



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



## ADVENT

### *Mass Times*

*Sunday Eucharist*

*Saturday Vigil: 5 pm*

*Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am  
and 12 Noon*

### *Weekday Eucharist*

*9 am: Monday to  
Friday*

### *Ministry Centre Hours*

*10 AM- 4 PM*

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*

*And By Appointment*

*Tuesday & Thursday*

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[www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org)

### A Welcoming Nest

by Joyce Rupp

Looking high into winter trees  
I see the distant nests  
Cradled in arms of branches.  
Nests: round, full of warmth,  
Softness in the welcoming center,  
A circle of earth's tiny goodness,  
Flown from the far corners,  
Patiently pieced together,  
And hollowed into a home.  
Nest: awaiting the treasures of life,  
Simple, delicate dwelling places  
From which song will eventually echo  
And freedom of wings give flight.  
Advent has been on my mind.  
Prepare the nest of heart.  
Patch up the broken parts.  
Place more softness in the center.  
Sit and warm the home with prayer.  
Give the Christ a dwelling place.

*"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them and make our home with them." ~John 14:23*

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

4:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
10:00 PM

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

10:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

5:00 PM

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

8:30 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Saturday, November 26, 2022:**

Advent Giving Tree Opens  
Select your ornament & help a neighbour in need

**Thursday, December 1 & 8, 2022:**

Theology & Tea, Zoom at 10 AM

**Friday, December 9, 2022:**

SERAPHIM CHERUBIM Chorus  
Winter Song Concert  
Church, 7:30 PM

**Saturday, December 10, 2022:**

Friar Emmanuel's Diaconate Ordination  
Church of the Assumption  
Syracuse, NY 10:30 AM

**St. Bonaventure School**

Gingerbread Build  
Main Hall, 12 - 3 PM

**Sunday, December 11, 2022:**

CWL Advent Luncheon  
Main Hall, 1 - 3 PM

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022:**

MMA Session with Fr Thomas Reist, Zoom at 10 AM

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022:**

Advent Day of Confessions  
9:30 -10:30 AM, 1- 2 PM, 7 - 8 PM

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

Help a neighbour in need during this Advent season. Our benefactors this year are:

Greenview Retirement Lodge

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

A Refugee Family

**The Sisters of Life, Young Mother's Program**

*Their missions include serving women who are vulnerable to abortion, giving them the support and resources to be able to choose life for themselves and their children. The gifts are for the young mothers to be with maternity clothes and personal items. For more information, <https://sistersoflife.org/what-we-do/pregnancy-help/>*

## FRIAR EMMANUEL'S DIACONATE ORDINATION

Friar Emmanuel's Diaconate Ordination will take place at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption in Syracuse, New York, on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. Please keep him in prayer as he prepares to serve as a friar-deacon!

If anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to Friar Emmanuel either in person or through the parish office to work out additional details.

## VOLUNTEERS



## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4 to 9.

A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

Volunteers are needed to celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Children! 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 a couple of hours once or twice a month to prepare for the Liturgy of the Word? Or 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. Kindly send an e-mail with your name and contact info to [admin@st-bonaventue.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventue.ca). We will contact you to answer any questions you may have and provide training. Volunteer screening with a police background check is mandatory for this ministry.

## CALLING ALL CASSEROLE MAKERS!

*"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food...?" (Matt. 25:37)*

If you are interested in making a casserole in support of the Good Shepherd Centre, please email: [casseroles@st-bonaventue.ca](mailto:casseroles@st-bonaventue.ca) or call the office at 416-447-5571 to add your name to our list. For those that have already signed up, you can pick up your pans and recipes after all Masses on the weekend of Nov 26/27.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting the classes at St. Bonaventure School once a month to pray the Rosary with the students for many years. These visits are a great inspiration to the students! They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our school to pray the Rosary with the children once a month from October to May each school year. That's a total of just 8 days! Screening is mandatory and training and materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Monica Testa-Zanin at (416) 432-9439 or [monica.mtz@rogers.com](mailto:monica.mtz@rogers.com)

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for some help to decorate the church for Christmas. Are you artistic and creative? Are you interested in floral design? This might be a great opportunity to get involved in the community. Please email [admin@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventure.ca) if you are interested and would like more information.

