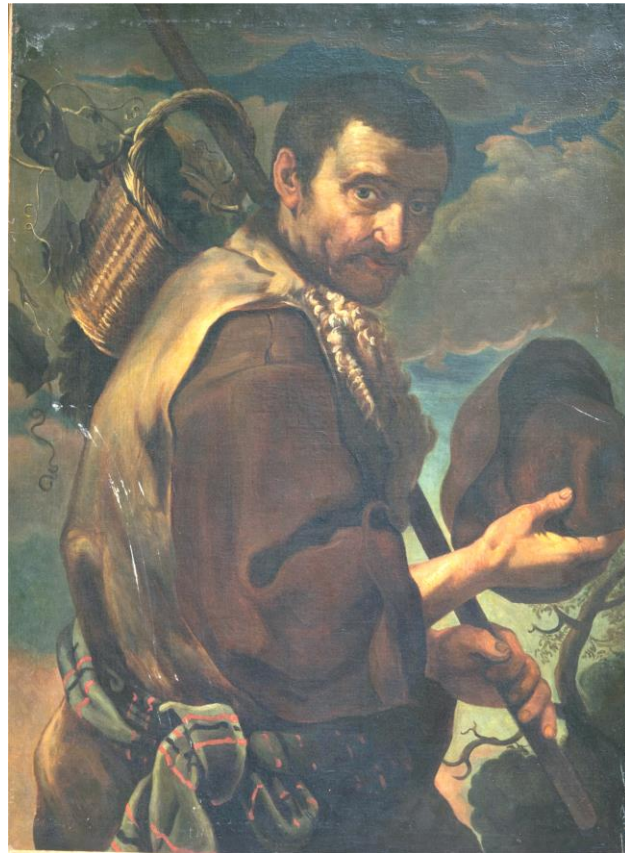


*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



"The Grape-Picker" artist unknown after Bernhard Keil (1624-1687), date unknown. Oil on canvas.

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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Happy those you call at first light;
their entire lives are a work of love.
And blessed are you, Father,
for the evening workers:
is it ever too late to work in your vineyard?

Here we are, Lord, whenever you call.

No more first and last, God himself is the pay.

Peace to you who were far, peace to those who were near.

The Master's goodness is beyond measure,
he wants to make servants of his friends.

May I sing to my God
the song of his love for his vineyard.

Translation of the Commission Francophone Cistercienne, *Tropaires des dimanches*, 115 (Fiche de chant U LH 69) from *Days of the Lord, The Liturgical Year*, Vol. 4 (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1992), 199-200.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 25	9 AM	† Hugh Canning, Sr. and Jr.
Tuesday, September 26	9 AM	† Mario Cantu
Wednesday, September 27	9 AM	† David Sullivan
Thursday, September 28	9 AM	Alice Turner & Family (St. Bonaventure School Mass)
Friday, September 29	9 AM	† Santara DeSilva † Frances Bissonette † Holy Souls in Purgatory The Friars
Saturday, September 30	5 PM	† D'Arcy Sweeney
Sunday, October 1	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Victor Pappalardo
	12 PM	† Peter Glowczewski
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Ilda Maria De Freitas
	Bl. Sac.	The Residents, Staff and Volunteers of St. Clare Inn
	O.L. Chapel	The Sick Members of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: SUNDAYS AT THE 10 A.M. MASS, RESUMES OCTOBER 1:



Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with their age and ability in mind. We believe that the Lord is present when we gather for worship and when the Scriptures are proclaimed. By providing a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children, we help our youngest parishioners encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. We hope that this experience of the Liturgy will help our children grow into that full, active, and conscious participation during the Mass to which we are all called.

We provide this ministry to children from ages 4 to 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 a couple of hours once or twice a month to prepare for 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. Please contact Maria to learn more: 437-993-8458. Volunteer Screening is mandatory.

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.

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.

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



October 1: **Blessing of the Animals** in the Courtyard at 2 p.m.

October 3: **The Transitus of St. Francis** at 7:00 p.m.

The service commemorates the completion of St. Francis's earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life.

October 4: **Solemnity of St. Francis, Mass** at 9 a.m.

Join the friars and members of the Secular Franciscans at morning Mass to celebrate the feast day with them.

PRAYER



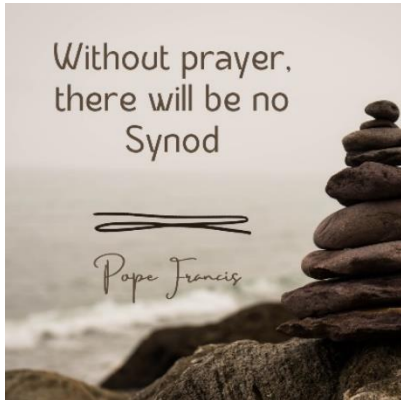
In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.
We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

+ 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.

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.

PRAYING: "FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION"



Pope Francis will open the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, at the Vatican. Canadian Bishops Pelchat (Aux. Québec), Poisson (Saint-Jérôme-Mont-Laurier), McGrattan (Calgary), and Archbishop Miller, C.S.B. (Vancouver) will participate, as well as: Sr. Elizabeth Davis, R.S.M. (St. John's, NFLD), Professor Catherine Clifford (St. Paul's Univ., Ottawa), Sr. Chantal Desmarais, SCSM (Montreal), Dr. Sami Aoun (Univ. de Sherbrooke, QC), Ms. Linda Staudt (Windsor, ON), Fr. Gilles Routhier (Univ. Laval, QC), Sr. Laurence Loubières, XMCJ (Montreal), Cardinal Michael Czerny S.J., Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and retired Cardinal Marc Ouellet, P.S.S.. In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs all over the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites all the faithful to prayerfully

participate in the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. With this letter, the General Secretary reminds everyone that the Synodal Assembly is above all a spiritual event, of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit who is the true protagonist of the event. He writes: "The Synod is, above all, an event of prayer and listening that involves not only the members of the Synodal Assembly, but every baptized person and every particular Church. Indeed, all of us are called at this time to unite in communion of prayer and insistent invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning what the Lord is asking of his Church today."

