



Many opportunities to stay engaged with St. Boniface Church:

Worship, Teaching, Fellowship:

- **Sunday morning services** at 10:00 continue to be live-streamed via our [website](#).
- **"Curbside" Communion** Should you desire to receive the Holy Communion at home during the week, please call Lisa Wolf 941-349-5616 x320.
- Sunday morning **Bible Study** at 9:00 by Zoom, contact [Fr. Jeff Hamblin](#)
- Sunday morning **Book Discussion** at 9:00 by Zoom, contact [Vince Brennan](#)
- **Morning Prayer** at 9:30 am, Monday - Friday, on our [Facebook](#) page.
- **Evening Prayer** at 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, on our [Facebook](#) page.
- **Wednesday music** offered weekly at 7:30 p.m. on our [website](#). See upcoming concerts listed below.
- **Thursday "Coffee Hour"** at 10:00 a.m. by [this Zoom link](#) (password 771888)
- **Men of Boniface** gather each Friday at 8:00 a.m. by [this Zoom link](#)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry continues on Tuesdays on Zoom to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. Contact [Meg Larrabee](#) for the invite.
- **Literary Ladies** discuss their chosen book of the month [by Zoom](#) (password 335397) on the second Thursday of the month (**August 13**) at 10:30 a.m. The next book for discussion is *The Red Notebook*, by Antoine Laurain.
- Join us for **Contemplative Prayer** Wednesdays, **August 5 & 19** at 10:30 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#) with Fr. Michael Piovane.
- **Center for Spiritual Transformation** educational event **August 8**, 10:00 a.m.: "Exploring the differences and similarities between Meditation and Contemplation" A two-part event with insights into how Contemplation differs, but coexists with Meditation. To participate, contact [Fr. Michael Piovane](#) for the invite link.

Healing & Pastoral Care:

- **The clergy** is always available to speak to, please call Fr. Wayne Farrell (941-266-2140) or Fr. Jonathan Evans (786-540-5704)
- **Healing ministers** are available by phone to offer a mini-session of healing prayer: lifting of intentions, Lord's Prayer, few minutes of silent meditation and final grace. Call (941)349-5616 x335 and leave a message at the Healing Mission.
- **Prayer requests** Each week your intentions are held up in prayer by the Pastoral Care Team, and then are prayed throughout the week by the Prayer Group. Call 941-349-5616 x318. We need only first names - no last names or circumstance needed, please.
- **Prayer Shawls** are available, contact Connie Mereness, 941-346-1844 to arrange a time for one to be dropped off at your doorstep.
- Clergy look forward to meeting with you for **front yard fellowship**. We can set up lawn chairs in your front yard or driveway and share good company - safely out-of-doors and 6 feet apart, of course. To set up a visit, contact Lisa Wolf, 941-349-5616 x320 or [email](#).
- **Forward Day by Day** copies of this daily devotional for August - October are now available. Contact the church office if you would like a copy.

OF WHAT ARE WE STEWARDS? The gift of the Sabbath! This is a treasure, indeed. God even commands us to remember it. How well do we steward this gift? Sunday worship is an obvious way. But do we also intentionally create spaces in our schedules throughout the rest of the week to escape the world's worries and noise and reflect on God's splendor and presence all around us, to marvel at His love for us, to be still and listen for His voice in our lives? Our Creator knew we need time for rest and rejuvenation, time to replenish our bodies, minds and spirits and so gave us the Sabbath. Sometimes we can best be stewards by not *doing* anything!



I am pleased to announce that Mary and Jon Gordon have accepted my appointment as Chairs for the 2021 Annual Appeal "Faith-Filled Generosity."

Mary and Jon are longtime, active members of the parish. They have both served on Vestry and are in the Handbell Choir. Mary is the longtime facilitator of our Spanish Speaking Group and Jon served

many years as the parish Treasurer. They are regular in worship and can be found at just about every parish event.

I am grateful to Mary and Jon for their faithfulness and leadership, and pray that God will bless our endeavor with "Faith-Filled Generosity."

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SPECIAL OFFERING Each month, above and beyond our regular giving, we have an opportunity to support a specific aspect of our parish life at St. Boniface. In **July** we build up the **Clergy Discretionary** Fund. Your gift, of whatever amount, ensures St. Boniface can readily meet worthy needs in our community and our parish. Past gifts have provided for emergency rent and utility funds, gas money, food and medical needs for our brothers and sisters in need and nowhere to turn.

In **August** we turn to the work of our **pastoral care** ministries -our Healing Mission, Lay Eucharistic Visitors and Stephen Ministry. Through these ministries, we are present with fellow parishioners and friends in the community who are going through times of trouble, crisis or need. Gifts may be given online on our [website](#) (Special - Discretionary / Special - Pastoral Care).

QUARANTINA CONCERTS Our music ministry continues to provide wonderful and meaningful choir and instrumental music during these difficult times. Tune in for live-streamed concerts each Wednesday at 7:30 pm:

July 22 - Rebecca Stracener, soprano & James Guyer, piano/organ

July 29 - Dominique Cecchetti, soprano (YAS)

Aug 5 - Thea Lobo, mezzo-soprano & Sam Nelson, piano/organ

Aug 12 - TBD

Aug 19 - Siesta Youth Chorale students, under direction of James Guyer & Jen Weinstein

Aug 26 - Laura Petty, clarinet

SACRED GROUND DIALOGUE CIRCLE The unrest surrounding the recent incidents of police brutality have brought us inescapably face to face with racial injustice. Many of us find ourselves pondering, *What does it mean to me, to my community? What part do I play - as part of the cause and as part of the reconciliation?* As we grapple with these questions, St. Boniface is forming a **Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle**. These Circles are part of the Presiding Bishop's *Becoming Beloved Community* initiative for racial justice and reconciliation. We will meet monthly (via Zoom for now) for safe, respectful conversation and reflection, based on the assigned materials. A covenant of commitment as well as internet access will be required by all. What will result from this Circle? Only you and the group can discover that answer! As you participate, you will experience God's grace of growth and transformation. To sign up or for more info, contact Betsie Danner (941-349-5616 x318 or [email](#)).

"I Was A Stranger and You Took Me In" The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed the plight of the world's 70 million refugees off the top of the 24-hour news cycle. We may no longer see pictures of children in cages or tent cities at our southern border or hear about the continued construction of a wall. They are still happening. And even with a favorable Supreme Court decision, DACA dreamers and asylum seekers are still in jeopardy.

In the fall of 2019, a small group of people at St. Boniface Church came together as the **Migration Ministry**. The goal? To be a passionate and dedicated catalyst to create opportunities for congregants to honor the dignity of immigrants.

The group has organized a series of Wednesday evening dinners (pre-COVID) to educate and inform. They worked with a local group, UNIDOS Now, to get a Boniface grant to support those in Sarasota's Latinx community affected by the pandemic.

To find out more about the Migration Ministry and how you can become involved, check out the [page on the Boniface website](#). If you are interested in joining the group, contact Fr. Jonathan Evans, jevans@bonifacechurch.org.