



Fr. Mathew at His Installation Mass with Vicar General, Very Rev. George Mockel and Deacon Bill Gall.  
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## St. Bonaventure Catholic Community *Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura*

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August 13, 2017 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 13 de agosto de 2017 *Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

### MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM  
Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

### MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

### DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes : 6:30 AM &  
9:00 AM

### BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.  
This requires two months preparation

*En Español: Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos  
con un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere dos meses  
de preparación.*

### MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or  
Deacon. This requires six months preparation.  
*Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un  
Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de  
preparación.*

### RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

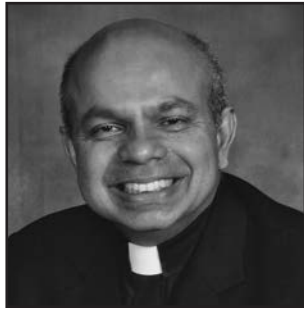
In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by  
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para  
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*



As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

Keep connected to our parish community  
Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ  
Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure  
Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

## THOUGHTS FROM FR. MAT



### THE AMAZING PARISH

Co-founders Pat Lencioni and John Martin met in 2013 and realized very quickly that they shared a desire to serve and build up the Church. After much prayer and discernment and lengthy discussions with Catholic leaders, they agreed that the Holy Spirit was prompting them to do something to uplift, improve and help parishes turn from maintenance to missionary communities.

I attended the second 'Amazing Parish Conference' organized by them in 2015. Bishop Michael Barber chose the theme of the 'Amazing Parish' for the convocation of all the priests of the Diocese of Oakland in 2016, and invited Pat Lencioni to be the speaker. Fr. Richard Mangini and Fr. David Lawrence, who were present at that convocation, brought the model here to St. Bonaventure. But I am not sure of the extent to which the parishioners are aware of this model. So, let me describe briefly this model.

The *Amazing Parish* model has a reliance on prayer and the sacraments. These expressions of our faith are outward signs of our dependence on God and our need for His grace in our lives. Here we focus on the fundamental role which prayer and the sacraments have in a parish.

The Amazing Parish has a commitment to a healthy organization. Here they walk parish leaders through the fundamentals of forming and supporting a leadership team with Lencioni's tried and true methods, to achieve organizational health and effective leadership. No pastor, not even the best one, can run a parish on his own. Every pastor needs a leadership team, a special group of people

who are collectively committed to helping him make the parish amazing and bring more people to Christ and to the church. I am very proud of the excellent leadership team that we have in our parish.

The parish is designed to be the center of evangelization and discipleship for our Church. They teach strategies and methods to help parishioners become missionary disciples. Some parishes have found great success with using a tool like Alpha, while others have found it best to gather a few parishioners who are passionate about evangelization and encourage them to spread the Good News.

As parish leaders, we have the responsibility and great opportunity to shape the Sunday experience so that we maximize the opportunities for God to reach people through their experience at Mass. The books *Rebuilt*, by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, and *Divine Renovations* by Fr. James Mallon discuss three areas that a parish can focus on in order to improve their Sunday experience: Hymns (music), homilies (message) and hospitality (ministers). In the words of Pope Saint John Paul II: "Among the many activities of a parish, none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day."

The leadership team of our parish has asked all the staff members, Pastoral Council and Finance Council to read the book *Rebuilt*. May I also invite the parishioners to read this book as well. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving megachurches and innovative business leaders, while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic heart of the Catholic faith, Fr Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story of how they brought their parish back to life.

## PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

### FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Thank you for being a part of our St. Bonaventure family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **CA725**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Mathew Vellankal

## LITURGY & PRAYER

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15. We will observe this Holy Day of Obligation with three Masses: 6:30am, 9:00am, and 7:30pm in the church.

### MASSES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We will continue to celebrate the Centennial Year of Our Lady of Fatima with a special monthly Mass from August thru October this year. The Masses will be on the 13th of each month, except for August, when it will be on the 14th. The Masses will be in the chapel at 7:00pm with Fr. Mathew presiding. All are welcome to join us!



