



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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Photo Credit: Fr. Mathew Vellankal

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Vigésimo Quinto del Tiempo Ordinario*

## September 23, 2018

### 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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

In English: Friday after the 9 AM Mass with closing prayer at 3:15 PM

### 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.*

### CONFESIONES Y ADORACION AL SANTISIMO/CONFESSIONS AND EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*En Español: Martes 7:00-8:00 PM (en la capilla)*

### 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

We have a special collection this weekend for those affected by the massive and destructive floods that took place recently in my home state of Kerala, India. I am extremely grateful to you for your loving support and generosity.

Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives in the service of others.

The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy, similar to the "Suffering Servant" prophecy in Isaiah referring to Christ's passion. It urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path is, namely, welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst: the defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God.

The second reading is in tune with the dispute among the apostles about who is the greatest. In it, James warns us that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service, which leads to lasting peace.

We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept and welcome and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, color, religion, wealth or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return. During the holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service and for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy

Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service.

We need to practice humility in thoughts, words and actions. *"Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart."* "What is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ?" St. Augustine asks, and then responds, "I shall reply: first humility, second humility and third humility." We should not seek recognition and recompense for the service we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting faith resulting from true humility is essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil).

### ST. BONNIE HIKING TEAM

There is nothing like being in the great outdoors when the weather is good. John Muir said: "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." We are blessed with enticing parks and ever-alluring trails in the Bay Area. I hike at least twice a week, alone or with others, on Mount Diablo because it gives me good exercise, as well as letting me relish the joy of nature. Pristine nature calms the mind, prevents stress, and increases social wellbeing. Not only does hiking outdoors improve your fitness, but it also lowers your blood pressure and boosts your immune system.

If you would like to hike, you are invited to join the **St. Bonnie Hiking Team**. Just email me (mvellankal@stbonaventure.net) your full name, email id and cell phone number and I will let you know of the hikes that we will be doing.



## PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

### MINISTRY FAIRE A SUCCESS—THANK YOU

The Ministry Faire committee (Angie Cherepy, Lori Neely, Charo Panesi, Lisa Camera, Phil Morrill, Helen Billeci, and Mike & Jeanne Emry) would like to send a sincere **Thank you!** to the St. Bonaventure Community for their wonderful participation in the 2018 Ministry Faire.

Our St. Bonaventure Parish is very fortunate to have 85 ministries where our parishioners share their time and talent serving our community. Representatives from 71 of these ministries participated in our Faire during the weekend of September 8 & 9. All were able to enjoy the wonderful sense of St. Bonaventure community while enjoying drinks and snacks provided by our Hospitality team. (Many thanks to Tom Trowbridge who led the Hospitality team!)

After each of the Masses, parishioners were able to meet and speak with the ministry representatives, learning about the many ways each ministry serves our parish and surrounding community.

We are so blessed to report that the Faire received 241 signatures from our parishioners as they signed up expressing interest in future ministry participation!

Thank you to the parishioners and the ministry leaders for their wonderful participation and to the many people who gave of their time to make the Faire a success!

### READINGS for the WEEK



**MON:** PRV 3:27-34; PS 15:2-5; LK 8:16-18

**TUE:** PRV 21:1-6, 10-13; PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; LK 8:19-21

**WED:** PRV 30:5-9; PS 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; LK 9:1-6

**THU:** ECCL 1:2-11; PS 90:3-6, 12-14, 17BC; LK 9:7-9

**FRI:** ECCL 3:1-11; PS 144:1B, 2ABC, 3-4; LK 9:18-22

**SAT:** DN 7:9-10, 13-14 OR RV 12:7-12A; PS 138:1-5; JN 1:47-51

**SUN:** NM 11:25-19; PS 19:8, 10, 12-14; JAS 5:1-6; MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48





# STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

**Weekend of September 15 & 16 Collection**  
 Goal: \$28,735  
 Actual: \$23,954  
 Deficit: (\$4,781)  
*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)  
 included in above figures*

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Food for Family: 234

**Upcoming Special Collection**  
 September 29/30: St. Vincent de Paul  
 October 6/7: Catholic Voice

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## LITURGY & PRAYER

**WE ARE SAVING YOU A SEAT! TO SING-SING-SING WITH THE RESURRECTION CHOIR, FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT.**

We rehearse Monday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon in classroom A4. The ability to read music is not a requirement. Previous choir experience is desirable. There is no obligation to sing for funerals.

Our Christmas concert will be Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 pm. We will be presenting "Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin. Contact Janice Anelli @ 925-687-4058 or bjanelli@astound.net for more information.

