



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

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

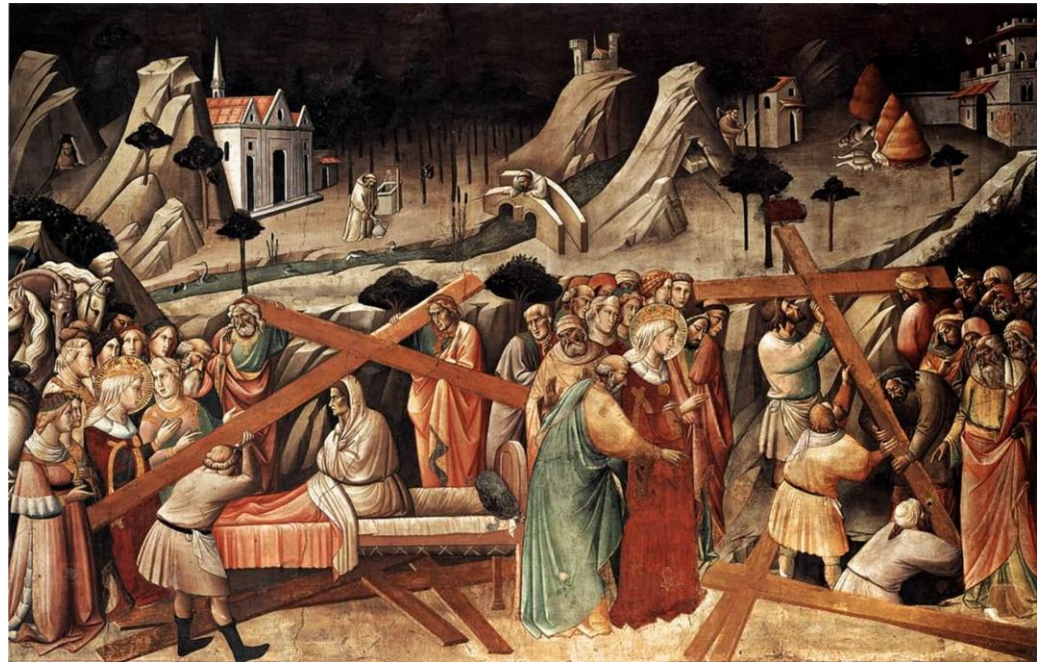
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*Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
September 14, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*Discovery of the True Cross (c.1380), Agnolo Gaddi, (1350-1396), fresco. Santa Croce, Florence.
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XI Crucifixion: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Stations of the Cross Sonnets by Malcolm Guite

See, as they strip the robe from off his back
And spread his arms and nail them to the cross,
The dark nails pierce him and the sky turns black,
And love is firmly fastened onto loss.
But here a pure change happens. On this tree
Loss becomes gain, death opens into birth.
Here wounding heals and fastening makes free
Earth breathes in heaven, heaven roots in earth.
And here we see the length, the breadth, the height
Where love and hatred meet and love stays true
Where sin meets grace and darkness turns to light
We see what love can bear and be and do,
And here our saviour calls us to his side
His love is free, his arms are open wide.

Source : [https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2019/04/19/good-friday-the-first-12-stations-of-the-cross-](https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2019/04/19/good-friday-the-first-12-stations-of-the-cross-3/)

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 15	9 AM	† Joseph Champagne
Tuesday, September 16	9 AM	† Elisa De Yiw
Wednesday, September 17	9 AM	† Jesus and Nemia Ubalde
Thursday, September 18	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
Friday, September 19	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order In Thanksgiving from the Gabriel Family Intentions of Marla Zupan † Joseph Medenilla † Bienvenido Ocampo † Friar Boniface Reinhart, OFM Conv.
Saturday, September 20 Sunday, September 21	5 PM	† Frances Macdonald
	8:30 AM	In thanksgiving from Mylene Jeciel on her birthday
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Melanie Ladores
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. Our Lady	Intentions of the Leong Family	
	† Margaret Leung	
	† Ashley Miklas	

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please let us know by contacting us by email: homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine at 416-303-0269.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on **Sunday, September 21st** at the 10 am Mass. All children aged 4-9 are invited to participate in this parallel, age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. Prayer leaders will help the children engage with and understand the scripture readings in a manner suited to their developmental level. We are also seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to support this vital program! As a volunteer, you will help usher the children to and from the church, facilitate discussions and create a welcoming environment for the children. **Please contact Maria Martin at 437-993-8458 or pkmmcm@rogers.com if you are interested.** All volunteers will be required to complete a mandatory screening process.