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**GOOD NEWS for You**

READINGS for the WEEK

**MONDAY:** DT 10:12-22; PS 147:12-15, 19-20; MT 17:22-27

**TUESDAY:** VIGIL: 1 CHR 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; PS 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 COR 15:54B-57; LK 11:27-28 DAY: RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB;

**PS 45:**10-12, 16; 1 COR 15:20-27; LK 1:39-56

**WEDNESDAY:** DT 34:1-2; PS 66:1-3A, 5, 8, 16-17; MT 18:15-20

**THURSDAY:** JOS 3:7-10A, 11, 13-17; PS 114:1-6; MT 18:21 - 19:1

**FRIDAY:** JOS 24:1-13; PS 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; MT 19:3-12

**SATURDAY:** JOS 24:14-29; PS 16:1-2A, 5, 7-8, 11; MT 19:13-15

**SUNDAY:** IS 56:1, 6-7; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; ROM 11:13-15, 29-32; MT 15:21-28

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN**

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

St. Bonaventure's religious education classes will begin the week of September 24. Our faith formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and kindergarten and continue through high school.

We offer a Sunday morning program for Pre-School age 4 and kindergarten-age children that meets during the 9am Mass. This program is designed to share stories from the Bible and to engage the youngest of our community to grow in their faith, with interactive activities.

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each grade builds on the child's faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus' life and teachings and will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become who Jesus wants us to be.

We will meet your child wherever they are in their Sacramental faith journey with class of-

ferings for Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation. We also have Sacramental Preparation classes for First Communion that are taught in Spanish.

*Registration for Faith Formation Classes will be held on Saturday, August 26, Sunday, August 27 and Sunday, September 10 from 9AM to 6PM in Classroom A-1.* We will be available to answer any questions you have and assist you with registering your child for the appropriate class. You will also be able to register in the church office after August 27. If your child has been in our Faith Formation program last year, you will receive a packet of materials in the mail in mid-August. In mid-August, there will also be registration forms in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net). Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration.

We look forward to having your child in our Faith Formation Programs!

**NEED A NEIGHBOR?**

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

We Offer:

- Assistance with transportation to the parish, the grocery store or doctor.
- \*We can assist in finding regular rides to a specific Mass or parish offering
- Assistance with an errand or a light task
- Visiting the sick or homebound

For Assistance Leave a Message at 672-5800 x2238. We will pick up calls Monday-Friday. Every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of the call. Please note that the ministry is not designed for immediate or emergency needs. It can take a few days to locate a volunteer to meet the need.

**LIFE AND JUSTICE**

**IMMIGRATION MYTHS DEBUNKED**

*Myth #3: They don't pay into Social Security*

The truth is that undocumented immigrants contribute more in payroll taxes than they will ever consume in public benefits.

According to the Social Security Administration (SSA), unauthorized immigrants – who are not eligible to receive SS benefits – have paid an eye-popping \$100 billion into the fund over the past decade. “They are paying an estimated \$15 billion a year into SS with no intention of ever collecting benefits,” Stephen Goss, chief actuary of the SSA, told CNN Money. “Without the estimated 3.1 million undocumented immigrants paying into the system, Social Security would have entered persistent shortfall of tax revenue to cover payouts starting in 2009,” he said.

As the baby boom generation ages and retires, immigrant workers are key to shoring up Social Security and counteracting the effects of the decline in US-born workers paying into the system, Goss said. Without immigrants, the Social Security Board of Trustees projects that the system will no longer be able to pay the full promised benefits by 2037.



