



*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 22, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Jésus et le petit enfant (1886-1894), by James Tissot (1836-1902), gouache over graphite on grey wove paper. Online collection of the Brooklyn Museum.

To your disciples,
you deliver the secret:
the Son of the living God
walks toward death,
the Master of the universe
is the servant of all.

*Lead us, Lord,
on the way to eternity!*

Human beings will kill the son of Man,
but he will rise from the dead.

Those who want to be first,
let them be the last of all.

Those who welcome a child in my name
welcome me.

Commission Francophone Cistercienne, *Tropaires des dimanches*, 116.
(Fiche de chant U LH 82), quoted in *Days of the Lord* vol. 5, *Ordinary
Time, Year B*. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1993), 235.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 23	9 AM	† Mildred Cope
Tuesday, September 24	9 AM	Intention of Rusty Purificacion
Wednesday, September 25	9 AM	Intention of Luke Chiasson
Thursday, September 26	9 AM	† Mario Cantu
Friday, September 27	9 AM	† Josef Sitar † Magtangol Navarrete † Joseph Anthony Fernandes Intention of Andes Kwok Intention of C.L. Tin Intention of Jemena Delozada
Saturday, September 28	5 PM	Special Intention for Pat Macdonald
Sunday, September 29	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Aileen Moore
	12 PM	† Teresita Martinez
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Joseph Anthony Fernandes
	Bl. Sac.	† Barb Cooper
	Our Lady	Personal Intentions

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

This Sunday, we resume sending children ages 4-9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

Volunteers are needed! Are you a person of prayer? Do you seek the Lord within the Scriptures? Are you at ease in the presence of children? Are you comfortable in front of a group? Do you have two hours once or twice a month to prepare for and lead the Liturgy of the Word? Are you a young person that would like to read the scriptures, sing, or play an instrument? Are you able to gently assist with keeping a prayerful atmosphere? Then, you probably have the gifts necessary to serve in a variety of ways within this ministry. To enquire about volunteering for the 2024-25 season, contact Maria at 437-993-8458.

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 2024-2025 season:

- Sunday, September 22 at 1 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH)

Information Meetings about the Confirmation 2024-2025 program and how to register our parish's youth (ages 12 and up/Grade 7+) will be held on: **Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, October 8 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.

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 25.**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples who want to marry at St. Bonaventure's Parish or are planning a marriage outside of the Archdiocese of Toronto (for example, in another diocese either in Canada or in another country) are required to meet with either Friar Tom or Friar Peter and complete their preparations in the Archdiocese of Toronto. One of either the bride or the groom (i.e., the Catholic party) ought to live within the parish boundaries, or, if living outside the parish boundaries, should be a registered parishioner and participate in Eucharist on a regular basis. It is a policy of the Archdiocese of Toronto that one year's advance notice is required for marriages. It is important that couples do not book reception venues, etc., before contacting either Friar Tom or Friar Peter.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



Dear Parishioners, we are re-establishing the Eucharistic Ministry for the Homebound. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will bring the Eucharist to homebound members of the parish who are ill or otherwise unable to attend church. If you or someone you know might benefit from his ministry, please call the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571 and let us know.

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:

+ Jim Meyer, + Marjorie McGinty, + Gerry Devlin, + Alice Eaglen, + Deanna Andrew, + Norman Bell,
+ Jean-Gabriel Castel, + Romi Walsh, + Brigid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, + Joan Watson,
+ Matt Gleeson, + Denise Baranecki, + Jhonny Mujica, + Alberto Samonte, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson,
+ Virginia (Ginny) Doty, + Shirley Hynd, + Maureen Shanahan, + Edith Munro, + Celia Lyne, + Chi Cheung,
+ Albert Mihaly, + Stanley Kee, + Irene Devlin, + Austin Lehman and + Jude Weerasinghe

HELPING OTHERS

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

We have raised \$62,100 of our goal of \$109,000 or 57% of our goal. We have not yet reached our parish goal. If you are able to, please consider making a donation. Through your support, ShareLife agencies can provide for the many needs of the greater community. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



It is a Mission of Mercy to assist in the food program at the Good Shepherd. Providing essential services requires a collective effort and Good Shepherd cannot do it alone. Thanks to the casserole makers and those that volunteer to serve, individuals facing hunger are welcomed and served a daily meal at the Good Shepherd. In 2023, a total of 330,020 meals were served. Today, the Good Shepherd is serving upwards of 950 meals each day. The need is great!

Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please make difference for those that are hungry, make a casserole! We thank you in advance!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!



Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link:

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

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: SEPT 28/29

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 28-29 September 2024. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024



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.

CWL ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

The CWL General Meeting will be held Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. After a long, leisurely summer break we thought we'd help you pick up the pace with Speed Dating. This exciting ice breaker event guarantees that you'll go home knowing your sisters in The League just a little bit better.

