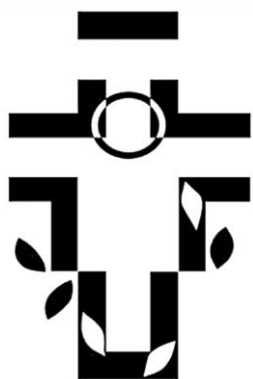


*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026*



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in Spirit,
Community,
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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard (printed 1534-35), Georg Pencz (1500-1500). Engraving. Metropolitan Museum of Art, print collection. Public domain. Source: wikicommons

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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XXV Ad te, Domine, levavi by Malcolm Guite

*The gates will open for us both, look up!
I hear that voice each day when I'm downcast
I hear it when I've almost lost my hope*

*And now, when I'm entangled by my past,
My feet are netted by necessity,
Snared in the traps of time that bind so fast,*

*My eyes turned downward, dimmed by what they see,
I hear that voice again and raise my eyes
And he untangles me and sets me free.*

*He alters my perspective. The wide skies
Speak of his mercy, and the distant hills
Stand in his steadfast love and make me wise*

*In his simplicity, and all my ills
Diminish and recede to their true size.
That I may find my peace in all he wills.*

Source: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/06/26/w-perspective-a-response-to-psalm-25/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 28	9 AM	† Margaret & Peter Lamantia
Tuesday, September 29	9 AM	† Gladys Ama Bruce
Wednesday, September 30	9 AM	† Natividad Borec
Thursday, October 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Friday, October 2	9 AM	Vocations † Colleen Dorothy Maida † Richmond Ohuoha † Nealia Somasundaram
Saturday, October 3	5 PM	† Sal Badali
Sunday, October 4	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Patrick & Helen Barry
	12 PM	Franciscan Friars
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Paul Farrell
	Bl. Sac.	† John Obeyesekere
	Our Lady	† Patricia McQueenie

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,
+ Julita Torres and + John Obeyesekere and + Paul Farrell.

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.

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**

OUR PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable week. Even though the mornings have been a bit cooler, the days have been beautiful. I am looking forward to fall and seeing the changing colors on the trees.

My ordination classmate, Friar Jobe, celebrated the 10 am Mass last Sunday. He was here for a few days for a visit, and we had a chance to do some catching up since it had been a while since we had seen each other. I drove him to the airport on Tuesday morning, and even though it was 6:30 am, I was surprised to see so much traffic. Friar Jobe pointed out to me that Toronto is the fifth largest city in North America and advised me to get used to the traffic.

Members of our Catholic Women's League were present at the Noon Mass last Sunday to kick off their 70th Anniversary. After Mass, the League had a lovely luncheon/meeting in our Hall. During the luncheon, appreciation was shown to Friar Peter for being the Spiritual Advisor to the CWL for the past 12 years. Thank you, Friar Peter, for the years of service that you gave to this dedicated group of women! It is evident to me that our Catholic Women's League does a great deal for our parish and for the wider community. I would encourage women in the parish who might like to get more involved in the parish to consider joining the CWL. If you are interested or would like more information about this group, please call or email Céline Massaroni at 416-998-9321 - cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca or Tracy MacInnis at 647-973-7645 - t.macinnis60@gmail.com

Joyce Hisey is one of the original members of our parish and has been part of the CWL for 70 years. Joyce could not attend the luncheon but wanted to send flowers to mark this special occasion. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the flowers did not arrive until Monday. On behalf of the Catholic Women's League, I want to acknowledge Joyce's thoughtfulness. Thank you, Joyce! The flowers were placed on the Blessed Mother's altar.

This past Wednesday, we had our first School Mass for the academic year. The second graders proclaimed the reading and read the petitions, and they did a good job. I must say that I was pleasantly surprised to see so many students in the church. The pews were filled! I noticed that the people who normally attend daily Mass were all sitting in the pews by the tabernacle. Thank you for making room for the students and their teachers!

Speaking of our school, Friar Reto will be available on Tuesdays to visit the various classrooms, and I will be available on Thursdays. If the teachers would like us to speak to their students on any topic, we will be more than happy to do so.

You may notice a difference with our church sound system. Several parishioners had mentioned that they are having difficulty hearing the priests during Mass, so we raised the volume on the microphones. Please let the friars know if you can tell a difference. If you still have any difficulties hearing us, please mention it to us.