**STEWARDSHIP of Treasure**

**Weekend of August 5 & 6 Collection**

Goal: \$25,440  
 Actual: \$27,164  
**Over: \$1,724**

**2nd Collection**

Facilities Improvement: \$3,223  
 Food for Family: 151

*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures*



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**FAITH FORMATION  
 FOR ADULTS**

**CATHOLICISM: PIVOTAL PLAYERS**

“The call to holiness is universal, which means that holiness is not meant for a privileged few, but is the mission towards which all Christ’s disciples should aspire.” Bishop Robert Barron followed up his widely popular “Catholicism” with a new series that highlights those men and women whose friendship with Christ transformed not only their own lives, but also the world. Join us as we learn about some of these “pivotal players.”

- On Aug 14/15 and Aug 21/22, Gina Cattalini will lead the discussion on the life of Blessed John Henry Newman.
- On Aug 28/29 and Sep 11/12, Christa Fairfield will share the life of GK Chesterton.
- On Sep 18/19 and Sep 25/26 we will explore the art of Michelangelo.

**Classrooms and times:** Monday afternoon in A1 (1:00-2:30pm) or Tuesday evening in A4 (7:00-8:30pm). Please sign up in the parish office or call Eileen so we have enough resources. There is no charge.

**ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Have you never been baptized and wonder what the big deal is? Were you baptized in another Christian faith, but wonder what makes Catholics different? Were you baptized Catholic, but never received Eucharist and Confirmation? If you fall into any of these categories, this process may be for you. A new group of adults interested in becoming Catholic or thinking about being baptized will begin on August 20. Individuals will be brought into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil (March 31, 2018). For further information and registration, please contact Eileen ☎ 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

**SCRIPTURE STUDY: JOSHUA, JUDGES  
 and RUTH**

This year’s scripture study examines 3 important books of the Old Testament- Joshua,

Judges and Ruth. In Joshua, we discover a faithful leader who carries out God’s commands. This is followed by the deteriorating faith and failure we find in the book of Judges. Finally, we conclude with the heart-warming story of grace and redemption in the book of Ruth!

The Scripture Study will begin on Thursday September 7, 2017 and will continue each week through to the end of May 2018. The morning class begins at 10:00 a.m. and the evening class begins at 7:00 p.m. Participants can attend either class. Each weekly session is 90 minutes long and includes a discussion on the commentary and study questions by Steve Ray and Video Lectures by either Father Courtney or Father Pacwa SJ.

The scripture study program is from Catholic Scripture Study International www.cssprogram.net. In addition, there are video presentations throughout the year on various Catholic topics, and a class retreat before Holy Week. Students can register in the church office until August 15, 2017. The cost for the program is \$55.00. If you have additional questions or need a form in order to mail in your registration, I can be contacted at Greg Gamache bonaventurebible@astound.net

**HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP**

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we’d like to invite you to attend the **Healing the Heart** workshop. It provides a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one. The loss may have been a recent one or a long time ago. The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. It is a Christ-centered program, but you do not have to be a member of St. Bonaventure’s parish or a Catholic to attend.

**The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening September 19, 2017 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. The workshop is free, but registration is required by September 10, 2017. Please call Helene Billeci at ☎ (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register.**

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Summer is here!! Do you want to find a nice cool air-conditioned haven of peace and quiet? Join us for Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life and give thanks for the blessings we receive.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“After the fire, there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.” Help each other hear God’s plan for our marriage better by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on September 29- October 1st. Space is *very* limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ ☎ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 9☎ 25.680.7767 now or go to [www.oaklandwwme.orgg](http://www.oaklandwwme.orgg)

**PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2017)**

Our group is actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, you want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or, maybe a wine donation for the wine pull, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this wonderful fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. All donations are tax deductible. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at [jennykay12@aol.com](mailto:jennykay12@aol.com), or phone (925.693.0457). All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

**CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE**

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.

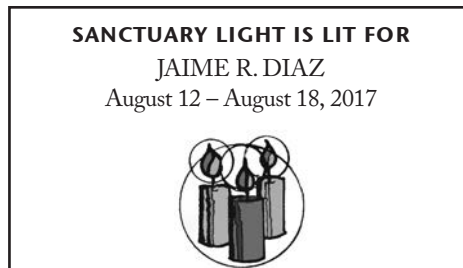
**OUTSIDE PARISH**

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Please join us as we celebrate St. Agnes School’s 50th Anniversary! The celebration will kick off with a 10:45am Mass on Sunday, **August 27**, and a BBQ lunch reception following.

