

St. Bonaventure Catholic Community Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura

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

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: 9:00 AM

EUCHARISTIC 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/RECONCILIACÍON

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 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

November 11, 2018

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. DAVID LAWRENCE

A Reflection on Mark 12:38-44

A widow...bent down...destitute...with two coins for the temple treasury...no one notices. Jesus of Nazareth, however, sees

We come to church on Sundays. Are we aware that our God sees us? Are we occasionally bent down? Do we invite our God to look upon us? God sees us, just as we are, in our own efforts to pray, to praise God, to celebrate the Eucharist, to establish communion with our sisters and brothers. God sees us. No matter the half-hearted. sometimes distracted or unfocused manner of proceeding in our worship, God looks upon us with eyes of mercy and compassion, as he did the widow.

Does this widow of ancient time have anything to teach us? Consider her lowliness. She is a dependent person, same status as an orphan. She has no man in her life to support her. She places her last resources in the treasury. This is an act of faith. She gives out of her poverty. Would we in our most desperate state in life do that?

The widow stands as counter-sign of what is going on in the world. The scribes and Pharisees, religious leaders, have robbed the widow of her dignity. While the wealthy and more prestigious place their offerings with great satisfaction in the treasury, the widow hides her meager offering. It is so little, just as she is so little.

Jesus sees her. And he sees all the other people, some who arrogantly strut around with puffed-up illusions about themselves, bargaining with God to give them what they want. On the contrary, the widow lowers herself and invites whatever God wishes to share with her.

Jesus sees her. He turns to his disciples and tells them that she gave more than all the rest. She gave an open heart that God could fill.

Jesus...sees...us...today.

PILGRIMAGE TO **SWITZERLAND** AND A **EUROPEAN CRUISE**



Fr. Mat invites you to join him for a Pilgrimage to Switzerland and 7-Night European Cruise from June 5 – 18, 2019. We will be visiting parts of 5 countries such as Switzerland, Italu. Montenegro, Greece and Croatia. The total cost for the trip is \$4,299. You can get the brochure and registration form at the parish office. For more information contact Fr. Mat: mvellankal@stbonaventure.net or bu calling (925) 672-5800 ext.2203.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

NEED NOW: FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Food Pantry needs your help for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, we will be collecting donations, such as items listed below, starting this weekend **November** 10/11 to Tuesday, November 20. Place the items in one of the bins in the church fouer, but please place turkey or chicken donations in the white freezer.

Items we would welcome: turkeys, chickens, hams, stuffing, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, pie fillings, celery, onions, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, eggs, corn starch, ready-crust for pies, cake mixes, pancake mix, hamburger helper, tuna helper, spaghetti, pastas, rice, macaroni & cheese, beef stew, spam, cereal, peanut butter, green beans, green peas, corn, carrots, spinach, olives, mushrooms, beans, fruit, fruit juices, fresh fruit, jello, puddings, biscuits, muffin mixes, salad oil, salad dressing, spices, mayonnaise, jellies and jams, syrup, canned meats, tuna, tomato sauce, tomato paste, rice-a-roni, parmesan cheese, catsup, mustard, coffee, tea.

Cash donations can be made bu placing your gift in the Sunday basket marked "Food Pantry." Our Food Pantry has spent this uear's funds and expects a greater need this holiday season. Your gifts will help provide a Happy Thanksqiving to those in need.

LITURGY & PRAYER

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: NOVEMBER 22, 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.

SAVE THE DATE: VINTAGE CHRISTMAS **CONCERT: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

VINTAGE (Santiago & Joyce Martinez and Maruann Tarantino) invites you to their 15th Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30pm in the church.

DRIVE-THRU PRAYER

Need a prayer? DTP is back on "standard time" schedule: every Monday thru Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, weather permitting. Come to the parking lot next to the rectory for a prayer in the comfort of your own car. Spread the word - all are welcome! Our prayer volunteers are eager to pray for your intentions or for someone you know.



