



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

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1:30pm First Communion Mass on April 28, 2018  
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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*Sexto Domingo de Pascua*

**May 6, 2018**

#### MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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...

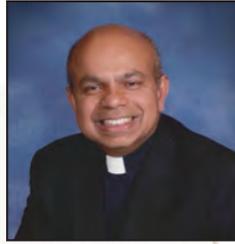
**Keep** connected to our parish community,

**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 FR. MATHEW VELLANKAL



On May 14, I will turn 60, by the grace of God. I am immensely grateful to our loving God for the gift of life and the many blessings that I have received throughout these past six decades. Please join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 12 at 5 p.m. About 15 priest-friends are expected to concelebrate the Mass.

From May 14 to 29, I will be away for a pilgrimage with 41 persons. We will be visiting Italy, Bosnia and Poland. Be assured of my prayers in all those holy places.

Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – *"Love others as I have loved you."*

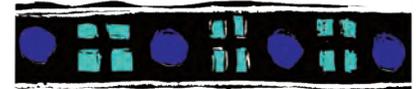
In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian.

In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans *"as expiation for our sins."* This Divine love gives us the command as well as duty to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love

God in return, love ourselves and love one another.

After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that they are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will, by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus calls us friends. He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything. We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus and to express it in our relationships with others by loving them and showing them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice.

We need to be persons for others. Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for others.



## STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

**Weekend of April 28 & 29 Collection**

Goal: \$26,123

Actual: \$27,925

**Over: \$1,802**

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

**2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul: \$2,965**

Food for Family: 235

**Upcoming Special Collection:**

May 12/13 – Catholic Communications

May 19/20 – Catholic Charities of the East Bay

## PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

### WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

We are happy to announce Eileen Limberg has accepted the position as our new Director of Children's Faith Formation. Eileen has been our Adult Faith Formation Director and she will be transferring her talents to her new ministry.

Eileen grew up in our parish family where she was confirmed. As a teenager, she volunteered as a catechist to our children. She went off to college and earned her Master's Degree in Catholic Theology, then worked in the Diocese of Santa Rosa as Associate Director of Religious Education. She returned to St. Bonaventure and again volunteered to work with our children before joining our staff.

The combination of Eileen's passion for bringing people closer to Christ, love of our parish children and formal education will be a great gift to our parish families.

Please hold Eileen in your prayers as she steps into this new ministry.

### A NEW STRUCTURE

With our Director of Children's Faith Formation, Rosann Halick, leaving and Eileen Limberg moving into this ministry,



the Leadership Staff of the parish evaluated the current structure of the responsibilities that Eileen was managing. With continued inflation and minor increases in parish giving, we continue to work to balance our budget each year.

Wanting to continue investing in our Adult Evangelization and Formation, we looked at several options. The Leadership Staff decided the best structure was to hire a part-time staff member to coordinate our Adult Faith Formation and Initiation programs. We will look at allocating the other work that Eileen did to volunteer coordinators under the facilitation of other staff members. These will be additional responsibilities for staff who have full schedules, but we feel this is the best solution giving the current financial situation.

**WELCOME NEW COORDINATOR OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

We are happy to share that our long-time parish family member, Gina Cattalini, has accepted the part-time position of Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation. Gina will be part of our Leadership Staff team and responsible for our RCIA program, organizing and managing our Adult Faith Formation offerings and programs and creating our adult faith formation communications, including our newsletter. Gina will be working 24 hours a week, with office hours. She will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Gina has been a member of our parish since 1999 with her husband, Peter Nixon, and her son, Joseph, and daughter Megan. Gina studied Systemic Theology and Biblical Studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and has done course work at the Pastoral School of Ministry. As a volunteer, she has been in leadership roles in our Bonfire Ministry, Returning Catholics Programs, Teen Confirmation and High School programs, and RCIA.

Gina is inspired to bring people to Christ, gifted in meeting people where they are and ignites both in others. We are blessed to have her bring her passion and talents to our staff.

Please welcome Gina and keep her new ministry in your prayers. Her email address is [gcattalini@gmail.com](mailto:gcattalini@gmail.com).

**NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**



**LITURGY & PRAYER**

**MOTHER'S DAY CARDS**

Are you looking for a special way to honor your mother this year? Pick up one of our special Mother's Day cards and return the special envelope to the church office, and your mother will be remembered at all the Masses here on Mother's Day. You will find cards in the foyer on the table under the Holy Family, or on tables at the side entrances to the church.

**PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW FOR SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS! BIBLE CAMP JULY 16-20**

Now is the time to plan activities for those sunny days of summer. Our Bible Camp offers a pre-school program for 3 and 4-year olds, which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6<sup>th</sup> grade program meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really awesome camp activities.

