



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community *Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura*

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time *Trigésimo Segundo del Tiempo Ordinario*

November 12, 2017

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

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 solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo 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 solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo seis meses de preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment.

Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita con el Sacerdote.

Mission

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

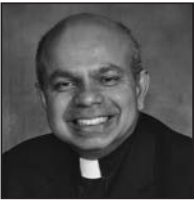
Keep connected to our parish community,

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
Father Mat

Dear Parishioners:

During the month of November, we commemorate and pray for all the faithful departed. All Souls Day was on November 2nd. Rooted in ancient Christian tradition, St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th century.

For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the deceased is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who's just died; we have vigils services, funeral Masses, graveside services, and often memorial Masses on the anniversary of someone's death. Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead.

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #962)

This month, dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, let us remember to keep them in our prayers out of love. Let us remember that prayers can be extremely powerful in assisting the souls of our loved ones in their journey to attain eternal life and peace.

Remember me as loving you — Fr. Mat

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, BOSNIA & POLAND

As of today, we have 26 persons who have signed up to go with me for the pilgrimage to Italy, Bosnia and Poland from May 14 to 28, 2018. For the color brochure and registration form please contact me at mvellankal@stbonaventure.net. Since we can take a few more persons on this pilgrimage, you may please pass the information to your families and friends.

PARISH LIFE thoughts

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS AFFECTED BY FIRES

The fires have had a devastating effect on the Napa Valley region. And our brothers and sisters in the Santa Rosa Diocese are just starting the lengthy process of rebuilding their lives.

We want to support them. Bishop Barber is inviting a special collection for the victims of the fire. We have scheduled the **Collection for November 11**. You will be invited to give that weekend. Or you can go to our parish web site and follow the link on the front page to give electronically.

CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

Do you like being around young children? Do you have Wednesday mornings free and want to meet some of the parish families? The Moms' group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:45-11:30am. They are desperately in need of babysitters. We need 2 adults to watch their children while the moms grow in faith and community. You will need to be finger-printed and 'Safe Environment' trained. If we can gather a group of adults, they can rotate. If interested or want more information, please contact Eileen 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

NO KNEELING REQUIRED-JUST DRIVE-THRU



St. Bonaventure is taking prayer to the parking lot. There will be no need to turn off the ignition or get out of the car. Drivers can just set the brake and take a moment to have the prayer team be present to them, to hear their request and pray with them.

Drivers can take a quick turn into the St. Bonaventure parking lot and look for the banner on the left. There they will find volunteers to hear their prayer request and say a prayer with them. Then back on the road, having shared some of their concerns and needs with God.

We are living in a time when people don't have a lot of time on the go, so we wanted to provide something like drive-thru food, drive-thru coffee -- why not drive-thru God? God on the Go.

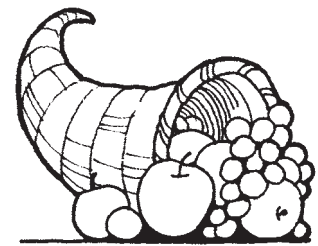
Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:00pm, beginning Monday, November 13.

Pass the word. Invite your friends to stop in and spend a minute with God at St. Bonaventure.

FAITH DIRECT

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Bonaventure. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA725**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

LITURGY & PRAYER



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THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: NOVEMBER 23, 9:00 AM

Before beginning the final preparations for your Thanksgiving dinner, join together with your parish family and give thanks to God for the many gifts with which he has blessed you. Our Mass will celebrate God's love and kindness, and remind us of the many things for which we are thankful.

Christmas Concert

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SAVE THE DATE: VINTAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30PM IN THE CHURCH





“What Sweeter Music” A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Presented by
The Resurrection Choir, Friends and Chamber Orchestra

Come, prepare your hearts for the richness of a Christmas experience by joining us for the story of Christ’s birth, told through scripture lessons and beautiful choral arrangements of carols. Your enjoyment will be enhanced by listening to the choir, and joining them on favorite carols.

A freewill offering will be collected to help defray the cost of the concert. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

A reception will immediately follow the concert, in the Hospitality Room.