My installation as the pastor of St. Bonaventure Church will take place next Sunday, at the 10:00 am Mass. Bishop Kasun will preside at the Mass and conduct the installation. Friar Tom had previously mentioned to me that the installation is very moving, so I am looking forward to it. Two of my sisters and one of my brothers from Buffalo plan on attending. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Next weekend will be a busy one. In addition to my installation, we also have two special events that are important to all Franciscans: The Blessing of Animals on Saturday morning and the Transitus service on Saturday evening. In between, we have a wedding! I hope that you will consider attending the Blessing of Animals as well as the Transitus.

Peace,
Friar Albert

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Friar Peter and the CWL Executives cutting the cake at their 70th anniversary luncheon. Congratulations!

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



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.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH) 2026-2027

Please note the registration deadline this year: October 9, 2026

BULLETIN SUBMISSION REMINDER

Please note: To allow us to complete the bulletin in a timely manner, new announcements or items for the same week's bulletin must be submitted to Kathryn at kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca no later than 12 noon on Tuesday each week. Items for a later-dated bulletin may be submitted on any day. Thank you for your contributions and understanding

HELPING OTHERS

112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2026 ~ SEPTEMBER 27

“Even just one of these children” is the theme of Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 (WDMR), which is celebrated on Sunday 27 September. In his Message, the Holy Father draws attention to the plight of the many minors forced to flee their homeland due to war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters, and other tragedies—a number that continues to rise dramatically. In the context of migration flows, it is precisely children and adolescents who are the most vulnerable.

Pope Leo calls on everyone to act responsibly, asking that each person feel connected to what these young people go through—*even just one of these children*—because every child, every human being, possesses infinite dignity and we must do our part to ensure that this is respected. At a personal, ecclesial, and institutional level, the Holy Father calls for a concrete commitment to integrating and supporting young migrants and refugees, placing at the centre of our concern the protection and dignity of every single child and adolescent.

Pope Leo points to the light of solidarity that is already visible in many communities, of all those who have already decided not to look the other way, of those who have opened the doors of their homes, and of the many volunteers and workers who, day after day, tend to the invisible wounds of young migrants, bearing witness that love can overcome indifference.

The Holy Father reminds us that we are all called to perform an act of humanity and faith: in every child we can welcome and encounter the Lord. “Whoever welcomes even just one such child in my name welcomes me” (Mt 18:5). *Even just one such child* - this is not a matter of numbers or statistics. The Gospel calls on us not to make calculations; every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and bears the presence of the Lord.

Invoking Mary’s intercession, the Holy Father entrusts all young migrants and refugees to her maternal protection in the hope that our communities may become living and credible signs of the Gospel around the world.

–Source: The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

To read Pope Leo’s Message for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees, go to:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html>

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.

CWL COFFEE CLUB GATHERING - OCTOBER 1 AT 10 AM



The leaves are turning and the coffee is brewing.
Join the CWL Coffee Club on Thursday, October 1 at 10 a.m. at Barretto Café.

1262 Don Mills Road - Unit 106
Located in the Alpha Healthcare Building

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 dates: Wednesday, October the 14th and Wednesday, October 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. Any questions, call Ann Fellin 647-526-5066

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

On Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 am, there will be a meeting with Friar Albert for ALL current extraordinary ministers of communion. Ministers have a choice of attending one of the scheduled meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to review procedures for this ministry and to discuss concerns any ministers may have. If any ministers of communion cannot attend one of these meetings, they are asked to contact Friar Albert.

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.

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3



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!

ST. BONAVENTURE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Friday, September 18th, St. Bonaventure's Youth Ministry kicked off with its first meeting of the year! We started off the night listening to a great homily from Friar Reto, which was followed by a short presentation of what this new year might look like. The presentation highlighted some of the topics we will be covering this year, along with some new opportunities to serve both within and outside the parish. After our discussion, we ended the night with some football outside.

Our next event will take place on Friday, October 9th. There will be food, followed by a learning component, and then will conclude with a social hour. A few members of the youth ministry will also be attending the Knights of Columbus BBQ on October 4th, so we hope to see you there as well!

MCC HISPANO TORONTO DINNER & WINE - OCTOBER 3



Introducing MCC Hispano Toronto

MCC Hispano Toronto - Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad is a welcoming Catholic community where we pray, grow in faith, and celebrate our love for Christ in Spanish.

We invite you to our Brand & Wine Dinner, Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Portuguese Parish Hall, 2451 Old Bronte Rd., Oakville. \$85 per person. Enjoy dinner, wine, live music, dancing, raffles, and fellowship while supporting Cursillos de Cristiandad.

Everyone is welcome! Come celebrate faith, friendship, and community with us.

