

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2022*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass starting November 13

Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children ages 4 to 9 to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with their age and ability in mind. By providing a parallel celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, we help our youngest parishioners encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. Please see the special pamphlet which describes Liturgy of the Word with Children in more detail.

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 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.

Information about Preparing your Child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7. If you are a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and you think they are ready to begin to prepare to celebrate 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 (kindly wear a mask):

- Tuesday, November 8, 7 to 8 p.m.
- or
- Sunday, November 13, 1 to 2 p.m.

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

By Appointment

Tuesday & Thursday

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Information about the Confirmation 2022-23 program and how to register our parish's youth (age 12 +) to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament will be made available shortly.

ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints, November 1: We give thanks to God for all those men and women who have gone before us having lived exemplary witness to the Gospel of the Lord and now enjoy the fullness of heaven. Canonized or not, martyr or homemaker, they lived their baptismal dignity and helped others to encounter the Lord. We, too, share the same baptismal dignity and are inspired by their witness. As members of the one family of God, we rightly ask the saints for their intercession and prayer for us so that we too may experience the mercy and love of God here on earth, share it more lavishly with those around us, and one day rejoice with them in heaven.

All Souls, November 2: "From the day when the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed was first celebrated in the tenth century, there has been a focus on prayers for all who have died. Unlike a funeral liturgy, during which prayers are for a particular person as he/she transitions to renewed life in Christ, All Souls' Day is about everyone who has gone before us. This feast, then, is both a reminder of our need to pray for and be healed by God's merciful love and a day to be reminded of those of us who have died, asking for the healing of all who await the fullness of unity with God's merciful love." (Text by Kristopher W. Seaman, DMin. © 2016 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 3949 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609; 1-800-933-1800; www.LTP.org. Pastoral Liturgy® magazine, September/October 2016, www.PastoralLiturgy.org)

Remembering our parishioners who have died this past year, November 5: At the Saturday evening anticipated Mass (5 p.m.), we will remember and pray for the members of our parish and loved ones who died this past year, entrusting them through, with, and in the Risen Christ to the mercy of the Father, who has promised a living hope in the Resurrection of the Dead and Eternal Life. (cf. 1 Peter 1:3-8)

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. All masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga - Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham - Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill - Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge - St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby - Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - NOVEMBER 7 AT 1 PM

On the first Monday of each month, please join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

- 12:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by greeting and opening prayer
- 12:35: Scripture reading
- 12:40: Reflection on the Scripture reading
- 12:45: Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer
- 12:50: Children head back to school

Adoration will continue with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 pm: Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.

CRAFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND - NOVEMBER 12/13 - FRANCIS ROOM (BEFORE & AFTER MASSES)

On the weekend of November 12-13, we will welcome our special guest, Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. www.HolylandChristians.ca

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS - LOOKING FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION - FALL 2022 DATES

Tuesday Mornings, Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am

November 8 Topic: Environmental Proaction
Presenter: Céline Massaroni

December 13 Topic: Ireland
Presenter: Richard Strange

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN PRAYER

Remembering Loved Ones

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 have died recently:

+ Geoffrey Allan Rochard, + Leslie Rolko, + Catherine Hogg, + David Sullivan, + Ann Hartford,
+ Evangeline Beltran, + Maria Evidente, + Frank Horgan Jr., + Marilyn Murphy, + Phia Hibbeln,
+ Douglas Peters, + Myrna Haverly, + Gordon Owens, + Paul O'Connor, + Terrance Wolff,
+ Frances MacDonald, + Lili Draws, + Frank Polansky, + Ralph Stukator, + Nimfa Chua, + Antoine Bonello,
+ Karl Kremer, + Rosemarie Perkins, + Marie Turnbull,
+ Wendy Azzarello, + Paul Lynch, + Marysia Slubicka, + Helen Sunter, and
+Gerald Desjardins

May heaven be theirs and may peace belong 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.

A Prayer for the Chronically III

Loving God, rock of strength for those who trust in you; comforter of those who call on you. Hear the cry of those who suffer from constant sickness or weakness, and embrace them in your loving arms. As you have united them to the suffering of Christ in the waters of baptism, be their companion on the way of the cross, give them peace, and strengthen them with the vision of your kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. ("For the Chronically III," *Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family*, Ottawa: CCCB, 2004, p. 158.)