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm in the Church.**

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

He was born on December 9, 1579 in Lima Peru. Martin is a patron of interracial harmony. His father was Don Juan de Porres, a Spanish conquistador. His mother, Ana Velasquez, was a freed slave from Panama. His dad refused to acknowledge his paternity when he saw that Martin had African and not European features. Martin was baptized the same day he was born, then raised by his mother in poverty. When only ten years old, he would spend many hours in prayers. When he was 15, he decided to dedicate his life to religion, and joined the Convent of the Rosary in Lima, a Dominican monastery, receiving a position of Tertiary or lay helper. He exercised his medical skills in the monastery, cleaning, cooking and doing laundry.

Saint Martin had the gift of bilocation. He was seen in Mexico, China, Africa, and France, but never left Lima. ***Being inside the convent and without having keys to the locks, it is said that he visited seriously ill patients directly in their beds, giving them consolation or curing them. The people of Lima wondered how he could go through closed doors, to which he graciously replied: “I have my methods to get in and out”*** (Terry Prescott). When God works through us there is no doubt he can do marvelous things for the people. St Martin de Porres died in 1639, was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI, and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII.

My dear brothers and sisters: on Sunday, November 12 at 12:45pm, join us to celebrate Saint Martin de Porres here at Saint Bonaventure Church. Saint Martin gives us a great example of humility. He left a beautiful legacy for all of us to give testimony of Jesus Christ. He encountered God and spent his life serving the people of God. “Come and see the goodness of God.”



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

- MONDAY:** WIS 1:1-7; PS 139:1B-10; LK 17:1-6
- TUESDAY:** WIS 2:23 -- 3:9; PS 34:2-3, 16-19; LK 17:7-10
- WEDNESDAY:** WIS 6:1-11; PS 82:3-4, 6-7; LK 17:11-19
- THURSDAY:** WIS 7:22B -- 8:1; PS 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; LK 17:20-25
- FRIDAY:** WIS 13:1-9; PS 19:2-5AB; LK 17:26-37
- SATURDAY:** WIS 18:14-16; 19:6-9; PS 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; LK 18:1-8 OR (FOR THE MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION) ACTS 28:11-16, 30-31; PS 98:1-6; MT 14:22-33
- SUNDAY:** PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; PS 128:1-5; 1 THES 5:1-6; MT 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

We are already planning our two children’s Christmas Pageants that will be held on Christmas Eve: the Early Childhood Christmas Pageant will be at the 3PM Mass and the Elementary School Pageant will be at the 5:30PM Mass.

The **Early Childhood Christmas Pageant** will feature children in pre-school-age 4 and Kindergarten, as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus. Please contact Rosa Rico by November 15 to register your child for the pageant. Rosa is the Early Childhood Pageant coordinator and can be reached at 383-3066. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 19 in Classroom B-5 after the 9AM Mass.

The **Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant** will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Rosann Halick at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at rhalick@stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29 at 4pm in the Church.



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LIFE AND JUSTICE

DIAPER DRIVE FOR CCIH



Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) needs diapers. "We have about 20 children under the age of 5 at Garden Park Apartments. If your community can help us stock up on sizes 3-5, that would be great!" Diapers can be dropped in the foyer or brought to the office. **Thank You!**

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

MOMS' GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!) Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:30am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on November 15.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

MAKING A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL PLAN

A one-evening discussion about strategies for surviving stress and loneliness after the loss of a loved one. All adults are welcome, if you or haven't participated in the 'Healing the Heart' sessions previously. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30pm in Classroom B1.** Reservation requested by December 1, so we have enough cookies and chairs!! Call Helene at 925-681-8105 with questions or to reserve.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. — (Mt 6:6)

The practice of Contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: "practice." It's not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when

you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Let us appreciate our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. **The next weekends are held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on January 12-14th and May 18-20th.** Space is **very** limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org

REBUILT

The leadership team of our parish has asked all the staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council members to read the book *Rebuilt*. Fr. Mat invites all parishioners to read the book as well. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches 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. Copies can be purchased in the parish office for \$15.00.

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Please stop by the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" table to shop for this year's Christmas cards. We have a beautiful assortment of religious cards, advent wreaths, replacement candles and more. When you want to send the very best, send "Christ" at Christmas.

GIVING TREE BEGINS NOVEMBER 11

Giving Tree has begun! If you would like to make Christmas merry for a needy person in our community, here's what you can do: there are paper ornaments decorating Christmas trees in the foyer and near the side entrances to the Church. These paper ornaments have the gift wish for a specific person. Choose an ornament, and then purchase



the gift indicated on the ornament. Wrap your gift, and attach the ornament to the **outside** of the gift. Return your gift to the Church by **Sunday, December 10th.** You can pick as many ornaments as you like; just be sure you can return all of the gifts by the due date. Please, don't overextend yourself or your budget at this busy time of year. Thank you for your generosity. It is appreciated more than ever!

