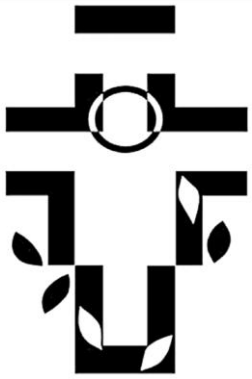


*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Red Vineyard / Red Vineyard at Arles (Montmajour), detail. Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890).
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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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Vineyard by Rudyard Kipling

At the eleventh hour he came,
But his wages were the same
As ours who all day long had trod
The wine-press of the Wrath of God.

When he shouldered through the lines
Of our cropped and mangled vines,
His unjaded eye could scan
How each hour had marked its man.

(Children of the morning-tide
With the hosts of noon had died,
And our noon contingents lay
Dead with twilight's spent array.)

Since his back had felt no load,
Virtue still in him abode;
So he swiftly made his own
Those last spoils we had not won.

We went home, delivered thence,
Grudging him no recompense
Till he portioned praise or blame
To our works before he came.

Till he showed us for our good-
Deaf to mirth, and blind to scorn-
How we might have best withstood
Burdens that he had not born!

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 21	9 AM	† Nelson Buera Sr.
Tuesday, September 22	9 AM	Special Intention Pat Macdonald
Wednesday, September 23	9 AM	† Jane Duak
Thursday, September 24	9 AM	† Mario Cantu
Friday, September 25	9 AM	Intention of Jonathan Barbosa Sister Margaret Doyle † Mildred Brown † Chris Hill † Deceased Members of Rodrigues Family
Saturday, September 26	5 PM	† Oliver Figueirego
Sunday, September 27	8:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	10 AM	† Rein Crecelius
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Jose Dalisay Sr.
	Bl. Sac.	† Rein Crecelius
	Our Lady	Dave Alon & Radek Votruba & Family

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.

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.

OUR PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Dear Parishioners,

In my homily last week, I spoke about the need to forgive others, just as God forgives us when we sin. I gave a personal example of how I was able to forgive an individual, but only with the grace provided by the Lord. Forgiving someone can be quite difficult to do and can only be done with prayer. From my own experience and also from listening to others, I know that sometimes forgiveness begins by praying for the person who hurt us. This can be very difficult and perhaps the last thing we want to do. But it's a start and it does help. It is also beneficial to ask God to help us forgive. Forgiveness may require that we talk to the person involved or write the individual a letter. It just depends on the person as well as the circumstance. Keep in mind that our lack of forgiveness normally does not affect the person who wronged us, but it does affect us. The anger or bitterness that we may feel is like a poison that slowly eats away at us. If you need to forgive someone in your life, ask God for the grace to forgive and begin praying for the person who hurt you. I guarantee that it will make a difference in your life!

This past week, I attended a two-day Archdiocesan orientation for new pastors and administrators. There were 17 of us in attendance. The two days were filled with presentations by various speakers from the archdiocese, including Bishop Kasun and Bishop Camilleri. We were given a great deal of material about policies, procedures and other very helpful information. It will take me time to digest all of the information. One of the presenters stressed that new pastors should never make "changes" in the parish for at least six months. As I wrote in last week's bulletin, this is something I certainly agree with and will follow.

One of the things mentioned during the orientation that is pertinent to us is the need for a parish council. In the coming month or so, the Cardinal will be announcing that every parish in the archdiocese will be required to have a parish council. Stay tuned for more information!

This year marks the 70th anniversary of our Catholic Women's League at St. Bonaventure Church. They will be celebrating this milestone today at the noon Mass, followed by a reception in the Hall. Congratulations, CWL! And thank you for all that you do for our parish and community.

My installation as the pastor of St. Bonaventure Church will take place on Sunday, October 4 during the 10:00 am Mass. Bishop Kasun will preside at the Mass and conduct the installation. I hope that you will be able to join us.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Bonnie Beverly who is one of eleven individuals who will be receiving the St. Michael Award next Sunday at the Cathedral. I understand that this is a very special award that is given by Cardinal Frank Leo to parishioners throughout the archdiocese who have faithfully served the Catholic Church. Congratulations, Bonnie! We are grateful for all that you have done, and continue to do, for St. Bonaventure Parish.

Last Sunday I attended my first "Coffee Hour" in the parish hall. I was a little late so by the time I arrived all the donuts were gone. Thankfully a kind angel saved me a few Chocolate Timbits! I am pleased that we offer this time for coffee and fellowship on most Sundays. It is a great way to build community within the parish. I am grateful to the organizers of the coffee hour, Maria & Larry Small, and for all those involved in this ministry. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

Peace,
Friar Albert

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



Liturgy of the Word with Children resumes this **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 in this ministry of the Word, 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. **Training will be provided. All volunteers will be required to complete a mandatory screening process. Please contact Nancy Vanseader at 647-501-7744 or nvanseader@rogers.com if you are able to help.**

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.