Forms are now available in the Church foyer, office and on our website. We will have registration on "Registration" Saturday, May 12 from 9AM – 1PM in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$70 for preschoolers and \$85 for elementary-aged students. Adults, we need you to be our Team Leaders. All you need is a desire to have loads of fun with kids! Contact Eileen Limberg at 672-5800 Ext. 2217 or [elimberg@stbonaventure.net](mailto:elimberg@stbonaventure.net). Teens – 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school – we need you to be our camp counselors. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact Jacob Perry at 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or [jperry@stbonaventure.net](mailto:jperry@stbonaventure.net) for more information.

**READINGS for the WEEK**



**MONDAY:** ACTS 16:11-15; PS 149:1B-6A, 9B; JN 15:26 -- 16:4A

**TUESDAY:** ACTS 16:22-34; PS 138:1-3, 7C-8; JN 16:5-11

**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; PS 148:1-2, 11-14; JN 16:12-15

**THURSDAY:** ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23 OR EPH 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; MK 16:15-20 (FOR ASCENSION); OTHERWISE ACTS 18:1-8; PS 98:1-4; JN 16:16-20

**FRIDAY:** ACTS 18:9-18; PS 47:2-7; JN 16:20-23

**SATURDAY:** ACTS 18:23-28; PS 47:2-3, 8-10; JN 16:23B-28

**SUNDAY:** ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26; PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 JN 4:11-16; JN 17:11B-19; OR, FOR ASCENSION, ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17- 23 OR EPH 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; MK 16:15-20



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## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### OUR FATHER BOOK STUDY

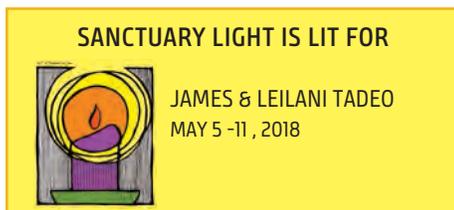
Pope Francis has recently come out with a series of discussions and reflections on the Lord's Prayer. He describes it as a "guide to living a life full of meaning, purpose and strength." Join us as we break open *Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayers* on Tuesday, May 29, June 5 & 12, 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm in the Classrooms. Books can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$15.00. Please sign up in the office or contact Eileen elimberg@stbonaventure.net

### HEALING THE HEART

In conjunction with the biannual Healing the Heart 6-week Grief Workshop, we are offering "drop in" monthly support meetings at 7:30PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **May 15**. Advance registration is appreciated. Please call, text or email Helene for inquiries or to register. (925) 681-8105 [fuzyfrank@aol.com](mailto:fuzyfrank@aol.com).

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month in Ministry Center classrooms A3 & A4. **Our last meeting, until the fall, will be on May 16.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting..



### WCF MAY DINNER: BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

Thursday, May 31, 6:30-9:00pm in the Large Hall. Cost is \$25.00/person.

May is the month dedicated to Mary. To celebrate, Women's Christian Fellowship (WCF) will again be hosting its annual dinner, in honor of our Blessed Mother. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Sergius Propst, OP, from St. Albert's Priory in Oakland. Fr. Propst will speak on the Visitation of Mary. What does it mean and what are the implications for us today? Please come and enjoy a wonderful Chicken Marsala and Pasta Dinner catered by Bambino's Restaurant in Concord. Registration forms can be found in the foyer, church office, parish website or at [2018maydinner.eventbrite.com](http://2018maydinner.eventbrite.com). Contact Andrea (925-529-7675) for more information.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Alleluia! The Lord has risen! Let us celebrate our role as a Resurrection people. Spend a little more time with God. Join us on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm in the Chapel for contemplative prayer. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (x2217) if you have questions.

### WOMEN IN PRAYER

Are you interested in praying with other women for your own needs or the needs of others? Join the Women's Christian Fellowship on the second Thursday of each month in the chapel at 7:15pm. **May 10** is our next evening of prayer. Come as you are.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"This I command you: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up to attend the next weekend on September 7-9th. 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](http://www.oaklandwwme.org)

# MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00 Joseph R. Mehan, Sr.  
Maria Josefa Ramos  
Antonio M. Estrada  
Angela & Stan Anderson

#### SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:30 Mike Geraghty  
Mazi Timothy Brossard  
Angela Anderson  
Teresita Bañas

9:00 Margaret & Raymond Mangini  
Henry Alumia  
Gladys G. de Guzman  
Jim Scott  
Thomas Townsend

11:00 St. Bonaventure Community

5:00 Souls in Purgatory  
Portia & Paz Marquez  
Janette Weddle

#### MONDAY, MAY 7

6:30 Expectant mothers  
Elena Villanueva  
Sister Maryann Schaefer  
Kyle Krawesky  
John Thielmann