Tickets are available to purchase at St. Agnes School’s Office, St. Agnes Church Office and online. Tickets are \$20 per person for ages 11 and older. The first child, 10 and under, is free. Additional child ticket(s) are \$10. The ticket includes BBQ lunch, one drink and dessert.

There will be activities for children, anniversary tile creation, and a chance to share memories of St. Agnes. For any questions, please contact Rachelle Daco or Holly Joaquin at [Anniversary@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:Anniversary@stagnesconcord.com). We look forward to seeing all of you there!



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

- 5:00 Cecil Palma  
Hung Le  
Souls in Purgatory  
Ben Marquez & Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

- 7:30 Luis Salvetti  
Dolores O’Brien  
Jerry & Mary Whelton  
Ed Bermingham
- 9:00 Corazon Lopez  
Manny Labayen  
Joaquina Marquez  
Peggy Sullivan
- 11:00 Mary Angelene Cruz  
Helen Leong  
J. Robert Lowry  
Dolores Burgess
- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

- 6:30 Christian Barrere
- 9:00 Jocelyn Lloren  
Harry Purper

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**

- 6:30 Food Pantry Volunteers
- 9:00 Jaime R. Diaz  
Mary Cruz  
Primitiva Pinangay  
William M. Jordan

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

- 6:30 Victims of violent crimes
- 9:00 Manuel Franco

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**

- 6:30 For priests and seminarians
- 9:00 William Pace  
Jose Villanueva  
La Rae Pattison

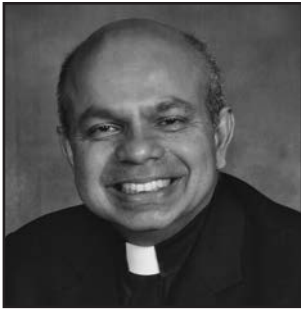
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

- 6:30 Strength for those struggling with addictions
- 9:00 Judy Ruskus

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

- 5:00 Maria Finnen  
Edward Wayne  
Thecla Daniels  
Helen Leong

## PENSAMIENTO DE PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL



### LOS SORPRENDENTES FELIGRESES

Los co-fundadores Pat Lencioni y John Martin se reunieron en 2013 y se dieron cuenta

rápidamente de que compartían el deseo de servir y edificar la Iglesia. Después de mucha oración, discernimiento y largas discusiones con los líderes católicos, coincidieron en que el Espíritu Santo es el que les empuja hacer algo para elevar, mejorar, ayudar a las parroquias y a su vez al mantenimiento de comunidades misioneras.

Asistí a la segunda Conferencia de Parroquia Increíble que fue fundada por ellos en el año 2015. El Obispo Michael Barber eligió el tema de la Parroquia Increíble para la convocatoria de todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Oakland en el 2016 e invitó a Pat Lencioni que fuera el altavoz. El Padre Mangini y el Padre David Lawrence estaban presentes en esa convocatoria y pusieron de modelo a la iglesia de San Buenaventura. Yo no estoy seguro hasta donde los feligreses son conscientes de este modelo. Por lo tanto permítanme describir brevemente este modelo.

El modelo de la Parroquia Increíble tiene una dependencia en la oración y los sacramentos. Estas expresiones de nuestra fe son signos externos de nuestra dependencia de Dios y la necesidad de su gracia en nuestras vidas. Aquí nos centramos en el papel fundamental de la oración y los sacramentos que tiene una parroquia.

