



*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**

**9 am: Monday to Friday**

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 9 to 10 am**

**Ministry Centre**

**Hours**

**10 AM- 4 PM**

**Monday, Wednesday,**

**Friday**

**and by appointment on**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

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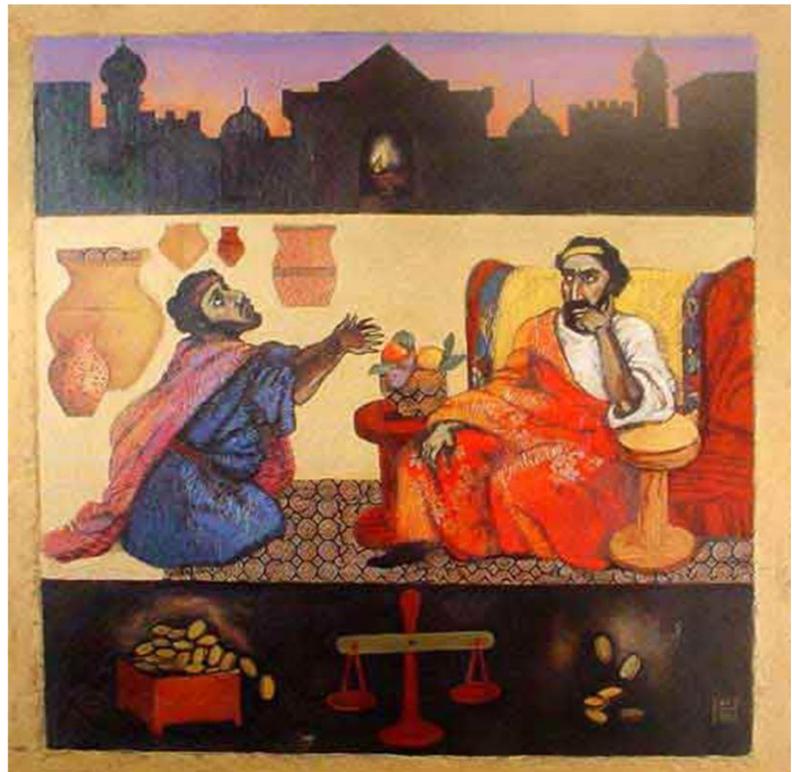
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*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



"The Unforgiving Servant" by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube.

## **Forgive 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.*

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 18	9 AM	† Josef Sitar
Tuesday, September 19	9 AM	In Thanksgiving, Gabriel Family
Wednesday, September 20	9 AM	† Y. K. Chu
Thursday, September 21	9 AM	† Margaret Lamantia
Friday, September 22	9 AM	† Peter Lamantia † Jacinta Osuji † Holy Souls in Purgatory Special Intention of Maria Ebhabha Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order Private Intention Special Intention for Healing
Saturday, September 23	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, September 24	8:30 AM	† Leoncio and Maria Gique
	10 AM	† Aileen Moore
	12 PM	† Ines Maria Sanabria
Sanctuary Lamps    Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel		† Friar Boniface Reinhart, OFM Conv.
		Intention of Fanny Ng Lee
		A Private Intention

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare for celebrating their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7. If you are parishioners of St. Bonaventure Church and a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic, and you think he or she is ready to prepare for these Sacraments, then it will be important for you to attend one of the following Parent Information Meetings in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. You will learn about our parish's sacramental preparation program and how to register your child for this 2023-2024 season:

- Sunday, September 24 at 1 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre  
*Or*
- Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Information Meetings about the Confirmation 2023-2024 program and how to register our parish's youth (ages 12 and up/Grade 7+) will be held on: **Sunday, October 1 at 1 p.m.** and **Monday, October 2 at 7 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.

## 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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel,  
+ Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,  
+ Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,  
+ Raneé Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, + Geraldine Holen,  
+ Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson, + Neil Buchanan, + Clement Leung, + Andrew Tomcik, + Ross Abbott,  
+ Lois Theriault, + Marion Shaw, + Ignatius McHugh, + Giovanni Boscarino, + Emily Cusimano,  
+ Wallace Lamerton, + Marie Berndorff, + Sam Savona, + Victor Pappalardo, and + John Tasker.

## SEASON OF CREATION ~ SEPT. 1 THROUGH OCT. 4 ~ A PRAYER IN COMMUNION WITH ALL CREATION

Creator God, mystery of love that sustains the universe:

In the beginning, you called forth all that is.

To this day, you accompany your creation on its journey through time.

All you have created rightly gives you praise.

We join our voices with the sublime choir of creation that ceaselessly sings your praise.

With all that exists, we worship you, Giver of life, and Source of all flourishing.

We confess, before you and all creation, that we have not always mirrored your care for your world.

We lament the wounds we have inflicted on the earth community,  
and commit ourselves to changing our ways.

Send out your Spirit, Creator God, and renew the face of your earth.

Awaken in us passionate love and generous care for creation,

so that we may join with its countless voices in singing your praise.

Amen.