Holy and Triune God, we thank you for calling us to be Your Church, and for showing her newer and more relevant ways of being the Sign and Sacrament of God. As the synodal journey which began two years ago, finds its culmination in the Synodal Event in October 2023, we pray for a more intense experience of Your Spirit for all the faithful. We thank you for blessing the synodal preparatory work in communities, institutions and by individuals. May the significant event of the Synod open new doors for the Church in her self-understanding and mission. May the Synod remain open to grace, and approach all things with humility and courage. Dispose it to hear "what the Spirit is saying to the Church" (Rev. 3:22) and where the Spirit is blowing it to action. Amen.

(Sr. Mary John Kudiyiruppil, SSps - Rome, Italy, from <https://www.prayforthesynod.va/en/>)

THANK YOU!!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who supported the annual BBQ event on Sunday 17th, 2023 at the parish. We would also like to thank the CWL for assisting with the children's activities and bake goods. The winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Thiago A. from our parish and we would like to say thank you to all of those who participated. See you all next year 2024! *Thank You!!!* Knights of Columbus, Council 5080

HELPING OTHERS

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

 ShareLife

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

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

Living the
Gospel

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sharing God's love with others through acts of service



Our Faith calls us to serve and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes "all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbour."

"What can we do? ... We can offer what little we have. We certainly have a few hours of time, some talent, some expertise." - Pope Francis (July 26, 2015) For more information on how you may be able to help, please call our helpline at 416-447-5571 ext. 570 and leave your name and contact information and state that you would like volunteer information. You can also assist others in need by donating to our poor boxes or securely through CanadaHelps: <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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 30 ~ NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is held each year on September 30. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and honour Survivors of residential schools and those who support them. In a special way, we remember the children that never returned home. We recognize this painful history and, as a Catholic community, acknowledge our involvement in the residential school system. On this day, we pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

On 8 February 2023, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued four pastoral letters on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples: "That We May Walk Together". Intended as a framework for local engagement with Indigenous Peoples, the letters are the fruit of many months of listening, encounter, and dialogue with them, including through Listening Circles, the Indigenous Delegation to the Vatican in April 2022, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Voyage to Canada in July of the same year. To read the pastoral letters in this series, go to: <https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/that-we-may-walk-together-series-of-pastoral-letters-2023/> Some copies will be available at the back of the church for you to pick up.

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!

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

October 10 **TOPIC: Fraud Prevention for Seniors**
Presenter: Heather Walsh, CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant)



Please come and join us for this special presentation on October 10 in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The presenter will cover what fraud is, how it works and real-life examples of fraud. She will also talk about five reasons why seniors are particularly vulnerable to fraud, signs of being victimized and what to do if you have been a victim of fraud.

Heather Walsh is a retired accountant who has been volunteering with CPA Canada's Financial Literacy program since 2015. She welcomes opportunities to volunteer with CPA Canada because she believes it is important to help people in Canada develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make responsible and appropriate financial decisions at every life stage. Before retiring, Heather worked in the investment industry for twenty years primarily in the areas of compliance and financial reporting.

Future Dates:
November 14 **TOPIC: To be Announced**
Presenter: Richard Strange & Curtis McDonnell
December 12 **TOPIC: To be Announced**
Presenter: TBD

ST. BONAVENTURE MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL



Next games are on Sunday, September 24th and October 1st 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

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

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



FOUR SEASONS OF RECONCILIATION



FIRST NATIONS
UNIVERSITY
OF CANADA

INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO A PRESENTATION
IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY

St. Bonaventure CWL General Meeting
October 1, 2023 – 1:00 pm
Parish Hall

Join us for a light lunch of 3 Sisters Soup, Bread and dessert
Power Point presentation by Celine Massaroni

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

“I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.” -Matthew 20:14

In the parable in the Gospel Reading, the labourers who work all day receive the same wage as those who work just one hour, and so they complain. You can see their point. Justice is giving a person what is owed to him. A person who works many hours deserves a bigger wage than a person who does the same work but for only one hour. Or so it seems. But think about how Jesus might have unpacked this parable if he had explained it to his disciples in the way he showed some of his other parables to them. Here's one possibility. The vineyard owner is God. The labourers are human beings who are doing God's work in this life. The wage given is eternal life in union of love with God in heaven. If we think about the parable this way, the labourers' complaint looks a lot less reasonable. When it comes to eternal life, what is justice? What does any human person deserve? What, actually, does God owe him? Well, here is the first thing to see: no one—that is, absolutely no one—is owed eternal life in union with God. To think otherwise is to suppose that you can work your own way to heaven. And you can't. Salvation is God's free gift. He gives it generously to anyone who will receive it, but it is still God's free gift.

The problem with the labourers who complain, then, is that they think the vineyard owner owes them something. In their eyes, their work deserves a reward, a really big reward, more than the vineyard owner gives them. And so here is what we can see about them: they were working for themselves, to get that big reward for themselves. And that is why they are last, not first, in the final distribution of God's rewards. God's people are meant to work for God, and not for what they can get from God for themselves. What God gives to people who work for God in this way is gift. It isn't deserved payment. What's more, the gift is God himself. There is no greater reward than this, and joy is the only right response to the gift. Those who understand their work and God's wage in this way may have come late to their labour, but they are the ones who are first in God's eyes.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!