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## FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

### BAPTISMS – AUGUST, 2018

God's blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism

**Aliotti, Lucas Anthony**, son of Joseph and Christina

**Alvarez, Samantha Lisette**, daughter of Stephanie Alvarez and Gustavo Martinez

**Attiga, Kian Salem Joseph**, son of Yasser and Kaitlyn Attiga

**Gomez, Laila Carmen**, daughter of Jason and Melissa Gomez

**Hoag, Malinna Rose**, Daughter of Geoffry and Randalynn

**Hoag, Giselle Francis**, daughter of Geoffry and Randalynn

**Hernandez, Emma Mia**, daughter of Henry Hernandez and Janette Robles

**Laubacher, Michael Liam**, son of Joshua Laubacher and Roxanne Edwinston

**Llama, Siena Denise**, daughter of Jonathan and Kristin Llama

**Manuson, Loran Lucas**, son of Ryan and Natalie Pascua

**Rainsberg, Rex Elliott**, son of Matthew and Kayce

**Sanchez, Luis Emiliano**, son of Luis and Elizabeth Sanchez

**Ward, Hailey Anne**, Daughter of Jeffrey and Sally Anne Ward

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## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

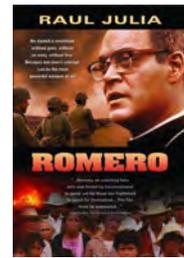
### MEETING FOR SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

How have the ongoing disclosures of sexual abuse and cover-ups in the Church affected our faith and our trust? How can we help and support each other during this time? This is a meeting for anyone whose lives have been directly hurt by sexual abuse, whether by someone you know, a stranger, or clergy. This may be a one-time meeting, the first of occasional gatherings, or the beginning of a ministry. Come and see where the Spirit leads us. Monday, October 1, 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference Room. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 for more information.

### MOVIE NIGHT: ROMERO

Archbishop Óscar Romero will be canonized by Pope Francis on October 14. Come learn more about this amazing man who spoke up against poverty and social injustice, stood up for the marginalized and outcast

members of his society despite threats and danger, and was assassinated while saying Mass. Join us for an introduction before the movie and discussion afterward.



**Saturday, October 13, 6:30 pm, Rooms B1 & B2.** Feel free to stay after 5pm Mass and visit before the movie begins. Bring a picnic dinner if desired - we'll supply the popcorn and lemonade.

Register with Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 by Thursday, October 11 if possible to help with the planning.

### INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY BECOMING CATHOLIC?

A new group of adults curious about becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or thinking about being baptized began meeting recently. There is still time for you to join the process. We welcome you to come and see where God is calling you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the process, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or (925) 672-5800 x2217.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation Program, if you:

- are over 18 years of age;
- are no longer in high school;
- were baptized Catholic;
- have received First Communion; and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

We usually offer Confirmation for adults twice during the year, once at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and once here at St. Bonaventure. Preparation sessions begin in the fall in both English (Oct. 15) and Spanish (Sept. 29).

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the process, please contact Gina Cattalini at (925) 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net. More information is also available on our website at www.stbonaventure.net.



## MOMS GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!): come join our St. Bonaventure Moms Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month in Room A4. Our next meeting of the year will be on October 3. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting. For more information please contact Michelle at Moms@stbonaventure.net.

## 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. October 11 is our next evening of prayer. Come as you are.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE: LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION

Join your fellow students for a **Home-Building Trip that will Change How You See the World!** Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the St Agnes Cauchi Hall. Our program is specifically designed for high school and college students who want to experience Christian Service in action! We will be building homes, celebrating with the neighborhood children, and joining the Mexican teens in their Life Teen program. We are a Catholic-inspired group that is open to people of all faiths, sponsored by the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission. We work with the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate in Tijuana, Mexico. This year's trip will be during Easter week, Saturday, April 20 through Saturday, April 27, 2019. For more information contact Donna Walton at [jdwalton@astound.net](mailto:jdwalton@astound.net) or 925 212 7679.

### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates and times for upcoming parish funerals can be found on our parish web site: [stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals](http://stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals)

## THE CLASSY CRAFTERS NEED WINE!

One of the popular pastimes at the Holiday Boutique (November 9 and 10, 2018) is the Wine Pull. We need wine to play this game!! Wines (red, white or sparkling) ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. We request that donations be given by October 1. You may give them to a crafter or bring them to the office, addressed to the Classy Crafters. Thank you for your loving generosity. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at [jennymeeker@gmail.com](mailto:jennymeeker@gmail.com), or call 925-818-1603.

