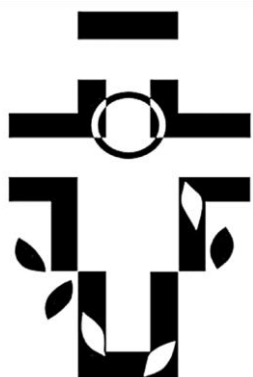


*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Going to Church (between 1940-1941), William H. Johnson (1901-1970). Screenprint on paper. Smithsonian American Art Museum. Source: <http://americanart.si.edu/collections/search/artwork/?id=11719>. Public domain.

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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XCV: Venite, exultemus by Malcolm Guite

For equal rights and justice, cry out loud!
Then come before God's presence and be glad,
And harden not your hearts. Do not be proud,
But kneel before your maker, for he made
You for himself and also for each other,
To share his good gifts equally. Our God
Is everyone's salvation, and our Father
Is Lord and father equally to all.
Let us rejoice before him, let him gather
The scattered tribes and nations back from all
The corners of the earth, and also from
The wilderness of willfulness. His call
To bring our lives, and our whole world to him
Resounds in all of us. Could we but hear,
Our Saviour, King and Shepherd calls us home.

Source: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/04/14/o-come-let-us-sing-a-response-to-psalm-95/>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and my initial impressions about being here at St. Bonaventure Parish.

I spent the last 15 years ministering in a parish in Holyoke, Massachusetts, which included a school (140 students) and a cemetery. It wasn't a large parish, but it kept me busy! The Catholic school system in the States is quite different compared to Canada. Catholic schools in the USA are not publicly funded so parents are required to pay tuition. In addition, most Catholic schools are associated with a parish, and the pastor oversees the school. I really enjoyed the school and I loved interacting with the students as well as the faculty.

It was a bit overwhelming leaving Holyoke; wrapping things up, packing, saying good-bye to parishioners and friends. Thankfully I was able to take some vacation time with my family in Buffalo before driving up to Toronto. From the moment I arrived at St. Bonaventure's, Friar Tom made me feel very much at home. Even though it was late, he took the time to give me a "tour" of the Friary as well as the church. I had never been to St. Bonaventure's before, so I was pleasantly surprised by the beautiful campus you have here. It is quite impressive!

During my first week here, Friar Tom spent time with me going over policies, keys, procedures - all the "how we do things here" information that is extremely helpful to a new pastor. I am grateful to Friar Tom for all the time he spent with me, especially because he himself was busy wrapping things up here. I heard from Friar Tom a few days ago, and he arrived safely at his parish in New Jersey and is getting settled in.

I had the opportunity to celebrate two weekend Masses here as well as several weekday Masses and I have to say that the liturgies are very meaningful and prayerful. I am impressed with the number of parishioners who are present at Mass and the participation of the assembly. I have met many parishioners since my arrival, and I appreciate the warm welcome that you have given to me. Thank you for being so kind and welcoming! As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, I'm not very good at remembering names. So please, keep introducing yourselves for as long as it takes!

I also want to express my gratitude to the staff here at St. Bonaventure's, as well as the friars I live with, for the warm welcome that I have received from them. It is greatly appreciated.

During the next few weeks and months, I look forward to meeting you and learning more about our parish. In the meantime, let us pray for each other!

Peace,

Friar Albert

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 7	9 AM	Intention & Thanksgiving of Leong Family
Tuesday, September 8	9 AM	† Catalina Garcia
Wednesday, September 9	9 AM	† Nealia Somasundaram
Thursday, September 10	9 AM	Intention of Radek Votruba & Family
Friday, September 11	9 AM	Brothers & Sisters of the Order Intentions for Jonathan Chang † All Souls in Purgatory † Brandon Kwan † Frank Vandersteen
Saturday, September 12	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, September 13	8:30 AM	Intention of the Weaver Family
	10 AM	† Francesca Ranieri
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Thanksgiving for Soans Family
	Bl. Sac.	Intention for Lyne Family
	Our Lady	Intention for Staff & Students Returning to School

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on **Sunday, September 20th** at the 10 am Mass. 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, 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. **Please contact Nancy Vanseader at 647-501-7744 or nvanseader@rogers.com if you are able to help. Training will be provided. All volunteers will be required to complete a mandatory screening process.** If you would like to learn more about the ministry, you are welcome to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 11 a.m. in the Bonaventure Room.