CHRISTMAS WREATHS SALE

Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 444, chartered by St. Bonaventure Church, will be selling Holiday wreaths on **Sunday, December 3,** after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.



We will have on hand, in limited quantities:

- 28-inch Mixed Evergreen Wreaths for \$35
- 22-inch Mixed Evergreen Wreaths for \$25
- 22-inch Noble Fir Wreaths for \$25
- 10-foot long Western Cedar Garlands for \$23
- Noble Fir Door Swags for \$20
- Center-piece arrangements for \$17.

Proceeds will help the boys and girls defray the cost of summer camps and other Scouting activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

December 16 & 17: Country Kitchen after all the Masses in the Church Foyer. This gives you an extra chance to pick up last-minute edibles to grace your holiday table. All proceeds will 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

ANNUAL CRAFT AND MULTICULTURAL FASHION SHOW — Sunday, Nov 19, from 9 am to 3 pm; Church of the Good Shepherd 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg

Please join us for crafts, vendors, Mexican food and Multicultural Fashion Show - After 8, 10 and 12 pm Masses

“VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS” BENEFITTING YOUNG WOMEN’S EDUCATION: NOV. 28-DEC. 3

Kick off the holiday season with Carondelet High School at one of our **fabulous teas** or at our family **Breakfast with Santa**.

Everyday guests will enjoy food catered by A Sweet Affair Bakery, a silent auction, Christmas tree raffle, shopping in our boutique and roaming carolers singing holiday cheer. Wine, champagne and sparkling cider will be available for purchase. Don’t miss your chance to win one of our extravagant raffle trees and all of the gifts underneath.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit CarondeletHS.org/Visions.

CATHOLICS@WORK: PROVIDING SAFE WATER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED, TUESDAY, NOV. 14

For millions of rural Ugandans, morning begins with a search for water, often miles away and barely safe to drink. A fifth of Uganda’s children die due to bad water.

A little-noticed Christian ministry, Wells of Life, has drilled 300 wells, providing safe water to rural Ugandans, usually next to a school or church.

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, Nick Jordan will tell about this ministry to Catholics@Work. The breakfast program takes place at Crow Canyon Country Club at 7 am., preceded by Mass at 6:30 am.

Jordan works with Peter Callahan of St. Perpetua Parish in Lafayette, the president of Wells of Life.

All are welcome to attend. Reservations are not required, but do facilitate food preparation. Price is \$20/member or \$30/non-member. For more information and to make a reservation please go to Catholics@Work.org

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.

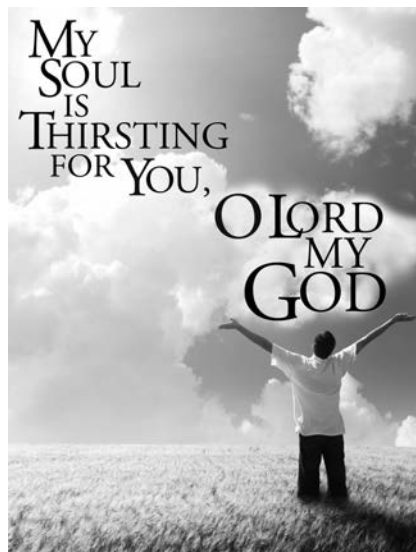


Pray For

Jovita Cristobal
For Victims Of Violent Crimes

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

NORMA EVARISTO
November 11 – November 17, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 5:00 All souls in purgatory
Lyle Wetherford
Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:30 Tony Sammut
Donna Rago
John Castillo
Daniel Crech
Pat Conroy
- 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
11:00 Tirso & Luz de Guzman
Nestor Bacsafra
Aidita G. Crescencio
Laurence Ladra
- 5:00 Henry Alumia
Lillian Figueredo

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 6:30 All priests & seminarians
9:00 Bob Docili

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 6:30 For all people suffering from anxiety
9:00 Pat Conroy
Sergio Avila
William M. Jordan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 6:30 For all St. Bonaventure volunteers
9:00 Rosario Alvarez Moreno & Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 6:30 Emidio Busuttill
9:00 All expectant mothers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

