

*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

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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*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



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Be opened. Oh if only we might be!
Speak to a heart that's closed in on itself:
'Be opened and the truth will set you free',
Speak to a world imprisoned in its wealth:
'Be opened! Learn to learn from poverty',
Speak to a church that closes and excludes,
And makes rejection its own litany:
'Be opened, opened to the multitudes
For whom I died but whom you have dismissed
Be opened, opened, opened,' how you sigh
And still we do not hear you. We have missed
Both cry and crisis, we make no reply.
Take us aside, for we are deaf and dumb
Spit on us Lord and touch each tongue-tied tongue.

"Be Opened" by Malcolm Guite, from his blog:
<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2015/09/19/be-opened/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 9	9 AM	† Laura Medel
Tuesday, September 10	9 AM	† Flordelina Abued
Wednesday, September 11	9 AM	Intentions of Jim Ironside
Thursday, September 12	9 AM	† Maria Fe Mondia
Friday, September 13	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Grazia Maida † Joan Chiu † Hia Cha Cheng † Mabel Lin
Saturday, September 14	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, September 15	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	T Joseph Champagne
	12 PM	† Maria Ferreira and † Sharon Ferreira
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Irene Devlin
	Bl. Sac.	† Austin Lehman
	Our Lady	† Jacques Pare

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

The volunteers facilitating Liturgy of the Word with Children are enjoying their summer holidays. They will return to help the children pray with the Word on Sunday, September 22 at 10 am. To enquire about volunteering for the 2024-25 season, contact Maria at 437-993-8458.

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.

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 2024-2025 season:

- Sunday, September 22 at 1 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

PREPARATION OF OLDER CHILDREN FOR BAPTISM

Are you the Catholic parent of a 7-year-old child or older who has not been baptized and would like to enquire about preparing your child for Baptism? You also live within our parish boundary. If so, please contact Greg at 416-447-5571, extension 258, for more information no later than **September 25**.

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.

CONFIRMATION AS AN ADULT

If you are a baptized adult Catholic (18+) who has yet to be Confirmed, let us lead you to full initiation in the life of Christ by preparing you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are aiming to provide a short preparation program for adult Catholics in the autumn. Please contact Greg at 416-447-5571 Ext. 258, to make an appointment no later than September 4, 2024. Be prepared to provide a copy of your baptismal certificate recently issued by the Roman Catholic parish where you were baptised. Note: this program is separate from our annual Confirmation preparation program for the parish youth.

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.

PRAYER



In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

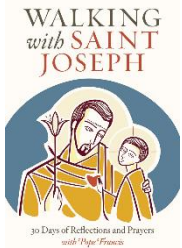
We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

+ *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*, and + *Austin Lehman*.

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.

ATTENTION DAD'S: WALKING WITH SAINT JOSEPH BOOKLETS NOW AVAILABLE



We ordered copies of “Walking with Saint Joseph: 30 Days of Reflections and Prayer with Pope Francis” as a Father’s Day gift for the dads of the parish, which we had hoped to distribute last June. Unfortunately, we were only delivered enough to distribute at the 5 pm and 8:30 am Masses, with the rest on back order, as notified by the publishing house at the time we received the shipment. The rest of our order has now arrived, which we will be distributing to the dads of our parish at the 10 am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday, Sept. 15th. We will also have a small portion available at the 5 pm and 8:30 am Masses that weekend.

HELPING OTHERS

FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

We continue to collect food weekly and will accept all food donations, especially: Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jam, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned corn and peas, Breakfast Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, and Salmon. Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church. **Thank you!**

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

You extend compassion to grandparents and the elderly through ShareLife

On World Grandparents’ Day, we are called to show our love to grandparents and the elderly - to honour them and recognize their many contributions to

society. Through your support, ShareLife agencies are able to provide seniors with security, companionship, and connectedness. Thank you for sharing your blessings and ensuring seniors hold a vital space in the soul of our community. **We have raised \$62,100 of our goal of \$109,000 or 57% of our goal.**



CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Many, many thanks to the Bonnie Casserole Cooks who contributed in the month of July to the Good Shepherd Refuge. Actually an increase from the past month to **52** casseroles being sent to subsidize the meal program. Summer is a time when some of our cooks are on holiday, but we came through to help those who need a breath of kindness in their lives.

