



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

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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Codex Aureus Epertnacensis (Golden Gospels), Illuminated Manuscript; Parable of the Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus, Folio 78 recto. Germanisches Nationalmuseum. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.

The Rich Man and Lazarus by Gracia Grindal

“Send Lazarus to my brothers so they repent,”
Said the rich man to Abraham, “All five!”
Hell’s chasm could not be crossed; one must be sent
Back from the bosom of Abraham alive.
Will they believe a risen man’s report,
Having read in Moses and the prophets
Their obligations to the sick and poor?
That is enough. But if none of them saw fit
To follow Moses and treat their neighbors right,
Why listen to a man raised from the dead?
Preachers ask this question as they write
Sermons to give witness to what Scripture says,
That Jesus Christ is risen and standing here:
Will anyone wake up and see him near?

Gracia Grindal. *Jesus the Harmony* as quoted at:

<https://www.hymnfortheday.com/post/hymn-for-pentecost-17-lazarus-and-the-rich-man-luke-16-19-31>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 29	9 AM	† Peter and Marie Lamantia
Tuesday, September 30	9 AM	† Ignatius Ng
Wednesday, October 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Thursday, October 2	9 AM	† Jane Sansom
Friday, October 3	9 AM	Vocations Christopher Allan Enrile, in thanksgiving † Anne Adele Bonnah † Sigmund Soudack † Laurie and Nancy Sidle † Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, October 4	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, October 5	8:30 AM	† Julia Smith
	10 AM	† Joseph Cusimano
	12 PM	† Jose Torres
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of the Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	Andrea Pimento
	Our Lady	Intention Roberto Chua

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Friday October 3: The Transitus of St. Francis, Service at 7:00 p.m.
The service commemorates the completion of St. Francis's earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life. Light refreshments to follow in the Main Hall, Parish Centre.

Saturday, October 4: Blessing of the Animals at 1 p.m.
Gather near the entrance of the church in the courtyard.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children resumed 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 help the children engage 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 program. As a volunteer, you will help usher the children to and from the church, facilitate discussions and create a welcoming, prayerful 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.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Resilience



The Catholic Women's League celebrated 100 years of service in 2020. The resilience over the next 100 is in your hands. Come and be a part of the journey.

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

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.

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

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

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.

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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 FROM 2 - 3 PM

On October 5th, Canadians will gather at 350+ locations to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during the 35th annual nation-wide Life Chain. Our parish is participating, and our location is at the corner of Leslie Street at Lawrence Avenue from 2 - 3 pm. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold. Participants are encouraged to spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children.

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, 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 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

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
- 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

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ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, ASK AN USHER
FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“The poor man died and was carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham.” ~Luke 16:22

Taking all this, therefore, into consideration, beloved, think those blessed, not who live in wealth, but in virtue; think those miserable, not those who live in poverty, but in wickedness: let us look not at the present, but at the future; let us examine, not the outward appearance, but the conscience of each man; and following after the virtue and the bliss of right actions, let us, whether we be wealthy or poor, emulate Lazarus. He endured not one, nor two, nor three, but many tests of his goodness. These tests were his poverty, his weakness, his lack of helpers, his suffering these evils in a place where there was at hand the means of complete relief, while no one vouchsafed a word of comfort, his seeing him who disregarded him possessing all that abundance, and not only possessing abundance, but living in wickedness, and suffering no ill; also, his being able to look to no *other Lazarus*, and his being unable to console himself by the thought of the resurrection. And besides all the aforesaid ills, there was his having to bear an ill-character among many, for the very reason that he was a sufferer. There was, not only for two or three days, but for his whole life, the seeing himself in such circumstances, and the rich man in the very opposite.

What excuse, therefore, shall we have if, while this man bore all these excessive evils with such fortitude, we cannot bear even the half of them? for you are unable----you are unable, I say, to show, or even to name, any man who has borne such numerous and heavy evils. For this cause, therefore, Christ brought them before our notice, in order that whensoever we fall into trouble, seeing in his case the exceeding greatness of his affliction, we may, from his wisdom and patience, gain effectual consolation and comfort; for he is set as a general instructor of the whole world, for all who are suffering any kind of distress; enabling all to look to one who surpassed them all in the exceeding greatness of his woes. For all these things, therefore, let us give thanks unto God---the merciful God; let us reap the benefit of this narrative, continually bearing it in mind, in the assembly, at home, in the market, yea everywhere; and let us diligently gain all the wealth of wisdom contained in this parable, in order that we may without grief pass through evils, and that we may attain the good things in store. Which benefits may we all be enabled to gain, by the grace and kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father, together with the Holy Spirit, be praise, honour, adoration, now and ever, even to all eternity. Amen.

St. John Chrysostom, Four Discourses, found at https://www.tertullian.org/fathers/chrysostom_four_discourses_01_discourse1.htm

May the Lord bless you and keep you!