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.

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.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2026-2027

Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare for their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7 (Grade 2). If you are a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and a parishioner of St. Bonaventure Church, and you think your child is ready to prepare for these Sacraments (e.g., your family's regular participation in Sunday Mass is a good indicator of readiness), then it will be important for you to attend one of the following **Parent Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre:

- **Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- **Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

Please note the registration deadline this year: September 25, 2026

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH) 2026-2027

Roman Catholic youth may begin to prepare for Confirmation around the age of 12 (Grade 7). If you are a parent of a 12-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and a parishioner of St. Bonaventure Church, and you think your child is ready to prepare for Confirmation (e.g., your family's regular participation in Sunday Mass is a good indicator of readiness), then it will be important for you and the child to be confirmed to attend one of the following **Parent & Youth Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre:

- **Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- **Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

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

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, and + Wendy Dingillo.

NEW POLICIES

Please note that the Parish is no longer able to waive the fee for parishioners using the Parish Hall for receptions following funerals. The fee helps cover the ongoing costs of building maintenance and cleaning. We appreciate your understanding.

"People shall stream to the Lord's house"

When people enter a church, they hope to encounter God and find a place of prayer, peace, and rest in the Lord. Let us do all we can to preserve the reverence of this sacred space. Please do not bring pets, coffee, tea, soft drinks, or food into the church. Service animals and items required for medical needs are welcome exceptions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND PARISH INFORMATION

As we prayerfully prepare for the year ahead, we kindly ask that you clearly write your **first and last name**, along with the **amount being offered**, on every offertory envelope used at Mass. This helps us accurately allocate your donations and prepare charitable tax receipts at tax time.

We will soon be ordering offertory envelopes for 2027 and would be grateful if you would ensure that your parish records are current. Please send any updates to **Kathryn MacInnis** at kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca, including your home address, telephone number, email address, first and last name, and the names of everyone registered in your household.

Please note that if your offertory envelopes were not picked up last year, a new box will not automatically be ordered for you this year. If you would like envelopes for 2027, please contact Kathryn.

Thank you for your faithful dedication and participation in the life of our parish, and for your cooperation, understanding, and generous support. May God bless you and your household.

HELPING OTHERS

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 Creation 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.

Rosary Sunday - September 13

A beautiful pilgrimage day at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland.

- Outdoor Mass at 12 noon
- Living Rosary at 2:30 p.m. Pack a lunch, bring a chair, and let the peace of the day wrap around you like a warm shawl

SAVE THE DATE FOR CWL'S GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 20 AT 1:00PM

General Meeting - September 20

Mark your calendars with a flourish. Special guest: Kate O'Quinn, Past President TDC and newly elected OPC Faith Chair. Expect refreshments, an ice breaker, and the delightful chaos of reuniting after summer.

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 date: Wednesday, September 9, 9:30 am in the Bonaventure Room. In October we will meet on Wednesday the 14th and Wednesday the 29th. Call Ann Fellin 647-526-5066 if you have any questions.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



Archdiocese
of Toronto

Humanitarian Relief - Nepal Mudslides

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to support humanitarian relief efforts following the devastating mudslides and flooding in Nepal. The disaster has resulted in significant loss of life, displacement and widespread damage to homes, roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure.

Those wishing to help may donate online through www.archtoronto.org, by phone through the Donations Processing Centre at 437-529-1287, or through the parish. Funds will be channeled through trusted Catholic partners assisting those most affected.

Please pray for those who have died, those who are grieving or displaced, and all those providing emergency assistance and support.

Humanitarian Relief - Colombia Earthquake

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to support humanitarian relief efforts following the recent devastating earthquake in Colombia. The earthquake has resulted in significant loss of life and injuries, displaced families and caused extensive damage to homes and critical infrastructure.