We are always in need of more cooks. Please join in this mission of mercy. Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church; kindly sign for pans needed. The next drop-off deadline is September 30th.

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/>

UPDATE - COURTYARD & WALKWAY PROJECT



Church-school connection

Dear Parishioners,

There is a saying that goes something like this: “Good things come to those who wait.” Patience is a virtue, and you have been incredibly patient. But, good things are on the horizon. Coffee after the 10:00 am mass will resume in the coming weeks as well as Children’s Liturgy of the Word. The first School Mass this year is on Wednesday the 25th of September. It won’t be too long before we can reopen the main door of the church and walk a smooth path to the parking lot.

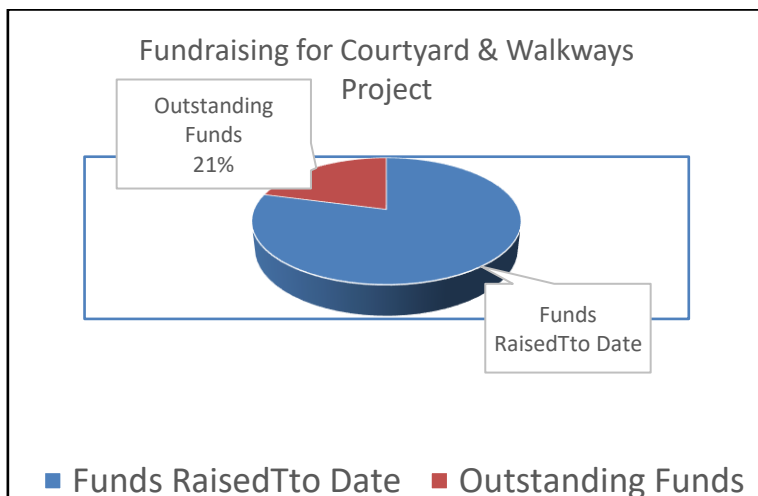


Coffee rush and Children’s Liturgy access

The school children will soon be able to get from the front door of the school to that of the church in a straight line. Coffee and Children’s Liturgy will be a direct strike as in the past. You can see from the photos that the second phase of the walkway project is wrapping up. The courtyard will follow. One thing at a time.

We scheduled six (6) maintenance collections over the course of the calendar year to raise \$130,000 to help pay for this project. Four (4) collections are behind us, and we have surpassed the 100K threshold. Thank you for your patience and for your generosity.

Gratefully,
Fr. Tom



It won't be long: front door to parking lot!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday, September 17, 10-11:30 AM Brain Fitness Presented by Jill Hewlett

Learn fun, empowering and user-friendly neuroscience, along with easy and effective strategies that you can use to support current and long-term brain health and functions. Use it, don't lose it!

Jill Hewlett is a nationally recognized speaker, author, Brain Fitness Expert and Wellness Authority.

Combining user-friendly neuroscience and inspired common sense strategies, Jill draws out the natural leadership, resources and resilience in individuals and organizations to support them in reducing stress and achieving greater levels of productivity, wellness, and success.

Tuesday, October 8 10-11:30 AM 10 Ways to Improve Mental Health as we age

In this workshop, participants will learn to identify depression and effective ways to care for themselves and others.

Save the Dates: October 22, November 5, and November 19. More information coming soon!

2024 LINDA'S WALK - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

2024

Linda's
Walk

The 15th Annual Linda's Walk will be taking place on Saturday September 28, 2024 at St. Bonaventure Church.

Registration for the walk is now open! You can find the link to the online registration page below. A free t-shirt will be included with every registration. There will also be a lunch following the walk in the St. Bonaventure Church hall. Thank you for your kind and continued support! If you have any questions please reach out to us at info@stclareinn.org.

