



*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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*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



La Dame de charité (c.1772-75), detail, Jean-Baptiste Greuze, (1725-1805), Oil on canvas.
Museum of Fine Arts of Lyons. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.

Of Serving God and Mammon by Charlotte Mason

Not lawful, then, for thee two lords to serve;
To one or other must thou ever swerve
With love and loyalty; the other, hate;
And thy forced service hour by hour abate:

Thou would'st serve Mammon? Thou shalt be his thrall;
Thy love, thy reverence, duty—he claims all!
How to get more, what thou hast got, display,
The first, last, thought of every sordid day!

Would'st thou serve Me? What then to thee his lures?
Or much, or little, thy content ensures:
Thine aims are other than thy little gains;
Toward Me, thy desire; for Me, thy pains:

So, goest thou luminous upon thy way;
And where thou comest, lo, there is the day!
Dark places lightened see in thee My face,
And haste within the radiance lit by grace!

Charlotte Mason, « The Saviour of the World » Vol. II, Book 3, Poem L.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 22	9 AM	† Jane Sansom
Tuesday, September 23	9 AM	† Romeo Raquedan
Wednesday, September 24	9 AM	† Allan Joseph Rosario
Thursday, September 25	9 AM	† Fr. George Sandor, OFM Conv.
Friday, September 26	9 AM	Intentions of Mary Kostiuick † Mildred Brown † Mario Cantu † Grazia Maida † John Park † Jack Toffolo
Saturday, September 27	5 PM	† Christopher C. Black
Sunday, September 28	8:30 AM	Intentions of J. & J. Carvalho
	10 AM	† Angel Castillo
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of the Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intention for Thanksgiving
	Our Lady	† Fr. Briant Cullinane, OFM Conv.

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.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children resumes 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.

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.

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

CHALICE CHILD SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 21/22

Chalice is coming to our parish this weekend. Chalice, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization, will provide you an opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and this worthy opportunity.

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



Purpose

Faith, service and social justice are the cornerstones of the Catholic Women's League. They give purpose to our lives. Come and grow with us.

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. The next one will be Tuesday, September 30th. 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 4/5 AND OCTOBER 11/12

Good Shepherd Ministries is organizing its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. To provide a special meal for those struggling with hunger in our community, the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with our parish plan to participate in this Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items after every mass prior to Thanksgiving on two weekends: October 4/5 and on 11/12. We are grateful for your support, and only together it is possible for us to provide needed services to those less fortunate in our community. Let us share our blessings this Thanksgiving. Most needed food items:

Tuna and Canned Meat
Beans and Chickpeas
Canned Tomatoes
Salad Dressing
Bagged Rice
Soy Sauce & BBQ Sauce

Soups and Stews
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Corn and Vegetables
Cooking Oil
Mini-Sized Juice Boxes
Ketchup and Mustard

Coffee and Tea
Jams
Sugar, Salt, Pepper and Spices
Pancake Mix
Granola Bars & Packaged Snacks
Mayonnaise

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/>

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE COMMUNITY BBQ LAST WEEKEND

Thank you for attending the community BBQ last weekend. Great fun was had by all! We thank the sponsors for their generosity. We thank the volunteers for their hard work with setting up our picnic area, for prepping and cooking all the yummy food, and clearing up afterwards. Thank you for spending the afternoon with us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Dear Parishioners,

September, more than most months, is a time of change. Summer is now past, and Fall is beginning. The Ministry with Maturing Adults (MMA) has undergone a change of its own. Trena Finnegan has coordinated the program of activities of MMA for the past two years. She has decided to step down from the helm to spend more time with her family. We will miss Trena's smile, good nature and insightful contributions. Until we find a new coordinator for this ministry, we have formed a committee to ensure the continuity of activities and program. The weekly bulletin and e-blasts will keep you informed of what is happening. In the meantime, we continue to keep Trena and her family in prayer. *Fr. Tom*



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.

Tuesday October 7, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Main Hall A Virtual Visit of the Tomb of St. Francis in Assisi presented by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM.

Every year, literally, tens of thousands of people visit the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi on the 4th of October, his feast day. Assisi is an easy day trip from Rome for the pilgrims in the Eternal City for the Jubilee Year. Although you might not be able to travel to Rome or Assisi during this Jubilee Year, you can still experience the sense of hope that the spirit of St. Francis offers all of us.

On October 7, Fr. Tom will conduct a virtual visit of the tomb of St. Francis. Using the frescos of the Master of Assisi, you will approach the tomb of St. Francis as a faith-filled pilgrim would have done in the latter half of the 13th Century. St. Francis has inspired women and men of every age and century. He was a major player in St. Bonaventure's call to become a Franciscan. He can be a major player in the spirituality of those who visit St. Bonaventure Parish. Join us on the 7th as we hope to follow Christ more closely by learning from the journey of the life of St. Francis.

