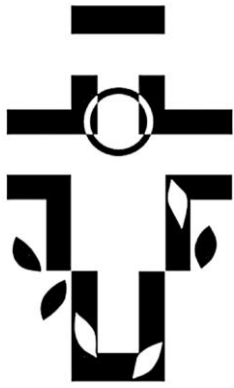


*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29, 2024*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*Stolpersteine (Stumbling Stones), by Gunter Demnig, concrete and brass.  
Contemporary Holocaust Memorials installed throughout cities and villages in Europe.*

## *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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It is crucial  
To be alive.

It is crucial  
That my face be the threshold and the dial  
That every look, every ray show the time on it  
That the day have open house in my dwelling  
That my house be an oasis for the passerby

It is crucial  
That I offer fresh bread with the salt of old age  
That I may never tire of sharing  
That the first passerby sit down at table to eat  
Then without paying continue on the way

It is crucial  
To give everything without expecting anything even from God  
To be here for the homeless and the godless

It is crucial  
To be alive.

P. Emmanuel, *Evangélique*, Livre de vie 93. (Paris: Seuil, 1969,) 112, quoted in *Days of the Lord* vol. 5, *Ordinary Time, Year B*. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1993), 241.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 30	9 AM	† Margaret and Peter Lamantia
Tuesday, October 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Wednesday, October 2	9 AM	† Julia Smith
Thursday, October 3	9 AM	† Melvin and Alexis Steinwall
Friday, October 4	9 AM	† Anthony DaCosta † Andy Tomcik † Souls in Purgatory Intention of Chris Campbell Intention of Radek Vortuba and Family Intention of Lucy Xie and Dave Alon Vocations
Saturday, October 5	5 PM	† Joseph Cusimano
Sunday, October 6	8:30 AM	† Marrieta Santos
	10 AM	† Patrick Chu
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Ignus Ng
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Kim Cheah
	Our Lady	Radek Vortuba and Family

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

For 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## ST. MICHAEL, PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

This year, the Lord's Day, which falls on Sept. 29, is observed as the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, which takes precedence over the Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael (usually observed annually on Sept. 29). The Feast of the Archangels is only observed liturgically as a Solemnity today at St. Michael's Cathedral, because St. Michael is the Patron of the Archdiocese and the titular of the Cathedral. Nevertheless, we can ask St. Michael to watch over the Archdiocese, those venerable institutions of education and health care which bear his name, police officers and all those who put themselves in harm's way for the safety of others.

## CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



**Thursday, 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.

**Friday, 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. Coffee and cake in the Main Hall, Parish Centre, following Mass.

**Saturday, October 5: Blessing of the Animals at 1 p.m..** Gather near the entrance to the Ministry Centre.

## 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

### ROSES FOR LIFE



The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual “ROSES FOR LIFE” over the October 6/7 weekend at all Masses.

The Knights of Columbus encourage others to choose life through public support for pro-life causes. The Ontario Roses for Life program is an effective way to raise money to support pro-life organizations and activities. Thanks in advance for your support.

### 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 takes place this weekend. 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!

## 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!

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**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

***“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me...” (Mk 9:42)***

You and I, we have an exterior aspect, of course. But we also have an interior one. This seems to be the key to this Sunday’s Gospel. Our *exterior* is what we often make use of to interact in a daily fashion with everything and everybody, without thinking about it. This is our outside. Acting from it, we may come across to others as, e.g., decisive or fun-loving or threatening or shy or easy to talk to, or who knows what else. It is how we make our way through the day in a busy world, or even in a non-busy time....We can find clues to our *interior* self in a calm time, such as we find at a quiet lake or at the sight of a budding tree or in the company of a much-loved friend. Stillness then emerges, a hushed sense of well-being. This deep interior is where feelings and thoughts can be themselves, can be just as happy or as sad as they feel like being. The Spirit of God chooses to dwell in these interior depths. Not because there is something wrong with the outside, but because the deep interior is where we are made in God’s image. There we are quietly open, desiring to give real love to other people and to receive it. And, if we knew it, to and from God. The exterior sometimes dwells its life in storm, sometimes in sunlight. It is able at times to out-shout the inside! I want food. I want revenge. I am grouchy. I got three hours of sleep last night, gimmee rest. Gimmee pleasure. Gimmee triumph. I want everything. Gimmee! Fine, but what if you get all these demands? What if you gain the whole world but, in the process, lose your very self? You and I do get caught up in gaining external things. For instance, in Luke 12:15-24 Jesus points out this tendency. He says something like this: *You have built still another barn to hold your riches! But this very night God will ask your actual soul of you, and what will you take with you? Your riches? No. The way you look? No. Your interior self is all that can come with you when you die. God dwells in that inner self, in the quiet recesses of your being.* Today’s Gospel does not receive well those who lead others away from their interior. Jesus says how he might react to anyone who teaches children in such a way. *Whoever causes sin in one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.* Maybe you were taught in this way. But do you really now want to ignore such a crucial part of yourself, while there is still time to find it? Why not let your inner self have a chance, as Jesus suggests. How? Spend some time in quiet each day. Have the heart to give a cup of water to someone thirsty. Be alert for the Spirit within other persons and respect them for it. Even if you do not like them. You will be following Sunday’s Gospel!

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**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**