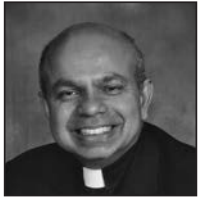
- 6:30 For all caregivers
9:00 Elizabeth Lane
Vidal Crescencio
Melvin Crescencio
Emiliana Crescencio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 5:00 Cherney Sangalang
David Larwood
Marilyn McNamee
Tony Sammut



PENSAMIENTOS



de
Padre Mat

Queridos Parroquianos:

Durante el mes de noviembre, conmemoramos y oramos por todos los fieles difuntos. Día de los difuntos fue el 2 de noviembre. Arraigado en la tradición Cristiana antigua, San Odilón de Cluny estableció un monumento de todos los fieles difuntos en 988. Fue aceptado en Roma en el siglo XIII.

Para la mayoría de los católicos, la idea de orar por los difuntos es segunda naturaleza. Tenemos oraciones de bendición para el cuerpo de alguien que se acaba de morir, tenemos servicios de vigiliias, misas de funerales, servicios en el cementerio y a menudo Misas de memoria en el aniversario de la muerte de alguien. Cada celebración de la Misa incluye rezos para los muertos.

“Creemos en la comunión de todos los fieles de Cristo, los que son peregrinos en la tierra, los muertos que están siendo purificados y el bendecido en los cielos, todos juntos formando una iglesia; y creemos en esta comunión que el amor misericordioso de Dios y sus santos siempre están presentes en nuestras oraciones.” (Catecismo de la iglesia católica #962)

Este mes, dedicado a la oración para las almas del Purgatorio, recordemos mantenerlos en nuestras oraciones por el amor. Recordemos que las oraciones pueden ser extremadamente de gran alcance para ayudar a las almas de nuestros seres queridos en su camino a la consecución de la paz y la vida eterna.

Recuerden que los amo —Fr. Mat

PEREGRINACIÓN A ITALIA, BOSNIA Y POLONIA

A partir de hoy, tenemos 26 personas inscritas para ir conmigo a la peregrinación a Italia, Bosnia y Polonia del 14 al 28 de mayo, 2018. Para obtener el folleto a colores, por favor póngase en contacto conmigo a la siguiente dirección electrónica: mvellankal@stbonaventure.net. Hay espacio para más personas en esta peregrinación, por favor, pase la información a sus familias y amigos.

Reflexión del Padre Oscar Rojas

PREPARADOS PARA RECIBIR A EL SEÑOR

En este domingo, día del Señor, encontramos una maravillosa invitación a estar preparados para cuando venga el Señor. En la Primera Lectura el libro de la Sabiduría nos recuerda buscar la verdadera sabiduría que es radiante e incorruptible para quienes la aman. La verdadera sabiduría viene de Dios y nos conduce por el verdadero camino de Dios. Todos estamos llamados a buscar la verdadera sabiduría que viene de Dios. Sin embargo, debemos abrir con sencillez nuestro corazón a Dios y permitir que el transforme nuestra vida. Cuando nos dejamos guiar por la sabiduría de Dios, vivimos plenamente feliz, con la certeza de que un día Dios vendrá por nosotros. Es la esperanza de cada cristiano, que un día regresaremos a la casa del Padre. Sin embargo, como seres humanos nos cuesta entender el misterio de la vida y darnos cuenta que un día Dios nos llamará a la patria celestial. La pregunta que se nos viene a la mente. Si Dios me llamará a la patria celestial ¿Estoy preparado? Quizás es la pregunta que nos incomoda muchas veces pensar. Por esta razón debemos buscar la sabiduría que viene de Dios para descubrir que Dios vendrá un día por nosotros. San Pablo nos exhorta “si creemos que Jesús murió y resucitó, de igual manera debemos creer que, a los que murieron en Jesús, Dios los llevará con él.” Esta es nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza en Jesús, que el resucitó y también nos resucitará a la vida eterna.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos invita a estar preparados para cuando Él venga. Quizás por el momento no pensamos que Dios nos llamará a la vida eterna. Mientras todo camine bien en nuestra vida y tengamos trabajo, salud, dinero y todo aquello que necesitamos para ser feliz de una manera humana. No nos damos cuenta que un día Dios tocará a la puerta para llevarnos. Todo lo que es humano y de este mundo se quedará en este mundo. Cuando Jesús habla de estar preparados, no es si estamos preparados materialmente, es más bien estar preparados espiritualmente. Cuando experimentamos la