Save the Dates: October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2 and December 16, 2025

CWL GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7 PM - MAIN HALL



Please join us for an evening of reflection, learning and community on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre as we recognize Truth & Reconciliation Day through the KAIROS Blanket Exercise.

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive activity that takes you through the history of colonization in Canada.



The CWL is pleased to subsidize this special event to make it accessible to all. While the average cost per participant is approximately \$20, we welcome voluntary donations from those who feel called to contribute. Your generosity helps us continue offering meaningful experiences to our members and community, Thank you for your support!

Orange Shirt Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30th

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



Volunteers will be available after masses this weekend to provide information and to assist with registration.

BUNDLE-UP WEEKEND FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: OCTOBER 25-26, 2025

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck located in the rear parking lot to collect your donations on the weekend of Oct. 25-26, 2025. The focus is on the collection of textiles, shoes, clothing, bedding, draperies, and small household goods.



We DO NOT ACCEPT
appliances, baby or regular furniture,
books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes
For more information visit
www.ssvptoronto.ca



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025



Saturday October 25, Open from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop off your donations at the Parish Hall Kitchen entrance on October 23 & 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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, encyclopedia's, VHS or cassette tapes, mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment, or plants.**

We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up and for watching over the booths. High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school!

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ITEMS RESPONSIBLY



The St. Bonaventure CWL Flea Market is back on October 25th. In the spirit of community and the environment, your CWL has arranged for Goat Transport, an e-waste recycling company, to have a truck on site at the rear of the church parking lot from 9am to 2pm. They will be collecting your old, unwanted, obsolete and non-functioning electronic and electrical items, big and small, to be collected for responsible sorting and recycling.

When you bring your old, end-of-life electronics and electricals to an EPRA-authorized collection event, you're helping to:

- **keep old electronics out of landfills;**
- **prevent them from being illegally exported or handled by irresponsible recyclers;**
- **and recover and recycle valuable resources that can be put back into the manufacturing supply chain.**



Goat Transport operates and is facilitating this event in accordance with environmental regulations per the Electronic Products Recycling Association.

Visit EPRA.ca for more info.

You may start dropping off your old electronics and electricals for recycling between 9:30 am and 6:30 pm on Thursday Oct. 23 and Friday Oct. 24 at the Parish Centre during Flea Market set-up.

Display Devices, TV's	Home Audio	Video Systems	Drones
Desk Top Computers	Cameras	Security Systems	Vehicle Audio
Portable Computers	Home Theatre Systems	Musical Instruments	Recording Systems
Printers & Print Cartridges	Floor Standing Printers	Routers, Cables, Charges	IT & Telecom Systems
Servers & Hard Drives	Cellular phones	Postage & Fax Machines	Telephones & Pagers

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REFLECTION

“You cannot serve God and wealth.” ~Luke 16:13

Someone could ask, “Of what must the church divest herself?” Today she must strip herself of a very grave danger, which threatens every person in the church, everyone: the danger of worldliness. The Christian cannot coexist with the spirit of the world, with the worldliness that leads us to vanity, to arrogance, to pride. And this is an idol; it is not God. It is an idol! And idolatry is the gravest of sins!

When the media speaks about the church, they believe the church is made up of priests, sisters, bishops, cardinals, and the pope. But we are all the church, as I said. And we all must strip ourselves of this worldliness: the spirit opposing the spirit of the Beatitudes, the spirit opposing the spirit of Jesus. Worldliness hurts us. It is so very sad to find a worldly Christian who is sure - according to him or her - of that security that the faith gives and of the security that the world provides. You cannot be on both sides. The church - all of us - must strip herself of the worldliness that leads to vanity, to pride, that is idolatry.

Jesus himself told us: “You cannot serve two masters: either you serve God or you serve mammon.” In mammon itself there is this worldly spirit: money, vanity, pride, that path. We cannot take it. It is sad to erase with one hand what we write with the other. The Gospel is the Gospel! God is one! And Jesus made himself a servant for our sake, and the spirit of the world has nothing to do with this. Today I am here with you. Many of you have been stripped by this callous world that offers no work, no help. To this world it doesn’t matter that there are children dying of hunger: it doesn’t matter if many families have nothing to eat, do not have the dignity of bringing bread home; it doesn’t matter that many people are forced to flee slavery, hunger, and flee in search of freedom. With how much pain, how often don’t we see that they meet death, as in Lampedusa: today is a day of tears! The spirit of the world causes these things. It is unthinkable that a Christian - a true Christian...would want to go down this path of worldliness, which is a homicidal attitude. Spiritual worldliness kills! It kills the soul! It kills the person! It kills the church!

Pope Francis, “The Church of Mercy”. Chicago: Loyola Press, 2014.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!