PREPARATION OF OLDER CHILDREN FOR BAPTISM

Are you the Catholic parent of a 7-year-old child or older who has not been baptized and would like to enquire about preparing your child for Baptism and you also live within our parish boundary? If so, please contact Greg at 416-447-5571, extension 258, for more information **no later than September 17.**

IS YOUR CHILD IN NON-CATHOLIC PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN NEED OF CATECHESIS?

Is your child (age 7+) baptised Roman Catholic and attending a public or private school *without* Catholic religious education? Please contact Greg (416-447-5571, ext. 258) by September 24, so that we let you know about an opportunity to help provide catechesis for your child.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2025-2026

One additional Parent Information meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. Please note the registration deadline this year: September 19, 2025

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH)

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare to be Confirmed around 12 years of age and up (Grade 7+). If you are parishioners of St. Bonaventure Church, your child has been baptized or formally received into the Roman Catholic Church, and you feel your child is ready to begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you and your child will need to attend one of the following information meetings about the Confirmation 2025-2026 program and how to register:

- **Wednesday, September 24 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- **Sunday, September 28 at 1 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre.

The young person requesting Confirmation and one parent are asked to attend one of these meetings. If your child has neither prepared for nor received Holy Communion previously, please contact Greg at the parish office as soon as possible: 416-445-5571 Ext. 258

CONFIRMATION AS AN ADULT

If you are a baptized adult Roman Catholic (18+) who has not been Confirmed, besides not having received the fullness of Sacramental Initiation, you will not be able to serve as a godparent at Baptism or as a sponsor at Confirmation when asked. In some Dioceses, you may have to delay Marriage until you are Confirmed. Let's help you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will provide a short preparation program for adult Catholics in the autumn. Please contact Greg at 416-447-5571 Ext. 258, to make an appointment **no later than September 14, 2025**. Be prepared to provide a copy of your baptismal certificate recently issued by the Roman Catholic parish where you were baptised. Note: this program is separate from our Confirmation preparation program for the parish's youth.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: tom.burns6727@gmail.com

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 Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, + Barbara Makowicz, + Anne Clune, + Antonino (Tony) Cravero, + Frances Fong,
+ Mary Lou Gray, + Teresa Hui, + Peter D'Brass, and + Angela Buchanan.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman at **416-709-8150** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

HELPING OTHERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The **Community Share Food Bank** is looking for volunteers. The Food Bank is located in the hall of the Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Drive, North York M3C 2C3.

Volunteers are needed to serve our sisters and brothers with the distribution of food between 10:45 AM and 3:30 PM on Wednesdays. If it would be possible to do even one Wednesday a month, or more, that would be wonderful. Please contact the Food Bank at contact@communitysharefoodbank.ca or via the website www.communitysharefoodbank.ca for more information and to volunteer.

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Once again, A BIG Thank You to all the Bonnie Casserole Cooks who made our August target a success. August is a busy month for many families but we sent our target of 65 plus 1 to the Good Shepherd. As you may know 65 casseroles are needed to supplement one meal. All parishioners are invited to support this worthy mission of mercy. We have two pick up dates each month. In September, it will be on Tuesday 16 and Tuesday 30. Casseroles and recipes are available in the cupboards at the back of the church. Please sign for the pans you need. Remember those who benefit from your kindness live a challenging life everyday.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



The option for the poor and vulnerable protects fair treatment of all members of society, especially those in greatest need. It is the responsibility of every one of us to care for those who have less and to provide a healthy lifestyle and a sense of well-being for all members of society. This is the foundation of the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of Jesus's essential teaching.

Loving God, open our eyes to see You in the faces of the poor, the forgotten, and the suffering. Help us to move beyond mere sympathy into real, self-giving love. Give us the grace to offer not just what is easy to give, but what truly costs us—our time, our attention, our comfort. Strengthen our hearts so that we may respond with compassion. Let us be bold in kindness, faithful in service, and joyful in sacrifice. Teach us to love as You love, so that through us, others may know Your mercy. Amen.



Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

SHARELIFE



You support our community in countless ways through ShareLife

Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need! Thus far we have raised **\$75,032** or **68%** toward our goal of **\$109,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



Pride

We in the Catholic Women's League take pride in our accomplishments. We are a sisterhood of women dedicated to service to God and Canada. Join our sisterhood today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - LUNCH & LEARN- SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 AT 12:30 PM

The Knights of Columbus warmly invite all parish families to a **Lunch & Learn Open House on Saturday, September 20th, beginning at 12:30 pm, Main Hall.**

Join us for a complimentary lunch, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn more about the Knights' mission and charitable works in our parish and community. We especially encourage all men and their families to attend and discover how becoming a Knight can enrich your faith, family, and service to others.

👉 Visit our tent for more information will also be available at the **BBQ**.

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, usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

If you would like more information, e-mail Ministry with Maturing Adults at: mma@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday September 23rd 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall (Rescheduled from June) *Ways to get Stronger and Healthier at Home*

Getting stronger, building muscle and having more energy is possible for everybody. You don't need to go to a fitness centre or invest in expensive equipment. You can exercise when you want in the comfort of your own home. A chair, broomstick and some simple fitness equipment can help you kickstart your day or give you the mid-day break you need. In this talk, Deacon Michael Carrera, a professional fitness trainer and wellness coach will walk you through some practical home-based exercises and answer questions you may have.

Michael Carrera has a masters degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. Michael was recently ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He lives in Toronto, Canada, with his wife and four children.

Save the Dates: October 7th and October 21st

SAVE THE DATE - 16TH ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025



16Th Annual Linda's Walk ~Saturday, September 27, 2025 Registration Opens at 9:30 am

Linda's Walk is a family-friendly 5K walk to help homeless women with mental health challenges rebuild their lives. For more information and for Registration, please check the website at: stclareinn.com



SAVE THE DATE - CWL ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

Items can be dropped off on Thursday & Friday, October 23 & 24 at the Parish Centre, Kitchen Door.
Please *do not* drop off items at the Parish Office prior to these dates.
Come to shop on Saturday, October 25. More information to com

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ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, ASK AN USHER
FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” ~John 3:14-15

Those who, in the desert, looked up at the bronze serpent that Moses lifted up on a pole preserved their lives (Num 21:9). And now it is to Christ, “lifted up” on the glorious cross, that we must raise our eyes not to be saved from the disastrous effects of the bite of a desert serpent, but in order to have eternal life. It is a look of faith that is needed. A look of faith will recognize in the cross the sign of salvation, and in the one who is “lifted up” on this precious wood, the Savior of the world.... At the same time, we will see in the cross of Christ the supreme proof of the infinite love of God, who “gave his only Son” so that everyone may have eternal life. “God sent his son into the world that we might have life through him.” The cross reveals that “God is love” (1 John 4:16).

The solemn celebration of the Triumph [Exaltation] of the Cross does not deny the sufferings of the passion of Christ or the ignominy of his crucifixion; nor does it ignore the sins that were the cause of his death anymore than a theater drama’s happy outcome leads the audience to forget the terrible moments it has witnessed during the play—quite the contrary. But the more one realizes the gravity of sin, the greater appears the love of God who pardons all. More than anything, his mercy reveals his power that nothing can resist for long, not even sin. So the cross becomes the trophy of his glorious victory, and that of his Son who, in order to carry out his mission of salvation and manifest to the world the infinite love of the Father, “humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8).

This “almost ‘irrational’ manifestation of the love of God for humanity” reveals another characteristic of the generosity of God, greater than anyone could ever have imagined. He does not impose himself. He did not send his Son into the world in order to establish his kingdom by force. Jesus said as much to Pilate: “If my kingdom did not belong to this world, my attendants [would] be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews” (Jon 18:36). God does not want submissive and fearful slaves whose masters enjoy an illusion of power but are secretly despised and always subliminally afraid of a revolt on the part of those who serve them. God offers, along with his love, blessing and life (Deut 30:19). The Triumphant Cross, when raised up over the world, illumines the path that leads to life and points the way to the gates of the kingdom. Its brilliance lights up those who are still on the way, who look to the Son of Man, singing “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:11).

From: *Days of the Lord*, vol. 7 *Solemnities and Feasts* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1994), 234-235.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!