PRAYER AT THE GRAVE OF A LOVED ONE

Lord Jesus Christ, you made holy the graves of our loved ones through your own death and burial, and you appeared in your risen glory to Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Bring all the faithful departed to share in your victory over death. Ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to comfort us. Give us strength to take up our cross and follow you in the full knowledge and certain hope of the Resurrection of the Dead and promise of Eternal Life. Eternal rest, grant unto (*name*), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon *her/him*. May *she/he* rest in peace. May *her/his* soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



“In my work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I see people’s resilience and gratitude, despite their myriad problems. If I were in their situation, I am not sure I could be as courteous and resourceful.”
 ~ Michael Finoro (Guelph, ON)

Your generous donations to our three poor boxes and online through CanadaHelps, allow Vincentians to give regular support in the form of grocery gift cards to persons and families struggling to pay rent and put nutritious food on the table. If you need help, know someone who does, or would like to learn more about and possibly join our Society, please call our confidential helpline at **416-447-5571, ext. 570** and leave your name and telephone number. 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/>

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 31		9 AM	† Antonia Ortuoste
Tuesday, November 1		9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Wednesday, November 2		9 AM	† Allan Rochard
Thursday, November 3		9 AM	† Jose Garcia Sr.
Friday, November 4		9 AM	Vocations Parishioners † Piera Rudisi † Erasmus Lobo † Jeffrey Robert Meadows † Terry Wolff
Saturday, November 5		5 PM	† Sylvia Sheryk
Sunday, November 6		8:30 AM	† Florinda Ortuoste
		10 AM	† Felicitas Gorospe
		12 PM	† Caridad G. Liboro
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:			† Gerald Desjardins † Jeffrey Robert Meadows The Kremer Family

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We invite you to share your gifts and talents with the parish community. We are actively looking for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality and Altar Servers. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call the office at 416-447-5571.

November is a month when we remember those who have gone before us. As Christians, our baptismal faith assures us that Christ's own death has broken the power of death. We reach out with care, consolation and prayer to those who mourn, and we pray for those who have died. In this and the next two bulletins, we will explore the ways in which we accompany those who have died and those who grieve through the Order of Christian Funerals.

Order of Christian Funerals I; The Vigil

The vigil (or wake) service is the first of the three primary rites of the Catholic funeral liturgy. Along with the funeral liturgy itself and the rite of committal, these rites mark significant moments for the mourners as they come to terms with the loss of their loved one. Frequently, the vigil is the first public gathering of the deceased's family and friends – an acknowledgement of the reality of death when it feels so unreal. This time of keeping watch in the presence of the deceased is an invitation to share the memories that forged the bond between the deceased and the mourners. It includes both formal and informal opportunities for all to express their sense of loss and grief.

It is in this context that the church invites mourners to recall "God's designs for a

world in which suffering and death will relinquish their hold on all whom God has called his own." In the words of the scriptures and through prayers of intercession for both the deceased and mourners, the church reminds us that death is not the last word. Music plays an integral role in this rite, touching unspoken dimensions of both feeling and faith. Sung prayer allows the mourners to hear the faith that surrounds them. A priest, deacon, lay minister or even a family member may lead prayer at the vigil.

This more formal vigil service may be preceded or followed by the recitation of the rosary or other devotions, if these prayers have special meaning for the gathered community.

Cultural practices are changing regarding funeral services. Certain elements are sometimes telescoped, resulting in one major liturgical moment (often the funeral liturgy) with an abridged time of vigil immediately before the liturgy or perhaps a private interment the next day. Christians are challenged to balance carefully what is lost and what is gained by these practices. The options chosen should respect the wishes of the deceased. But in a sense, funeral rites are for the survivors and so should best serve the mourners and the faith community.

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REFLECTION

"Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." *Luke 19:9*

"One could even say that the call and the conversion of Zacchaeus constitutes a sort of summary of the whole of Luke's Gospel. In Jesus we see the true face of God the Father who forgives whomever is converted. Receiving salvation joyfully involves not only not doing evil to others but also being cheerfully rid of all that might slow us down on the road to Jerusalem, on which Jesus draws us...."

The Church is a collection of pardoned sinners who have become children of Abraham by their faith in the one whom God has sent 'to seek and save what was lost.' It must not forget this but proclaim it to all. Not only by receiving those sinners who come of their own accord but going out among them, lifting its eyes to see those who look on from afar, and inviting itself into their homes: 'Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay in your house.'"

(Days of the Lord. Vol. 6, Ordinary Time, Year C. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1991, p. 287)

May the Lord bless you and keep you!