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8

6:30 Newborn babies  
9:00 Monica O'Donnell  
Juan Torres  
Benjamin Peralta

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

6:30 All new parishioners  
9:00 St. Bonaventure volunteers

#### THURSDAY, MAY 10

6:30 St. Bonaventure Pastoral Staff  
9:00 Irene Macario

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11

6:30 Patients suffering from Parkinson's  
9:00 Rusty Prato  
Mamerto Lao  
Vidal G. Crescencio  
Socorro Palma

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

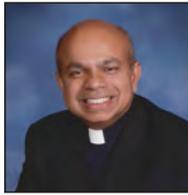
5:00 Julieta Yanga  
James Tadeo  
Lloyd & Bárbara Craft  
Benedicto Lopez



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## PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL

El 14 de mayo, cumpliré 60 años por la gracia de Dios. Estoy inmensamente agradecido a nuestro Dios amoroso, por el don



de la vida y las muchas bendiciones que he recibido a lo largo de las últimas seis décadas. Por favor, únase a mí en una Misa de Acción de Gracias el sábado, 12 de mayo a las 5 p.m. Se espera que alrededor de 15 sacerdotes amigos concelebrarán la Misa.

Del 14 al 29 de mayo, partiré para una peregrinación con 41 personas. Vamos a visitar Italia, Bosnia y Polonia y estén seguros de mis oraciones en todos esos lugares sagrados.

Los pasajes de las Escrituras de hoy declaran la profunda verdad de que aquellos que creen en Cristo deben obedecer su mandamiento de amor: "Ama a los demás como yo te he amado".

En la Primera lectura, Pedro nos enseña que Dios no muestra parcialidad en su amor y que no hay límites para permanecer en el amor. Dios ama a todos, tanto a los judíos como a los gentiles, y quiere que todos sean salvos por medio de su hijo, Jesús. Es por eso que Dios dio la bienvenida al centurión romano Cornelio como el primer no judío en convertirse al cristianismo.

En la Segunda lectura, Juan define a Dios como amor y explica que expresó su amor por la humanidad al enviar a su hijo a morir por nosotros los humanos "como expiación por nuestros pecados". Este amor divino nos da la orden y el deber de amarnos unos a otros como hemos sido amados por Dios. Como Dios nos amó primero, podemos y debemos corresponder su amor; amar a Dios, amarnos nosotros mismos y amarnos unos a otros.

Después de contar la parábola de la vid y las ramas, Jesús, en el Evangelio de hoy, enseña a los discípulos que deben obedecer su mandamiento de amor, así como

Jesús obedeció la voluntad de su Padre Celestial al cumplir sus mandamientos y permanecer inseparablemente unido a su Padre. El amor incondicional, indulgente, desinteresado y sacrificado de Jesús por nosotros debe ser el criterio de nuestro amor por los demás. La expresión más elevada de este amor es nuestra voluntad de dar nuestras vidas como lo hizo Jesús, por personas que no lo merecen. La meta y el resultado de permanecer en amor, en Dios, será la alegría perfecta. Jesús nos llama amigos. Él nos dice que nos ha elegido, y que, si usamos el nombre de Jesús, podemos pedirle al Padre cualquier

cosa que necesitamos para cultivar una amistad duradera y amorosa con Jesús y expresarla en nuestras relaciones con los demás, amándolos y mostrándoles confianza, fidelidad, igualdad, perdón, alegría y sacrificio.

Necesitamos ser personas para los otros. Jesús demostró el amor de Dios, su Padre, por nosotros al vivir para nosotros y morir por nosotros. Por lo tanto, como discípulos de Jesús, debemos ser personas para los demás, sacrificando nuestro tiempo, talentos y vida por los demás.



11am First Communion Masses on April 28, 2018  
Photo Credit: Rosann Halick

BAUTIZOS 2018			
LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1			
ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102			
****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
Fecha de Bautizo	Hora de Bautizo	Fecha de Clase	Hora de Clase
Sat 06/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/22	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/07	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/25	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/31	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/21	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/05	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/15	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/14	7-9:30 p.m.



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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.

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**INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM**

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioner complete a Commitment Card because we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and set up your recurring Offertory gifts electronically.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON**

Thursday, May 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

Come celebrate the "specialness" of Mary with lunch provided by Chef Greg. We will enjoy herb roasted pork loin, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh mixed green salad, rolls and butter. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by **Monday May 7** by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on May 5 or 6. Adults of all ages are welcome!

**We need your TALENT!**

Share Your Talents—  
Volunteer in a Ministry

Contact Christa Fairfield  
925-844-9005 or email  
cfairfield@stbonaventure.net

4TH ANNUAL  
**HOPE** walk

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA  
WWW.CANCERSUPPORT.NET

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018  
HEATHER FARM PARK, WALNUT CREEK  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**TEAM ST. BONAVENTURE**

REGISTER TODAY!  
GO TO  
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\$25 per walker (ages 10+). All registered walkers will receive a Hope Walk T-Shirt!

For more information contact Team Captains:  
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