pérdida de un ser querido o estamos gravemente enfermos es cuando nos damos cuenta que podrían ser nuestros últimos días. Como seres humanos nos da miedo, y temor morir. Nadie quiere hablar de morir. Sin embargo, cuando dejamos que Dios reine en nuestra vida y nos preparamos cada día haciendo lo que es bueno: no hay miedo, no hay temor porque tenemos confianza que Dios nos llevará con él y estaremos siempre con él. En el Evangelio encontramos la parábola de las diez jóvenes, cinco que eran descuidadas y cinco que eran previsoras. Todas esperaban al novio, pero cuando ya se acercaba la hora las descuidadas se dieron cuenta que ya no tenían suficiente aceite para encender sus lámparas y les pidieron a las previsoras, pero ellas no quisieron compartir. Entonces fueron a comprar y mientras ellas andaban fuera llegó el novio y la puerta se cerró. Cuando regresaron dijeron “Señor, señor, ábrenos”. Pero él les respondió: “Yo les aseguro que no las conozco”.

Hoy, este es el momento que Dios no da la oportunidad de poder prepararnos espiritualmente como verdaderos discípulos de Jesús. Cada día el Señor nos da una nueva oportunidad para preparar nuestro corazón para recibir a Jesús y arrancar de nuestra vida el enojo, el coraje, la envidia, el odio y muchas cosas que no nos permiten prepararnos para recibir el novio que es Jesús. El día de nuestro bautizo recibimos la esperanza de la vida eterna a través del agua que nos recuerda la vida, la muerte y la resurrección. Con Cristo vivimos, con Cristo morimos y con Cristo resucitamos a la vida eterna. A ejemplo de las cinco jóvenes previsoras. Preparémonos desde hoy para encontrarnos con Dios. Las cinco jóvenes descuidadas salieron y la puerta se cerró. Esperaron hasta el último momento para comprar más aceite para las lámparas. No esperemos hasta el último minuto: **preparate hoy para recibir al Señor.**

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.



FAITH DIRECT

Demos una bienvenida este otoño a dando electrónicamente a través de Faith Direct, la manera más conveniente y segura para que usted pueda hacer su oferta semanal a St. Bonaventure. Sus contribuciones automáticas a través de Faith Direct ahorrará tiempo valioso para usted y nuestro personal de la parroquia.

Visite a www.faithdirect.net y usa nuestro código de la iglesia: **CA725**.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial! Dios los bendiga. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

SAN MARTIN DE PORRES

Nació el 9 de diciembre de 1579 en Lima Perú. Martín es el Patrón de la armonía interracial. Su padre fue Don Juan de Porres, un conquistador español. Su madre, Ana Velasquez, era una esclava liberada de Panamá. Su padre se negó a reconocer su paternidad cuando vio que Martín tenía características africanas y no europeas. Martín fue bautizado el mismo día que nació, luego criado por su madre en la pobreza. Cuando solo tenía diez años, pasaba muchas horas en oración. A los 15 años, decidió dedicar su vida a la religión, y se unió al convento del Rosario de Lima, un Monasterio Dominicano donde recibió una posición de terciario o endecha ayudante. En el monasterio ejerció sus habilidades médicas, de limpieza, y cocina. Él también tenía el oficio de lavar la ropa.

San Martín tenía el don de la bilocación. Fue visto en México, China, África, y Francia, pero nunca se fue de Lima. ***Estando dentro del convento y sin necesidad de llaves para las cerraduras, se dice que visitó a pacientes seriamente enfermos en sus camas, dándoles consuelo o curándolos. La gente de Lima preguntaba cómo él podría pasar a través de puertas cerradas, a lo que él contestó amablemente: «Tengo mis métodos para entrar y salir»*** (Terry Prescott). Cuando Dios obra a través de nosotros no hay duda que puede hacer cosas maravillosas para la gente. San Martín de Porres murió en 1639, fue beatificado en 1837 por el Papa Gregory XVI, y canonizado en 1962 por el Papa Juan XXIII.

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas: el domingo, 12 de noviembre a las 12: 45 pm, únanse a nosotros para celebrar a San Martín de Porres aquí en la Iglesia de San Buenaventura. San Martín nos da un gran ejemplo de humildad. Dejó un hermoso legado para todos nosotros para dar testimonio de Jesucristo. Él encontró a Dios y pasó su vida sirviendo al pueblo de Dios. "Vengan y vean la bondad de Dios."



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¡Que Viva el Señor de los Milagros!