Those wishing to help may donate online through www.archtoronto.org, by phone through the Donation Processing Centre at 437-529-1287, or through the parish. Funds will be channeled through trusted Catholic partners assisting those most affected.

Please pray for those who have died, those who have lost loved ones or homes, and all those providing emergency assistance and support to affected communities.

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. In August we contributed 62 casseroles to this worthy cause. Man, many thanks to all. Any questions, call **Ann Fellin 647-526-5066**

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENTLE FIT - STARTING SEPTEMBER 8TH

Gentle Fit classes will be held every second Tuesday, beginning **September 8, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**, and every second Friday, beginning **September 18**. Everyone is welcome to participate, and the **cost is \$10 per class**. Classes will take place in the St. Francis Room in the Parish Centre for smaller groups, or in the Parish Hall for larger groups.

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!

Past and Future

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenter: MMA

In small groups, participants will be invited to share highlights from their summer and discuss potential topics and presenters for future MMA sessions. We value your input and want to hear from you!

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.***

ST. BONAVENTURE'S YOUTH MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM



With the school year set to begin, St. Bonaventure Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be having our first event on Friday, September 18th at 7pm. The session will include pizza, a few ministry announcements, and then conclude with a social hour. All high school students are both encouraged and welcome to join us as we continue to grow together as a community. We look forward to seeing you all!

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP - LEADER BREAKFAST SUMMIT

Register for the Catholic Moms Group Leader Breakfast Summit.
Saturday September 19, 2026, at Le Treport.



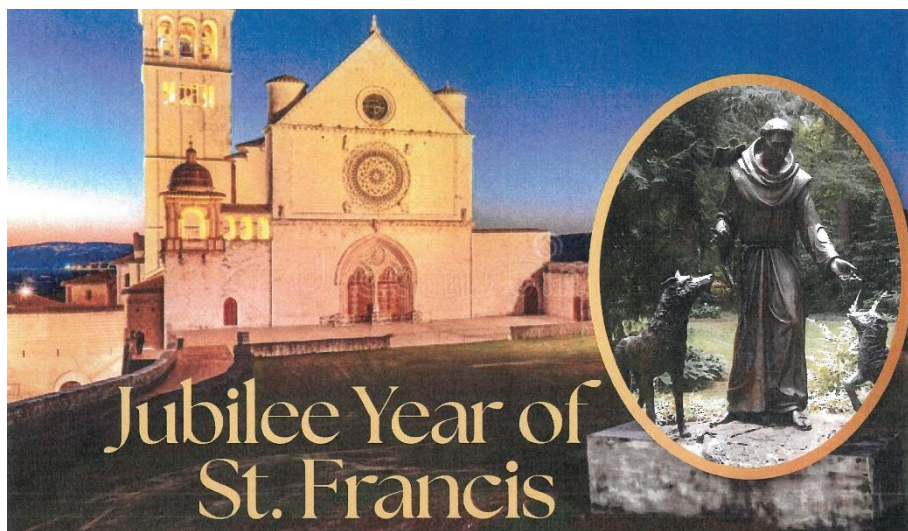
Speakers:

- Fr. Tom Lynch - What Does It Take to be a flourishing Catholic Leader?
- Adeodata Czink - The Art of Hospitality and Social Graces
- Fr. Jonasz Lalik - *More Than an Icon: The Story and Spirituality of Our Lady of Czestochowa*
- Nelcy Lopez - The Four Ss of a Catholic Moms Group
- Dorothy Pilarski - Keep Them Coming Back!
- Cathy Quartarone - Why Minister to Young Moms & How

Download the brochure and register through Eventbrite: cmgsummit2026.eventbrite.ca

The registration fee includes breakfast, light lunch and a gift.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS - SEPTEMBER 17, 2026



We invite you to rediscover his message of *simplicity, fraternity, peace, and trust in God*. Join us on this pilgrimage as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

- Veneration of First-Class Relics of St. Francis of Assisi
- Hear inspiring reflections from speakers representing various Franciscan communities
- Holy Mass at a Franciscan Church
- Prayerfully walk the Stations of the Cross

Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebration

All are welcome to attend the special Holy Mass celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. The \$50 registration is not a fee for attending Mass; it covers the full celebration program and hospitality, including Stations of the Cross, veneration of relics, reflections from members of the Franciscan Order, dinner, and fellowship. *Come together in prayer and reflection as we honour the life and legacy of St. Francis.*

Contact: scmscomms@gmail.com

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 4:00pm - 9:00 pm.