SERAPHIM & CHERUBIM CHORUS - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**WINTER SONG**  
SHOWTIME **7:30 P.M.**

**DEC. 9**  
St. Bonaventure  
1300 Leslie St.,  
Don Mills

**DEC. 10**  
St. Gabriel  
670 Sheppard Ave. E.,  
Toronto

**DEC. 11**  
St. Clare of Assisi  
150 St. Francis Ave  
Woodbridge

SERAPHIM  
CHORUS  
CHERUBIM

**PRESENTS**  
THREE LIVE PERFORMANCES

Christmas, Christmas time is near! We're back live and in concert! Come join the *Seraphim & Cherubim Chorus* singing the Christmas songs you love as part of our *Winter Song* concert series. We're always so excited to bring our friends together to celebrate the season and sing songs that touch our hearts. Never a typical Christmas concert and always full of surprise tunes and reimagined classics. Join us at St. Bonaventure's on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Advanced tickets available online at [www.seraphimandcherubim.ca](http://www.seraphimandcherubim.ca)

GINGERBREAD BUILD



St. Bonaventure School CSPC is excited to host the annual Gingerbread Build on Saturday, December 10, 2022 - 12-3pm at the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25. Please call the school at 416-393-5263 to reserve your Gingerbread House.

GROWING IN *Spirit, Community, and Service*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES!**

We invite you to share your gifts and talents with the parish community. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call 416-447-5571. We are actively looking for:

<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Rosary Apostolate</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Casserole Makers</b>	<b>CWL</b> <b>New Members Welcome</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> <b>New Members Welcome</b>

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, November 28		9 AM	† Mike Sequeira
Tuesday, November 29		9 AM	† Jennifer Khayat
Wednesday, November 30		9 AM	David Puddicome
Thursday, December 1		9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Friday, December 2		9 AM	Vocations Parishioners † Members of the Lobo Family † Karl Kremer
Saturday, December 3		5 PM	† Leopoldina D'Souza
Sunday, December 4		8:30 AM	† Terry Wolff
		10 AM	† Dr. Karel and Giovanna Zuzek
		12 PM	† Anna Korbylo
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:			† Herbert Hill Sansom Family For those that are ill & their caregivers

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME FOR CONFESSIONS**

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13) We heard this prayer of the tax collector a few Sundays ago. In my homily I used this prayer to remind all of us of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our confessional in the back of the church is very small and feels confining. So, we have set up a confessional in the Mary Chapel. Confession can be celebrated sitting face to face with the priest or kneeling behind the screen. **Confessions will be heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am.** In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (**first Monday** of each month) confessions are heard from **1 to 2 pm**. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or myself to celebrate this sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God. ~ Fr. Tom

**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022**

Advent Day of Confession for our parish is Wednesday December 14, 2022. Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at the following times, in the church: 9:30 to 10:30 AM, 1:00 to 2:00 PM, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST**

**Sunday, Dec. 4 is the deadline** to register children (ages 7 and up/Grade 2+) to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this Winter-Spring 2023 season. Please ensure your child's registration package is dropped off in the envelope provided to the Ministry Centre.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Information Meetings about the Confirmation Winter-Spring 2023 program and how to register our parish's youth (ages 12 and up/Grade 7+) will be held on **Sunday, December 4 at 1 p.m.** and **Tuesday, December 6 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. Kindly wear a mask.

## HELPING OTHERS

**First Sunday of Advent** The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His Coming.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### Food Drive in Support of the Good Shepherd Centre

##### November 26th - 27th

The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of non-perishable items for its first annual food drive. Collection baskets will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your donations!



##### Meal to Go Program & Dormitory Program

Packaged Snacks, Chocolate Bars, Juice Boxes, Single Serve Water, Fruit Cups, Cookies, Potato Chips, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Deodorant and Shampoo, Razors and Shaving Cream, Bar Soap, and Shower Gel.