La Parroquia Increíble tiene el compromiso de una organización saludable. Aquí caminan líderes de la parroquia a través de los fundamentos de la formación y el apoyo

a un equipo de liderazgo con los métodos aprobados y verdaderos de Lencioni para lograr que la salud de la organización y liderazgo sean eficaz. Ningún Pastor puede gobernar una parroquia por su cuenta, Cada pastor necesita un equipo de liderazgo, un grupo especial de personas que se han comprometido colectivamente a ayudar y tomar la Parroquia Increíble, a traer más gente a Cristo a la iglesia. Estoy muy orgulloso del excelente equipo de liderazgo que tenemos en nuestra parroquia.

La parroquia está diseñada para ser el centro de evangelización y discipulado de nuestra iglesia. Ellos enseñan estrategias y métodos para ayudar que los feligreses se conviertan en discípulos misioneros. Algunas parroquias han encontrado un gran éxito con el uso de una herramienta como Alfa, mientras que otros han encontrado que es mejor reunir unos feligreses que sientan pasión por la evangelización y enseñarles a difundir la Buena Nueva.

Como líderes de la parroquia, tenemos la responsabilidad y una gran oportunidad de dar forma a la experiencia del domingo, así que podemos tomar al máximo las oportunidades de Dios para llegar a la gente a través de su experiencia en la misa. Los libros Reconstruidos por el Padre Michael White y Tom Corcoran y Renovaciones Del Divino nos enseñan como hacerlo. El Padre James Mallon discute tres áreas de como una parroquia puede el Domingo centrarse en el objetivo de mejorar su experiencia: Himnos (música), Homilias (mensaje) y Hospitalidad (ministros). En las palabras del Papa San Juan Pablo II nos dice: “Entre las muchas actividades que desarrolla una parroquia ninguna es tan vital o formativa para la comunidad como la celebración dominical del día del Señor.”

El equipo de liderazgo de nuestra parroquia ha pedido a todos los miembros del personal, Consejo Pastoral y el Consejo de Finanzas que lean el libro Reconstruir. También quiero invitar a los feligreses a leer este libro el cual habla sobre la base de la sabiduría obtenida de las mega-iglesias prósperas y líderes empresariales innovadores. El Padre Michael White y su asociado Tom Corcoran presentan la historia convincente e inspiradora de cómo ellos le dieron vida a su parroquia.

## REFLEXION DE PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



### “TRANQUILÍCENSE Y NO TEMAN, SOY YO”

Los discípulos iban en la barca muy lejos de la costa mientras Jesús subió al monte a orar a solas. Los discípulos emprendieron el viaje hacia la otra orilla del mar y el viento era contrario, tanto, que hacía sacudir la barca. Los discípulos estaban preocupados porque los vientos eran fuertes y Jesús no estaba con ellos para ayudarlos en ese momento. Sin embargo, Jesús viendo que están siendo atacados por fuertes vientos, se dirigió hacia ellos caminando sobre las aguas embravecidas. En la oscuridad de la noche los discípulos no lograron identificar la persona de Jesús. De tal manera que *cuando vieron que venía caminando sobre las aguas se espantaron y pensaban que era un fantasma y gritaban con terror.* No lograron ver quién era el que se acercaba hacia ellos. Sin embargo, Jesús decide caminar sobre las aguas de la angustia y preocupación de sus discípulos para rescatarlos porque estaban siendo azotados por un viento fuerte. Jesús se acerca a cada uno de nosotros para liberarnos y salvarnos del dolor, la angustia, desesperación, opresión y de la esclavitud del pecado. Cuando no logramos ver a Jesús por la oscuridad de las dificultades, aparecerá la duda y no dejará que demos pasos seguros de seguir el camino hacia Jesús.

Pedro empieza a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús. Empezó a caminar seguro porque tenía fija su mirada en Jesús. A medida que avanzaba caminando, dudo y perdió la mirada en Jesús y empezó a hundirse en el agua. Vivimos sobre un mar inmenso que es el mundo y mientras nuestra mirada este fija en la persona de Jesús vendrán olas y tormentas fuertes que harán tambalear nuestra fe, pero si mantenemos fija la mirada en Cristo, las furiosas olas y fuertes tormentas no podrán hundir nuestra barca porque si Cristo va con

nosotros no habrá ningún temor de seguir nuestro viaje. Si dudamos de la presencia de Jesús empezaremos a hundirnos en el mar del dolor, enojo, envidia, y rencor.