For more information: Franklin Godoy - GdyFrk@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PARISH BBQ OCTOBER 4TH



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 neighbours and make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Delicious BBQ Menu, Live Entertainment, Family Fun!

We will be collecting **Non-Perishable Food** items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the **Good Shepherd Ministries**. Spread the word and share this invitation!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus are organizing a food drive in support of the **Good Shepherd Ministries**. A place that promotes human dignity, where the vulnerable and the invisible come first.

With your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive, we will help provide essential food items for individuals who rely on the Good Shepherd for nourishment, care and support.

Every donation is a meaningful expression of kindness and a reminder that no one is forgotten. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our blessings and to share with others.

Members of the KofC will be collecting **non-perishable items before and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday October 10, and after all Masses on Sunday October 11.**

Thank you for standing alongside **Good Shepherd Ministries** and for being a source of hope in our community.

Good Shepherd Ministries
Thanksgiving Food Drive

Give Thanks
Give Hope

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Tuna/Canned Meat
- Coffee & Tea Bags
- Soups & Stews
- Condiments (e.g. soy sauce, barbeque sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, etc.)
- Peanut Butter & Jams
- Canned Tomatoes, Corn, and Vegetables
- Beans & Chickpeas
- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars & Pancake Mix
- Dried Meals
- Bagged Rice

we can only accept non-perishable food in its original, unused condition and NOT EXPIRED

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PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY - OCTOBER 10

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY
You are invited!
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Join us in praying the Rosary for Canada, for peace, and for the conversion of our nation.

Saturday, October 10, 2026
12:00 NOON (local time)
In front of St. Bonaventure Church
1300 Leslie Street
North York, ON

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Families • Friends • Parish Community
Everyone is Invited!

"Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!"
Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

WITH THE SUPPORT OF

FAITH • FAMILY • CANADA

Pray. Unite. Renew Canada.

Public Square Rosary Rally - All Are Welcome!

Join us for the **Public Square Rosary Rally** on **Saturday, October 10, 2026**, at **12:00 noon**, in front of **St. Bonaventure Church, 1300 Leslie Street**.

Together, we will pray the Holy Rosary for **Canada, for peace, and for the conversion of our nation**.

Bring your family and friends and join our parish community in this beautiful public witness of faith and devotion to Our Lady.

Everyone is welcome!

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REFLECTION

“...the tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” Mt.22:31

One the major tasks of the churches is to console the world, to comfort its people. “Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.” I heard this echo from Isaiah from a wonderful old priest shortly after I was ordained: working for a summer in one of our Oblate parishes, I was living in the rectory with an elderly priest, a fine, saintly man.... One evening, sitting with him, I asked him: “Father, if you had your life as a priest to live over again, would you do anything different?” Given his obvious goodness and fidelity, I was expecting him to say no. His answer surprised me.

He said, “I would be gentler with people the next time. I would console more and challenge more carefully. I was one of those people who was taught and who deeply believed that only the full truth can set us free, that we owe it to people to challenge them with the truth, in season and out. I believed that and did it for most of the years of my ministry. And I was a good priest, I lived for others and never once betrayed in any real way my vows and my commitment. But now that I am older, I regret some of what I did. I regret that sometimes I was too hard on people! I meant it well, I was sincere, but I think that sometimes I ended up laying added burdens on people when they were already carrying enough pain. If I were just beginning as a priest, I would be gentler, I would spend my energies more trying to lift pain from people. They are in a lot of pain. They need us, first of all, to help them with that!”

He’s right. What the world needs first of all from us, the churches, is comfort, help in lifting and understanding the world’s complexity, its wounds, its anxieties, its raging restlessness, its temptations, and its infidelities and its sin. Like the prodigal son, the world needs first of all to be surprised by unconditional love...The comfort we offer rather must be the product of what we ourselves feel when we come to know for ourselves the ineffable, all-empathic, all-embracing, all-forgiving heart of God.

We will comfort the world—and it will be comforted—when we show it that God sees the world’s heart with the eyes of the heart, that God feels for it more than it feels for itself, that God never feels frightened by the assertions of human freedom, that God always opens another door when we close one, that God is not put off by all the times when we are too weak to do what is best, that God understands our complexity, our weaknesses, our anger, our lusts, our jealousies, and our despair, that God never stops loving us even when we put ourselves in hell, and that God descends into all the hells we create, stands inside our muddled, wounded, and guilty hearts and breathes out peace.

–Ron Rolheiser, OMI “Prophecy—Challenge and Comfort,” quoted at: www.slu.edu, SLU Liturgy, Year A, Sept. 27, 2026.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!