### 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 basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service.*

Your donations to our three poor boxes and through CanadaHelps 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/>

### ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST A UKRAINIAN FAMILY?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

### SHARELIFE - MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY



Recognizing the urgent needs in our communities, an anonymous ShareLife supporter is inviting you to join the response. From now to December 31, 2022, your gift to ShareLife will be matched up to a total of \$1 million. That means your year-end contribution will double in value!

To participate in this special opportunity, you can:

- donate securely online
- give to your parish's collection basket using a ShareLife envelope
- contribute over the phone by calling the ShareLife office at 1-800-263-2595

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THEOLOGY & TEA ON ZOOM

Join friar Mark for Theology & Tea on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the next sessions:

December 1 and December 8

Email [Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca) to register.

### CWL ADVENT LUNCHEON

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Open to CWL members and those interested in joining The League. The St. Bonaventure CWL Annual Advent Luncheon (in-person) will be held in the Parish Hall on December 11th. This is a good time to reconnect with your sisters in The League, pay your 2023 membership dues and have some fun. There will be entertainment and other surprises. Please plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming in future emails.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS ON ZOOM - FALL SESSIONS 2022

Virtual Meetings are on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Next Session, Tuesday December 13, 2022

Join a Session with Fr. Thomas Reist - Topic: TBA

Email [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca) to register and to receive the Zoom link.

### ARE YOU READY TO AGE IN PLACE?



University Women's Club North York (UWCNY) invites you to attend *More Options, More Choice: Aging Your Way* - a virtual presentation via Zoom with Sue Lantz, Founder and Managing Director of Collaborative Aging on **Monday, November 28 at 7:00 pm**. You will learn about a holistic approach to planning, arranging, and preparing for the life you want to live tomorrow.

Sue will present a thought-provoking conversation to broaden your perspective on aging in the places you choose, with the best supports and resources within your community. Participants will be inspired to map out their own plans in a practical, unique, and collaborative way using the five-strategy framework and various tools within the "Options Open" Guide.

Details about purchasing a copy of **Options Open: The Guide for Mapping Your Best Aging Journey** will be shared at the event. For more information, visit: <https://optionsopen.org> and <https://collaborativeaging.com>. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event.

### INDIGENOUS ARTISAN MARKETPLACE 2022

**Native Canadian Centre of Toronto**, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto

Friday, Nov. 25 to Monday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Dec. 2 to Monday, Dec. 5 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Looking for Christmas gift ideas? The annual Indigenous Artisan Marketplace features a wide array of art, jewelry, food and other goods produced by Indigenous artists and artisans. **Free Admission**. In addition to this seasonal marketplace, NCCT's shop — The Cedar Basket, is open weekdays. Contact 647-260-9264 or [cedarbasket@ncct.on.ca](mailto:cedarbasket@ncct.on.ca) for more.

## 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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, and + Nina Jagaric

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

### Prayer Network Requests

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks.

New members are welcome! Call Julie Flood with your intentions: 416-391-0238.

## PRAYING WITH AN ADVENT WREATH

### Awaiting the Light

The season of Advent lasts four short weeks. Nevertheless, it offers wonderful opportunities for us to center ourselves, find stillness, and prepare to welcome Christ into our midst. Creating time for peace and quiet is challenging in our plugged in, on-the-go culture. The classic home observance of Advent—the lighting of our family wreath—can be one place of silence and peace in the midst of holiday, consumer hubbub.

Your wreath can be simple or elaborate. You can use a circlet of evergreen boughs, holly, or mountain laurel or a ready-made, artificial green wreath. The color reminds us that while the earth has become dormant and quiet and the leaves have fallen, our life is everlasting in Jesus Christ. If you don't have a wreath, have the children draw a picture of a wreath on a large piece of paper that can serve as a placemat on which you will place the candles in candle holders. The four candles represent the four Sundays, and a lit candle is added each week. There are three violet candles and one rose candle for "Gaudete" Sunday [Third Sunday of Advent], in which we are reminded in the liturgy to "Rejoice in the Lord always." The candles remind us that although we are journeying to the darkest nights of the year, we believe that Jesus has brought light and life into the darkness.