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE (NOVEMBER 9/10, 2018)

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 house 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 [jennymeeker@gmail.com](mailto:jennymeeker@gmail.com), or call 925-818-1603.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Ronald & Aileen Abel & Family  
Rolando & Evelyn Aguiler  
Alejo Jasso Avila  
Benjamin & Lufel Carrillo & Family  
Jose Maria & Bertha Chavez & Family  
Hugo & Jesus Gomez  
Gary & Elizabeth Goodrich & Family  
Miguel & Julie Montes  
Maria Osorio & Family  
Arnel & Rosalia Pascual & Family  
John & Marina Rowoldt & Family  
James & Leticia Sim  
Lester & Avelina Villanueva & Family  
Chris & Kelly White

# MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:00 Brian Smith Family  
Matthew Gritzai  
Nguyen Xuan Lan  
Irma Balboa

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 Ben Mercurio  
Herb Roberts  
Genaro Narez  
Adolfo Liwanag  
9:00 Joey Mangini  
Grace G. Saguip  
Tom Gorman  
Susan Negrete  
11:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
5:00 Santi Reyes  
St. Anthony  
Maria & Nemesio Ayco  
Ben Mercurio

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 Hurricane victims  
9:00 Mark Vassallo

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 Fire victims  
9:00 Carl John Vetrano

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 Faith Formation Children & Youth  
9:00 Josefina Vasquez  
Ophelia Grigsby

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 Brayden Sinkay  
9:00 Peter Brandan O'Sullivan  
Steve Mount

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 Lil Fichtenkort  
9:00 William & Julia Jordan  
Ben Mercurio

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5:00 Michael Gois  
Angela Anderson  
Maria Puertas  
Huy Le



### SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



MARIA GISELA DE GUZMAN  
SEPTEMBER 22 - 28, 2018



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## PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



### ¿QUIÉN ES EL MÁS IMPORTANTE?

Hoy Domingo XXV del tiempo Ordinario, venimos a participar del banquete Eucarístico. Jesús nos espera para entregarse como alimento para el alma, a través de su Palabra y de su Cuerpo y su Sangre. La Palabra de Dios, nos expone dos maneras de pensar. **Primero**, cuando nuestro corazón está lleno de prepotencia, envidia, rencor, odio y maldad, entonces el ser humano reacciona poniendo la palabra **"Yo"**, Yo puedo hacerlo todo sin la ayuda de Dios. Yo no necesito ayuda de nadie. Yo no confié en nadie. Yo puedo más que los demás. Yo mando en mi hogar. Yo soy el mejor. Yo merezco que me respeten. De tal manera que siempre sobresale el Yo que llevamos en el interior de nuestro corazón, y los resultados del Yo, no logran llenar nuestro corazón de alegría. En la primera lectura del libro de Sabiduría, encontramos un ejemplo claro de perversidad y maldad del Yo. La malicia y el empeño del malvado, de ver derrotado al hombre justo y honesto. La prepotencia y la autosuficiencia; tengo principios y nadie puede juzgar lo que hago, porque Yo sé lo que hago. Si observamos la realidad, podemos notar la furia de los malvados, planeando crímenes, robos, violaciones, abusos de poder, y oprimiendo al indefenso. El deseo de ser más importante que los demás, y ver derrotados a los demás.

La segunda lectura del Apóstol Santiago reafirma "donde hay envidias y rivalidades, ahí hay desorden y toda clase de obras malas". Sin embargo, si podemos cambiar el YO, siempre y cuando las personas abrazan el amor y la sabiduría de Dios. Entonces las

personas se hacen aún más amante de la paz, comprensivos, dóciles, misericordiosos, sinceros, y pacíficos. Todo esto transformará nuestra manera de pensar y llenará nuestra vida de todo aquello que es bueno. El Yo desaparecerá de nuestra vida y comenzaremos a ser quien en realidad somos. Hijos e hijas de Dios.

**Segundo**, El Evangelio nos presenta como debe actuar una persona que se deja guiar por la sabiduría de Dios. El importante no es quien tiene la autoridad, la posición, la educación, el conocimiento y habilidades. En el Evangelio de San Marcos, Jesús les explica claramente que **"Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos"**. Maravillosa enseñanza de Jesús. El que quiera ser primero debe ser servidor y el último de todos. Es tiempo de evaluar nuestra vida. ¿Me considero el servidor de todos y el ultimo de todos? Esta es la clave para ser buenos hombres y mujeres de bien. Hoy que tenemos la oportunidad de participar de la Eucaristía, debemos

agradecerle al Señor porque tenemos salud, trabajo, familia, amigos, y techo. Cuando descubrimos el regalo de servir, nos damos cuenta que somos útiles porque podemos hacer felices a otros. Cuando pensamos primero en los demás, encontramos que los demás son parte de mi vida. Podemos transformar la vida de otros, cuando eliminamos de nuestro corazón la envidia, el coraje, odio, rencor, avaricia, vanidad, traición, venganza y ambición. Podemos ver florecer la paz, el amor, la alegría, la fraternidad y las esperanzas de vivir, cuando les brindamos ayuda a los demás. Esto llena el corazón de paz y tranquilidad. El malvado tiene lleno su corazón de intranquilidad y aprovecha cualquier oportunidad para destruir el espacio donde habita la paz. Fray Marcos dice: **"Cada vez que me aprovecho de los demás, me alejo de los humanos. Cuando pienso que soy más porque tengo más que los demás, soy menos. Me equivoco cuando pienso que oprimir a los demás me coloca por encima de ellos. Solo hay un camino hacia la plenitud: EL SERVICIO"**. Hermanos

