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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:

@ 8am before morning Mass

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday: 7:00 pm

ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY

Every Friday after evening Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Registered parishioners are invited to pick up a Baptism information package from the Parish Office.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please contact Parish Office for program start dates.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office ONE year in advance. At least one party must be a registered and practicing member of St. Boniface.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. AGATHA - 416-393-5302

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Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and those who are visiting St. Boniface Parish this weekend. New parishioners are asked to fill out registration form below and put it in the collection basket or drop-off at the office.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION SHEET

MR. & MRS. ☐ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MISS ☐ MS. ☐

Last Name

First Name(s)

STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

CITY

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME(S) AND DATE(S) OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN:

NAME(S)

DD/MM/YEAR

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE ENVELOPES?

YES ☐ NO ☐

YES ☐ NO ☐

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARISH INVOLVEMENT?

YES ☐ NO ☐

ONCE REGISTERED, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ENTRANCE OF CHURCH.



AUGUST 24TH, 2025
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 CYCLE C (LUKE)

**Gateway to Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 66:18–21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13
Luke 13:22–30



Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door. Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see [John 14:6](#)). In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory. Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see [John 3:14](#)), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm. In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see [Romans 1:16](#); [Acts 3:25–26](#)), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see [Isaiah 43:5–6](#); [Psalm 107:2–3](#)). Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see [Isaiah 63:15–16](#)). We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see [Isaiah 35:3](#)). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son. As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK



AUGUST 23RD TO AUGUST 30TH 2025

- Sat Aug 23rd 5:00pm - Cheng Jin-Zhi †
- Sun Aug 24th 7:30am - Birthday Blessing for Rafael Festin and Healing for Leo Festin
- 9:00am - Thanksgiving for Liore Escobedo & Inacia Rodrigues
- 10:30am - Constantino Vasconcelos †
- 12:00pm - People of the Parish
- Mon Aug 25th 8:30am - Mary Bishop †; 13th Ordination Anniversary for Fr. Percy Acquah
- Tue Aug 26th 8:30am - Thanksgiving for Lynne Lugos-Jose
- Wed Aug 27th 7:30pm - Anniversary Blessings for Orin and Michelle Pereira; 93rd Birthday Thanksgiving for Laida Lacorte; Thanksgiving for Luming Taylor; Nicolas Balita †; 40th day celebration for Araceli Quilatan Martin †
- Thu Aug 28th 8:30am - Ludwig Schwab †
- Fri Aug 29th 7:30pm - Agnelo Rodrigues †
- Sat Aug 30th 8:30am - Mary Ann Lauzon and Joseph Arthur Lauzon †; Benjamin, Cecilia and Jeffrey Lugos ; for the well-being of this world



OUR SICK:

Inacia Rodrigues, Carol Morra, Edna Zetazate, Tonya Medelkowski, Ray Acayan, Jean Foulkes, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Donna Mesic, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica, Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Eccleton, Ursula Solomon, Kathleen Copeland, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Marguerite Watson, Marie Dignum.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of children who have not received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are reminded that since the Sacraments are proper to the Church and not the school system, they should attend Sunday Eucharist at their respective parishes and enroll their children in the Sacramental Preparation Programs.



Please contact your parish regarding enrollment dates.

In the Fall, we at St. Boniface Church will be having our Parent Meetings for Enrollment in these Sacraments. The dates and times will be published in our church bulletin and announced at all Masses beginning in September and the enrolment information will be sent to the schools. If you and your child are not coming to Mass regularly, you may not hear about the enrollment dates and deadlines.

It will not be possible to enroll for these Sacraments once the enrollment deadlines have passed.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He/she is now a full fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church.



Parent information session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in September. Please check bulletin for dates and times.

R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you or someone you know thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA program is for those who wish to become Catholic; baptized and confirmed. The program begins in September.

(Must be 18 years old or older)



For further information, please contact the parish office at 416-261-5983.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of August 30-31, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, 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.

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PARISH EAST FAÇADE RESTORATION

Work will begin this week on repairing the east facade of the church along with the front steps. This will be a construction area for 2-3 months (weather dependant).



To ensure the safety of parishioners and the workers, protective measures will be put in place. There will be access restrictions throughout the project, but we will minimize the restrictions as much as possible.

Please exercise extra caution in the work area. Thank you for your continued support.

FALL ALPHA PROGRAM

Alpha takes people on a journey often leading to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is done in an informal setting that includes watching a well-produced video series, opportunity for discussion, and some time for community. Maybe this is for you. Maybe a family member, or a friend! All are welcome!! Registration begins soon. Starts this Fall.




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