Find a prayer to recite together, or alternate as the prayer leader, as your family lights the candles each night. Consider using the short prayer called the "Collect" that starts the Mass each week. Sing a verse of the traditional hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," trying a different one each week. Light your wreath as a table grace to start your meal, or as an evening activity around which the family can gather as the day comes to a close. Notice how the light increases as we add candles with each passing week. How is this light growing in us? "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" and enlighten us as we wait for you.



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### Online Advent Retreat

Pray-As-You-Go will be offering another Advent retreat weekly podcast titled: "Down To Earth".

You may access it at <https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/57-downtoearthadvent2022>



*With the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year through which the mystery of Christ is celebrated. Kristopher Seaman writes: "Christ's life is larger than any one liturgical service could convey. Rather, the power of the liturgical year is that we enter into 'moments' or specific events within Christ's life or that these events of Christ enter into us, through our hearing, through our communing, through our singing, and through our praying." A significant way in which the mystery of Christ is presented comes from our encounter with Him through the proclamation of the Gospel. Throughout this new liturgical year, our Sunday proclamation of the Gospel will be drawn from Matthew's account. Here is a brief overview to help us appreciate the Evangelist's perspective.*

## The Gospel of Matthew

The first gospel starts with "a genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham." With this opening the evangelist prepares us for this Jesus who will be the fulfillment of major figures of the Hebrew scriptures.

Archeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel of Matthew to around 80 CE. One piece of evidence for the dating of this gospel is that it contains nearly all of the Gospel of Mark. From this we know that it was composed after 70 CE (near the time when Mark was written). In addition to having Mark as a source, the Gospel of Matthew shares a large chunk of material with Luke, material that appears neither in Mark or in John. From this we assume that there was another source for Matthew, one that he and the writer of Luke used. Matthew also had his own information about Jesus that the other evangelists did not.

The Gospel of Matthew is unique in its five-part structure: after the introduction (which contains the stories of the annunciation to Joseph [not Mary, as in Luke]), each part contains a long speech by Jesus followed by actions that Jesus performs. Part one is the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7); part two prepares the disciples for their missionary journeys (10); part three is filled with parables (13); part four deals with church order (18); and the fifth part concerns the end of the world (24-25). Scholars assume that the evangelist adopted this structure from the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. This is a big clue about the portrait of Jesus in this gospel.

Many of the people in the church for which the Gospel of Matthew was written were Jews. One of the main purposes of this gospel was to provide



consolation to those who wrestled with the compatibility of the Jewish heritage and their faith in Jesus. For this reason, we find references to patriarchs of ancient Israel from the very first verse. A genealogy filled with Jewish ancestors begins the text, and the evangelist fills the narrative with quotations from the Hebrew scriptures. All of this seeks to reassure the hearers that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Messiah anticipated in the older faith.

The Gospel of Matthew is proclaimed throughout Year A [of the three-year cycle of readings in the Sunday Lectionary], in the years 2023, 2026, 2029, 2032 and so on.

In art, the evangelist Matthew is portrayed with an angel by his side. The feast of St. Matthew is September 21.

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## REFLECTION

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." ~ *Matthew 24:42*

"The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace." ~ St. Charles Borromeo

~ (Catechetical Instruction, *The Liturgy of the Hours*. New York: Catholic Publishing Co., 1975, p. 153)

"From a recent experience, the desire for Advent was enkindled in my heart. Leaving the office downtown after a day's work, a young man approached me. "Could I have enough for a cup of coffee?", he asked. I looked at the slim man, with a 3-day stubble on his face, I felt the \$10 I had in my pocket and invited him to the food court nearby. On our way, I learned a few things about him. I told him I would buy him a meal as well as a coffee. He said, "I do not like coffee", and could he have a pop instead. "Sure!", was my answer. I spent \$6 and while we were waiting for his food, he looked at me and asked, "Will you eat with me?" "No," I said, "I missed my bus already and I am late for getting home." As I slipped the remaining \$4 in his hand, I was off to the bus stop. That night in prayer, I heard, "I asked you to eat with me!"....I missed the coming of the Lord....It was not my money or my need to help that God wanted from me, it was my companionship. A good thing that Advent comes back, again and again." ~ Anonymous

(from "Advent Sharing", Creighton University's Online Ministries)

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