Location: St. Bonaventure Parish

Ticket Cost: \$50 (Includes Dinner)

Scan to Register





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Knights of Columbus • St. Bonaventure**



PARISH BBQ



FUN • FOOD • COMMUNITY SPIRIT

October 4th, 2026 • 1:00–4:00 pm



**St. Bonaventure Church Grounds
1300 Leslie Street**



TICKETS \$7 per person

Available at the parish office, after weekend Mass
in September or the day of the event

CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS Accepted on the Day of the Event

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



DELICIOUS BBQ MENU

Savor a variety of grilled favourites and tasty sides. Choice of hamburgers, sausage, hot dogs.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy music and performances that will keep the energy high and the smiles wide.



FAMILY FUN

Games and activities for all ages, ensuring a fun-filled time for everyone.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING SEEDS OF HOPE FOUNDATION



Since 2001, Seeds of Hope Foundation has supported individuals impacted by homelessness in Toronto, providing care, community, and opportunities to build brighter, more self-sustaining futures.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in our community.

For more information visit www.seedsofhope.ca



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will also be collecting non-perishable food donations during the event to support Good Shepherd Ministries this Thanksgiving. Please bring a food donation and help us provide a Thanksgiving meal to those in need in our community.



SPREAD THE WORD!

Please share this invitation with friends, family, and neighbors. The more, the merrier! We can't wait to see you there! For more information, contact us at KofCC5080@outlook.com.
Let's make this BBQ a memorable day for everyone!

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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St. Anthony of Padua Mission Aid

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REFLECTION

“If he or she listens to you, you have regained your brother or sister.” Matthew 18:15

The Gospel is an instruction by Jesus to the disciples about, not confrontation exactly, but about the sacredness of community. The well-being of the others—the family, the community, the office—becomes the reason for prophetically attending the faults of one of the community. Jesus lays out a strategy for the intervention. Perhaps some of us have been in on the planning of an intervention with someone who is suffering from an addiction. There are rules for this process, so to speak, and it takes great care and practice to be helpful for the person. Jesus is more direct, just do this and if that doesn't help, do that and then if everything fails, do something more public. The practice is not as important as is the spirit and aim of such sharing-of-truth....

I have a dear friend and when she has something to announce to me, I have learned, through errors and errors, to just listen, ears open and mouth shut, lest I want to defend myself and prove her wrong. The good part is that what she tells me is how I would be more helpful to the larger communities of my life if I could be attentive to this or that. I usually am grateful and deeply embarrassed.

I could come up easily with more than twelve items for correction within the others I live and with whom I am Superior. Thirteen of them are probably more my ego-centered perfectionistic, tidiness-centered issues. None of us is the Certified Public Accountant for everybody else. We are not to let everything go by as if they were nothing. The question for me is whether I really love the community, family, whatever, and really believe that this particular behavior is hurting the relationships around us as well as the person involved.

What Jesus did not say, and I wish he had, is that the first step is praying and then facing one's own selfishness involved in one's fault-finding. What is it about me that is being inconvenienced or upset? Jesus also did not say that we should approach the other when we feel the other is available and ready for our prophetic announcements. Readiness is all and while I might be more than ready to “share,” it is important to consider the interior space of the other....

This process is as important as is sacred our sense of relationships and community. Jesus is aware of the human frailty among his disciples and future followers. We need help to become aware and accepting of ourselves so that we can contribute even more gracefully and generatively to our families and communities.

Excerpt from Larry Gillick, SJ, “Faults?” at: <https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/september.php>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!