Come join us at Linda's Walk on Saturday, September 28th. Let's walk as a team to help raise funds for this worthy cause. To register please visit <http://www.stclareinn.com/events> or contact Celine Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca

15TH ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

2024

Linda's
Walk

Registration for the walk is now open! You can find the link to the online registration page below. A free t-shirt will be included with every registration. There will also be a lunch following the walk in the Main Hall. Thank you for your kind and continued support! If you have any questions, please reach out to us at info@stclareinn.org.

Saturday September 28, 2024 at St. Bonaventure's Church

~ Registration: 10:00am ~ Walk Starts: 10:00-10:30am ~ Lunch: 12:00pm

Registration Fees: Adult: \$25.00 Youth (Ages 12 to 15): \$15.00 Children (Under 12): Free!

You can also find the walker registration and pledge form for download on our website: <http://www.stclareinn.com/events/>. Please register online using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lindas-walk-2024-tickets-929170763767?aff=odtdtcreator>

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

**Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit.**

These are in Person Meetings. There is no need to pre-register for these events. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend!
trena@st-bonaventure.ca



Tuesday, October 1, 10 to 11:30AM

Visio Divina Presented by Sandra Nelson

Parishioner and retired teacher Sandra Nelson will lead a reflection and exercise based upon the transformative prayer practice of 'divine seeing', considering how the Holy Spirit works through us in our own creative acts and processes, and how contemplating art can encourage us to sink into God's presence within. In the talk, Sandra will begin with a brief self-introduction, reflect on 'art', its value, particularly in the Catholic Church, share some personal examples of creative endeavours, ask the group to think of their own creativity, to see themselves as artists, outline the process of *Visio Divina*, provide a choice of images for guided reflection, have small group and whole group sharing and close the session with a prayer.

Tuesday, October 8, 10 to 11:30 AM

10 Ways to Improve Mental Health as we age by Dr. Sandra Sagrati

In this workshop, participants will learn to identify depression and effective ways to care for themselves and others.

Dr. Sandra Sagrati is a clinical psychologist, who works with children, teens and adults. She obtained her doctoral degree at the University of Toronto, worked at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and now works in her own private practice, Toronto West Psychology. She has published research in the areas of depression and anxiety, and has recently published a book, Pivot Self-Talk: Stop Asking All the Wrong Questions.

Tuesday, October 22, 10 to 11:30AM

Spiritual essentials for Life's Second Act: A Workshop on the 12 Needs of the Elderly - Based on the book by Janet Schaeffler, OP, facilitated by Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults

The first two needs Sr. Schaeffler identifies are: The Need to live a life of Meaning and Purpose and The Need for Love and Relationships. We will spend time in small groups, pondering, wondering and discussing these needs with guided questions. We will then explore and share in the large group creative ways to practice, celebrate and live out these needs so that we can continue to enjoy life to the full.

Save the Dates: November 5, and November 19. More information coming soon!

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REFLECTION

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” (Mk 9:35)

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus rebukes his disciples for arguing about who among them was first and greatest. But how do we suppose their argument went? There are two possibilities. *First Possibility:* Each disciple was saying, “I am the greatest!” while the others were saying, “Oh no, you’re not! I am!” *Second Possibility:* Each disciple was saying to one of the others, “You are the greatest among us!” and that person was saying, “Oh no, I’m not. You are.” On the first possibility, each disciple is trying to put himself ahead of all the others. On the second possibility, each disciple is trying to be small by putting some other disciple ahead of himself. We are naturally inclined to think that the right possibility must be the first one. That is because Jesus rebukes the disciples, and we unreflectively suppose that Jesus wouldn’t want to rebuke them if each one was trying to be small. But notice that if we adopt the first possibility, then Jesus’ rebuke doesn’t make sense. On the first possibility, what is wrong with the disciples is that each one is trying to be first. And so Jesus should rebuke them for trying to be first. But that is not what Jesus rebukes the disciples for. On the contrary, Jesus gives the disciples a short instruction manual for how to get to be first. If you want to be first, he tells them, you have to be the servant of all. Would Jesus have explained to them how to get to be first if he thought that trying to be first was wrong? So the second possibility is the right one. Each disciple was trying to be small in order to seem humble. But there is no true humility in trying to be small. As the parable about the talents (cf. Mt.25:24-28) shows, each person is called to strive for greatness by accepting the gifts God gives him and using them to the full. True humility lies in understanding that everything is gift; and everything is meant to be given back, in service of others. When each person strives for greatness in this way, there is no competition. No one is ahead of the others, no matter how much greatness he achieves. Rather, all together are one in the Lord, and he is Lord over all (Rom. 9:5). This is the way in which being the servant of all makes you first.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!