tasty sides. Choice of hamburgers, sausage, hot dogs.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
Enjoy music and performances that will keep the energy high and the smiles wide.

**FAMILY FUN**
Games and activities for all ages, ensuring a fun-filled time for everyone.

**JOIN US IN SUPPORTING SEEDS OF HOPE FOUNDATION**
Since 2001, Seeds of Hope Foundation has supported individuals impacted by homelessness in Toronto, providing care, community, and opportunities to build brighter, more self-sustaining futures.
Together, we can make a meaningful difference in our community.
For more information visit www.seedsofhopecanada.ca

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**
We will also be collecting non-perishable food donations during the event to support Good Shepherd Ministries this Thanksgiving. Please bring a food donation and help us provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community.

**SPREAD THE WORD!**
Please share this invitation with friends, family, and neighbors. The more, the merrier! We can't wait to see you there! For more information, contact us at KnCCS080@outlook.com. Let's make this BBQ a memorable day for everyone!

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REFLECTION

“Lord, how often should I forgive...?” Matthew 18:21

“...besides not understanding what forgiveness really is, I think many of us also see forgiving as the act of a weak person, one who lets the offender get away with murder, especially when the offense was against someone we love. To forgive what another has done against us is one thing. But to forgive someone who did something unspeakable to a loved one—a rapist, for example—that seems like an act of betrayal to the loved one. This isn’t the image of ourselves we want to entertain. We want to see justice done.

“But forgiveness gets beyond this sort of thinking, recognizing that while a criminal should be brought to justice and pay for his offense, we still must be willing to forgive. We must be willing to let go of the offense, despite the fact that we may feel anger, contempt, and hatred. While these may be natural reactions to the pain and hurt we’ve experienced, we can’t afford to cling to these destructive feelings. We can’t allow them to fester inside us forever. We’ve got to work to get beyond them. Over and above these understandable feelings, each of us has the ability to forgive, to be willing to let go of the whole experience, to treat the other—the offender—as we would want to be treated ourselves. Far from an indication of weakness, forgiving is the act, or better, the frame of mind of a brave and courageous person, of a person whose strength, character, and integrity the world isn’t ready to appreciate. Certainly this is the way that God has treated us—or better—the way God always treats us.

“Naturally, for us this isn’t easy. We’re still smarting from whatever the offense happens to be, dealing with the thoughts that race through our minds on the heels of the experience. But the truth is that each of us is in need of being in a relationship of forgiveness with God, and this can only occur as we stand in a relationship of forgiveness with others. Nothing is ever beyond the scope of forgiveness. Nothing. Obviously we know what inner turmoil is about, what resentment is. Nevertheless, we have to get hold of ourselves; we have to face up to these emotions, these feelings, these angry thoughts lest they destroy us. We have to calm ourselves inwardly and outwardly and come to the realization that there will be no peace in the world unless there is peace in our hearts and that forgiveness is one of the greatest creators of peace in the world. Remember what Jesus said when Peter asked him, ‘If my brother goes on wronging me, how often should I forgive him? Would seven times be enough?’ ‘No,’ replied Jesus, ‘not seven times, but seventy times seven times!’ which is Jesus’s way of saying that we must *always* forgive.”

From “Forgiveness: The Human and the Divine” by the Monks of New Skete, quoted at: <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2013/12/03/forgiveness-the-human-and-the-divine-by-the-monks-of-new-skete/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!