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 missed the parent information meetings, contact Greg at 416-447-5571 Ext. 258.

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

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.

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 **TODAY, Sunday September 20th** 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

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!

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.***

CONGRATULATIONS TO BONNIE BEVERLEY - 2026 SAINT MICHAEL AWARD RECIPIENT

We are delighted to announce that our parishioner **Bonnie Beverley** has been named a recipient of the 2026 Saint Michael Award. Presented by the Archdiocese of Toronto, the award recognizes distinguished and faithful service within the Catholic community. Recipients are nominated by their pastors for their exceptional witness to the Christian faith and their dedicated service to others, with nominations reviewed by an archdiocesan committee.

Bonnie will be honoured at the noon Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, the Solemnity of Saint Michael, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will preside and present the award.

For close to 45 years, Bonnie has devoted herself to Catholic education and faith formation as a teacher, catechist and mentor. Since becoming involved in our parish religious education programs in 1979, she has helped prepare hundreds of children for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Her gentle manner, patience and steadfast commitment to the faith have made her a cherished presence in our parish, where she continues to serve as a lector and active volunteer. Her Christian witness is also reflected in her longstanding involvement with the Catholic Women's League, the Secular Franciscan Order and outreach initiatives serving those in need. Please join us in congratulating Bonnie on this well-deserved honour and in giving thanks for her faithful service to our parish community.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR - SEPTEMBER 26 AT 9AM

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Online webinar on Zoom

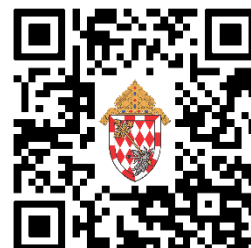
All are welcome to join this free webinar hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Participants will learn about:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own Catholic legacy
- Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals

To register:

1. Scan QR code:
2. Or visit qrco.de/WebSep26
3. You may also register by email by contacting Development@ArchToronto.org. Please write "Webinar September 26" in the subject line and include your name in the body of the message.



CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 pm: The Transitus of St. Francis

Every year on the evening of October 3, Franciscans throughout the world gather to celebrate the Transitus - The Solemn Commemoration of St. Francis' passage from this life to eternal glory. This year is especially important as we mark the 800th Anniversary since his death in 1226.

Please join us on Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in the Church for this moving service. The evening will include scripture and Franciscan readings. A reception will follow in the Hall. The friars would welcome your presence at this beautiful service.

A Plenary Indulgence is available to the faithful who participate in the Transitus and meet the usual conditions (confession, reception of the Holy Communion and Prayers for the Pope).

Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 am: Blessing of Animals

You and your pets are invited to join the friars for the Annual Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 am in front of the Church. After a brief prayer service, each pet will receive a blessing from one of the friars. We hope you will join us!

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.seedsofhope.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 meal 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 KnCC5080@outlook.com
Let's make this BBQ a memorable day for everyone!

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REFLECTION

“Or are you envious because I am generous?” Matthew 20:15

The Gospel is a parable of apparent injustice. We think we should be given more for doing more. The owner made a deal with the early-morning workers and a deal with the noon-timers and the evening crew, one they did not understand: that all will be paid the same whether early or late. This is a parable about God’s historical relationship beginning with Abram and continuing through the prophets and presently with the disciples to whom the story is told. Jesus is telling his followers that God’s love for Israel is constant and everlasting.

The disciples are the late-comers, with whom Jesus continues the original “deal” or covenant. The parable stresses the continuation of God’s (the owner’s) saving love for all the “owner’s” people. The entire group of workers will work together, because the owner has made an everlasting “deal” with them all.

This is an important parable for Matthew. In a poetic way it expresses the meaning of the Epiphany which begins the first part of Jesus’ public life. Salvation has come through the Jews, beginning with God’s call to Abram and Abram’s agreeing to the “deal” of the covenant. Jesus incarnates the “deal” by being the human presentation of that same eternal love of God.

It is so human of us to decide who belongs and whom we should exclude. Whom does God embrace and whom does God ignore? The comfort for us is twofold. We belong together under the bright umbrella of God’s seeking love and we are still called to go out into his “vineyard” to tend, cultivate and harvest. We do not have to “seek” the Lord; rather we are to “seek” the ways of the Lord’s calling and sending us. Abram listened to the God who is “near” and abandoned his ways to walk God’s ways. The prophets listened and allowed God’s words to comfort and challenge on behalf of the God who is “near.”

The disciples are listening and being sent to continue establishing God’s kingdom—the one which is opposed by the kingdoms of our creation.

The “last” and the “first” are not better than each other, but better for each other and for the tending of the vineyard. What all this means for us is to listen to the goodness of God within us, because we are people of the covenant and meant to be sent to do what we are. God’s ways are as high as the sky, but the sky is raining his grace, which will not return to him until the earth becomes the kingdom of heaven.

Source: September 20 entry “Getting It” by Larry Gillick, SJ. at <https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/september.php>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!