Saturday September 28, 2024:

- Registration: 10:00am
- Walk Starts: 10:00-10:30am
- Lunch: 12:00pm

Registration Fees: Adult: \$25.00 Youth (Ages 12 to 15): \$15.00 Children (Under 12): Free!

You can also find the walker registration and pledge form for download on our website: <http://www.stclareinn.com/events/>. Please register online using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lindas-walk-2024-tickets-929170763767?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information about St. Clare Inn and how you can help:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/archdiocesan-blog/archdiocesan/lindas-legacy/>

Registration forms are available after each mass. Someone can assist you to complete the forms.

CWL - UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Bonaventure CWL Upcoming Events

1. Back by popular demand is Line Dancing! We have opened this event to all parish members. Please join us for an hour of foot stomping, heart pumping, laugh till it hurts exercise. Grab your dancing shoes and join us at the Parish Hall September 19th at 7:00 pm. This monthly event will run until June of 2025 so if you miss September, you can join us on the third Thursday of each month. There will be a \$5.00 admission fee to help offset the cost of the instructor.
2. CWL General Meeting will be held Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. After a long, leisurely summer break we thought we'd help you pick up the pace with Speed Dating. This exciting ice breaker event guarantees that you'll go home knowing your sisters in The League just a little bit better.
3. Come join us at Linda's Walk on Saturday, September 28th. Let's walk as a team to help raise funds for this worthy cause. To register please visit <http://www.stclareinn.com/events> or contact Celine Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATUR DAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024



Save the date - Saturday, October 26th for our annual Flea Market. Donation and set up days are Thursday, October 24th and Friday, October 25th.

We are accepting gently used items so please remember the Flea Market as you prepare for fall!

Volunteers needed! If you are a high school student in need of volunteer hours, please consider helping out! **More information to follow.**

SAVE THE DATE: AFTERNOON TEA, SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024



Save the date - Sunday December 1, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Something new and exciting is planned!

An Afternoon Tea to celebrate our community and support our Parish Maintenance Fund.

More information coming soon.

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

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REFLECTION

“Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. (Mk 7:34-35)

The story of the deaf-mute is like a gate swinging back and forth. It swings back to the story of the Syro-Phoenician woman, because the deaf-mute also comes from a non-Jewish part of Palestine (v. 31). It swings forward to the next chapter, to the story of the blind man (8:22-26), which closely parallels this cure. Both the deaf-mute and the blind man are brought to Jesus by others (v. 32; 8:22). Both times Jesus takes the men away from the crowd (v. 33; 8:23) and touches them, using spittle to heal them (vv. 33-35 and 8:23, 25).

These obvious parallels make it clear that Mark wants the two cures to be read side by side. In this way, Mark’s readers will hardly be able to miss that Jesus is the Messiah promised by Isaiah long before when he said: “Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared” (Isa 35:5-6)

[Perkins reflects:] “Hearing and speech have a symbolic role to play in Mark’s narrative. The Syrophoenician woman was so skilled in speech that Jesus healed her daughter. Jesus’ disciples, on the other hand, have shown increasing difficulty in understanding what Jesus is telling them. They clearly need some form of healing that will enable them to truly hear—that is, to understand.

Understanding, on the other hand, can be expressed to others only if we speak. Young children learn how the world around them works, whether that is the physical world or the world of human interactions, by repeating everything they hear. Schoolteachers once required that pupils recite their lessons. Now that such training has become rare, college and graduate students often fail to understand what they read, and trying to explain it without using the words of the source material creates havoc. It is fair to say that unless people can tell others what they know, they do not really know it. Believers need to recognize the need to speak about their experience of salvation. They speak to others in testimony and to God in thanksgiving and praise.”

- by Fr. George Corrigan, OFM, quoting Pheme Perkins, *The Gospel of Mark*, vol. 8 of *The New Interpreter’s Bible* (Nashville, TN: Abington Press, 1994), 613.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!