y hermanas, nuestras familias merecen crecer en el amor, la paz y alegría. Aprovechemos la oportunidad que Dios nos ha dado, porque mañana podría ser tarde para comenzar. Decidámonos y arranquemos de nuestra vida el colocar siempre el YO como el más importante. Más bien YO necesito ser el último y el servidor de todos.

**PADRE CARLOS BARRERA**  
Les comunico que el Padre Carlos Barrera, un sacerdote de Guatemala, **no tiene facultades en la Diócesis de Oakland** y no debe ser invitado para ningún ministerio sacerdotal en la Diócesis. Por favor comuniquen esta información ya que el Padre Barrera está ofreciendo sacramentos. Dios los bendiga. Reverendo George Mockel, Vicario General, Diócesis de Oakland.

### CULTO Y PROCESIÓN EN HONOR AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS 2018



Duodécimo Aniversario

#### LA HERMANDAD DEL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS DE CONCORD

INVITA AL PÚBLICO EN GENERAL A PARTICIPAR EN LA FESTIVIDAD QUE SE REALIZARÁ EN HOMENAJE AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

#### NOVENARIO

VIERNES, 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE AL SÁBADO 3 DE OCTUBRE  
CAPILLA DE LA IGLESIA  
7:00 P.M.

#### MISA Y PROCESIÓN

DOMINGO, 14 DE OCTUBRE DE 2018  
HORA: 12:45 P.M.  
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**HORARIO DE OFICINA**  
**PADRE OSCAR ROJAS**

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Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm  
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Find us on 

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Do you love Jesus? Do you like working with children? Do you have an hour free every week? Then you have all the requirements to be a catechist. We need help for all grades (K-5) on all the days of classes (Sunday-Wednesday). Lessons are based on the Sunday readings and we will give you teacher's guides, all the resources you need and walk with you all the way. Please call or email Eileen with questions. I'd love to sit and share the joy of the ministry. 925-672-5800x2204 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. **Thank you!**



**BIBLE BASICS**

Don't know Melchizedek from Methuselah? Corinthians and Colossians get you confused? Just how do all those numbers work anyway? Join us for a stress-free introduction to the most important book you can ever read. (Hint: it's more than one book...)

How do Catholics read the Bible? If you've wanted to start reading the Bible or join a Bible study but didn't know where to begin, this is the session for you. **Monday, September 24 at 7pm or Wednesday, September 26 at 10am in Room A2.** Bring a Bible if you have one, or we will have extras available. For more information, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217.



**ST BONAVENTURE TO OFFER**  
**PROGRAM ON DIALOGUE IN OCTOBER**

We now live in a world desperately in need of dialogue, but which is woefully lacking in the skill and practice of it. Dialogue is the foundation on which all that is broken in our society might be made whole. Pope Francis suggests that "we are called to promote a culture of dialogue by every possible means and thus to rebuild the fabric of society." And this is a call which has its roots in scripture: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone

should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." (James 1:19-20) This is a short definition of dialogue.

During October, the St Bonaventure Catholic Community is offering a **four-week series on the practice of dialogue as a step towards building both community and the Kingdom of God.** The series is entitled *From Babel to Pentecost: Dialogue, Community and Kingdom.* Participants will come to a foundational understanding of dialogue, will undertake practical exercises for engaging in dialogue, and will take up themes in the social teaching of the Church with roots in the Gospel readings each Sunday.

The transition from Babel to Pentecost is deeply needed in our communities: challenging God's authority leads to Babel - a shattering of unity, a wrong use of language. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, people of every language and perspective come to an understanding - holiness of language and unity are restored. Through dialogue and prayer, we can come to understand how we can apply Church teaching, with healing and wholeness, to many of the social challenges we face.

All are welcome to participate! Please reply to one of the contacts below so that we can arrange suitable space.

**Location - St Bonaventure Catholic Community, 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord**

**Dates / Times - Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7:00 - 8:30 (social time after)**

10/3 - The Practice of Christian Dialogue  
10/10 - Dialogue and Social Engagement  
10/17 - Listening and the Preferential Option for the Poor

10/24 - Dialogue for Human Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities

Contacts for information: Gina Cattalini, gcattalini@stbonaventure.net, (925) 672-5800; Greg Colley OFS, ghcolley@gmail.com, (415) 271-7060