Cuando dudamos de Jesús nos empezamos a hundir en el mar de la vida. La duda nos destruye la seguridad de ver a Cristo. Pedro empezó a hundirse, pero nos da un gran ejemplo cuando le grita a Jesús “¡Sálvame, Señor! Pedro sintió que la fuerza del viento era muy fuerte y le entro miedo, pero le grito a Jesús al sentir que estaba perdiendo el equilibrio sobre el agua. Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano, lo sostuvo y le dijo: “Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué dudaste?” si Pedro no hubiera gritado Jesús quizás no le hubiera tendido la mano, pero lo más importante es que Jesús le dice hombre de poca fe porque dudaste. ¿Cuántos hombres y mujeres se hunden en los problemas y dificultades porque no gritan, Señor Sálvame? Jesús extenderá su mano para levantarnos y sacarnos de las dificultades y decirnos *“Tranquílícense y no teman. Soy yo”*. De la misma manera Jesús nos diría hombre de poca fe porque dudaste de mí. Hermanos y hermanas, si estamos hundidos en un problema personal, o familiar, gritemos con fe *“¡Señor Sálvame!”*, Jesús nos dará su mano para sacarnos y calmar todas las tempestades alrededor de nuestra barca. Cuando los discípulos vieron a Jesús se postraron ante el diciendo, “Verdaderamente tú eres el Hijo de Dios”. Jesús es el único que nos puede sacar de donde estamos hundidos, pero tenemos que ser humildes de gritarle con fe para que nos salve. Seamos humildes de corazón y busquemos la mano de Dios para que podamos ser liberados de los problemas que nos atan y no nos dejan ser libre y felices en Jesús.

**REGISTRACION PARA CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA**

Las clases de Educación religiosa empezaran la semana del 24 de septiembre. La catequesis es un programa de dos años y está diseñada para que en el segundo año los niños/jóvenes reciban los Sacramentos.

Ofrecemos clases después de la escuela para los niños de elemental (1-5 grado) en inglés. En español en preparación para la Primera Comunión las clases son los domingos de 11:00 AM a 12:30 PM. Las clases de preparación para la Confirmación son en inglés y las sesiones son los domingos por la tarde/noche.

Ubicaremos a su hijo dondequiera que se encuentre en el camino de la fe.

**Registros:**  
**Agosto 26 y 27, Septiembre 10, 2017**  
**9:00 AM a 6:00 PM, Salón A-1.**

Si su niño estuvo en nuestro programa de formación en la fe el año pasado, recibirá un paquete de materiales por correo a mediados de agosto. También a mediados de agosto habrá formularios de inscripción en la entrada de Iglesia, en la oficina Parroquial y en nuestra página web. [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net). Solamente haga clic en el enlace de Registración para Educación Religiosa.

¡Esperamos tener a su hijo en nuestros programas de Formación en la Fe!

**HORARIO DE OFICINA  
 PADRE OSCAR ROJAS**

Teléfono (925) 844-9015  
 Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm  
 Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm  
 Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS**

Las personas mayores de 20 años que deseen confirmarse favor dirigirse a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas para registrarse y/o recibir información. El programa empieza en Octubre y la confirmación es en Enero en la Catedral de la Luz en Oakland. Además de la información personal, es importante tener los certificados de Bautizo y de Primera Comunión.

**CATECUMENOS**

Estamos invitando a los jóvenes mayores de 18 años y a los adultos que no hayan sido Bautizados ni recibido su Primera Comunión a que se acerquen a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas y se inscriban a las clases para Catecúmenos.



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FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 10/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/27	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.