- by Teresa Berger, posted September 8, 2023 on PrayTell Blog (Praytellig.com)

## 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 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

## HELPING OTHERS

### SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

The logo for ShareLife, featuring a green heart icon with a white cross inside, followed by the word "ShareLife" in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

Thus far our parish has raised **\$77,062.70** toward our goal of **\$94,000**.

you haven't already done so, please consider donating. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

The logo for "Living the Gospel", with "Living the" in a green sans-serif font and "Gospel" in a large, yellow, cursive font with radiating lines around it.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**SPECIAL REQUESTS!** We have a request from a immigrant family in need: The family needs a **car seat for a child over one year old** because of his size. If you can help, please call Judy at 416-390-9495.



Is there a family or person you know who needs assistance?

Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry: 416-447-5571 Ext. 570. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through CanadaHelps enable us to continue helping

those in need. **Thank you!** You may donate securely online at:

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

## CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Bonnie Casserole Cooks continue to donate monthly to the Good Shepherd Centre. We never know who enjoys eating this tasty dish, but you know the joy of giving. In the month of August, 45 casseroles contributed to the meal plan at the Centre. There is no day off for serving those who come hoping for a meal. No one is turned away. The summer holidays are coming to an end so let us see if September brings a few of our cooks home to start cooking again. You may like to know that the Spanish Casserole is Bonaventure's most popular casserole to make.



May God bless you all for being part of this mission of mercy.

## FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

We continue to collect food weekly and will accept all food donations, especially:

Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jam, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned corn and peas, Breakfast Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, and Salmon.

Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church. **Thank You!!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ST. BONAVENTURE MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL



**There will not be a softball game on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Parish BBQ.**

Next games are on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please feel free to DROP IN by the baseball diamond behind the Parish Office.

*Organized by the Knights of Columbus - St. Francis Council 5080*

## LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023 - FROM 2 TO 3 PM AT LESLIE ST. & LAWRENCE AVE.

Campaign Life Coalition Presents

### Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 2 to 3 PM  
Corner of Leslie Street & Lawrence Avenue

Join thousands across Canada standing up against Abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!  
More information to follow!

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS ~ NURTURING OUR SPIRITUALITY IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

TUESDAY MORNINGS: Coffee and Conversation: 9:40 - 10:00 am  
Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Walking Together in 2023**

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| October 10  | TOPIC: Fraud Prevention for Seniors<br>Presenter: Heather Walsh, CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) |
| November 14 | TOPIC: <i>To be Announced</i><br>Presenter: Richard Strange & Curtis McDonnell                           |
| December 12 | TOPIC: <i>To be Announced</i><br>Presenter: TBD  |



Meetings will be in person in the Francis Room of the Parish Centre until further notice.

SAVE THE DATE - 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

The 14th Annual Linda's Walk  
Saturday September 23, 2023  
New Walking Route! 50/50 Draw and Raffle

Sign in starts at 9:30am. The walk starts at 10:00am.  
BBQ Lunch will follow at 12:00pm at the church hall.  
**Registration:** Adults - \$25.00, Youth - \$15.00, Children - Free  
Registration includes a free t-shirt and a BBQ lunch with beverage.



To sign-up for the walk, register using the Eventbrite link below. If you can't walk in-person, we are also offering a virtual walk option. All walk options are available at Eventbrite.  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lindas-walk-2023-tickets-675620548247?aff=odtdtcreator>  
If you have any questions, please call us at (416) 690-0330, or email us at [info@stclareinn.org](mailto:info@stclareinn.org).

SAVE THE DATE - CWL FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023



**Do you have anything to donate?**

Remember to keep your **quality, gently used, and in good working condition items** to donate to the Flea Market!

*(We do not accept magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS or cassette tapes, mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment, or plants.)*

Donations/items including preserved goods (jams and jellies) can be dropped off on Thurs. Oct. 19 and Fri. Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Baked goods should be dropped off on Fri. (times above) and on Sat. Oct 21 BEFORE 9 a.m.

We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up.

High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school.  
Contact: Elfreida at 416-424-4984 or Teresa at 416-200-5733

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St Bonaventure School  
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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
416-447-5571 ext 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
[casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca)

## REFLECTION

*“Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’” -Matthew 18:21-22*

When the king orders the debtor, along with his family and property, to be sold to recover a little of the debt, our debtor begs for mercy and makes the absurd promise that he will pay the debt “in full.” The king overlooks the absurdity, allows himself to be moved by compassion, and forgives the man outright.

Still in the flush of what we must imagine would be a feeling of unexpected good fortune and gratitude, this liberated debtor runs into a coworker who owes him a mere hundred denarii (which comes to one millionth of what he had just been forgiven—in case Peter is still trying to imagine 490 instances of forgiveness). And the liberated one has the gall to demand immediate payment. When the coworker pleads with our forgiven debtor *in the very words he had just used before the king*, the man has him committed to the debtors’ prison. Knowing of the first man’s recent benefit, the other servants are rightly enraged, as is the king, when he finds out.

Jesus’ (satiric) numbers game answering Peter’s (misguidedly serious) numbers game is there for us to contemplate, if we dare to measure how much the Lord would have us forgive one another.

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**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**