MONDAY: TI 1:1-9; PS 24:1B-4AB, 5-6; LK 17:1-6 TUESDAY: TI 2:1-8, 11-14; PS 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; LK

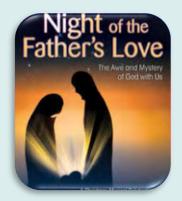
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WEDNESDAY: TI 3:1-7; PS 23:1B-6; LK 17:11-19 THURSDAY: PHLM 7-20; PS 146:7-10; LK 17:20-25 FRIDAY: 2 JN 4-9; PS 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; LK 17:26-37

SATURDAY: 3 JN 5-8: PS 112:1-6: LK 18:1-8

SUNDAY: DN 12:1-3; PS 16:5, 8-11; HEB 10:11-14, 18; MK





"Night of the Father's Love"

A Christmas musical celebration by Pepper Choplin

Presented by The Resurrection Choir, Friends and Chamber Orchestra

Come experience the mystery, awe and palpable excitement of the night of the angelic announcement of the birth of Christ! Your enjoyment will be enhanced by listening to our 30-plus-voice ecumenical choir and orchestra, and joining them on favorite carols. Be sure to extend an invitation to your family and friends.

A freewill offering will be collected to help support our ministry throughout the year and 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 8 at 8:00 pm in the Church.

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, the Early Childhood Pageant coordinator (383-3066), by November 11 to register your child for the pageant. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 18 in Classroom A-3 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 Eileen Limberg at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at elimberg@ stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Thursday, November 29 at 4pm in the Church.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

RENEW AND SHARE YOUR FAITH

Are you interested in sharing your Christian faith with other people? If your answer is "yes, but I don't know how," then Alpha might be the perfect place for you. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each Alpha session involves food, a film or talk, and small group discussion. Most of all, Alpha is sharing community and the love of Jesus Christ in a no-pressure environment.

St. Bonaventure is looking for people interested in being part of our pilot Alpha program and eventually helping to run future sessions. Our pilot program will be starting in January 2019. Please join us for an informational meeting on **Monday, November 19** at 7:00 pm in A2. For more information, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@ stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217. To learn more about Alpha, go to www.alphausa.org.

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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in Room A4. No meeting November 21 due to Thanksgiving; next meeting will be on December 5. 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'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 25^{TH} RETREAT

Have you ever had a life-changing experience of God's Mercy?

Come join us in the 25th WCF Annual Women's Retreat from February 1-3, 2019 at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Theme of the retreat is "Mercy Falls Like Gentle Rain." Father Richard McAlear, OMI, retreat master, returns for the fourth time with his special gifts of hope and healing through the Merciful Heart of Jesus. Retreat brochures are available at the parish office, in the church foyer, online at www. stbonaventure.net and at wcf2019retreat. eventbrite.com. For information, contact Andrea at 925-529-7675.



BIBLE BASICS, PART 2

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. Session 2 focuses on the four Gospels. Why do we have four different stories of the life of Jesus? Wednesday, November 14 at 10am or 7pm, 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE

Would you like the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to share it with others? The mission of the Saint Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry of the Oakland Diocese is to form adults to be "missionary disciples," inspired and equipped to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to their families, parishes and the wider world. The Serra Catechetical Institute is a 1-year formation process for parish and Catholic school catechists, parents and all adults who want to know their Catholic faith better and be able to hand it on more effectively. Both are now accepting applications for Spring 2019. www.oakdiocese.org/spm and www. oakdiocese.org/sci.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 15, 11:30 AM, Large Hall. Cost: \$13.00/person We'll be celebrating Thanksgiving with a delicious full turkey dinner provided by Chef Greg. Drinks and dessert are included. Please make check payable to St Bonaventure Church and mail to Stan Anderson at 5223 Marvue Cir. Concord CA 94521. You can also register after all the masses on November 10 & 11 or call Stan at 925-375-1543. Reservations should be made no later than Nov. 12.



Weekend of November 3 & 4 Collection

Goal: \$28,735 Actual: \$28,258 Deficit: (\$477)

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

Food for Family: 156

Upcoming Special Collection

Nov. 17/18: Human Development

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S CENTER-OAKLAND

A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who made the St. Mary's Dinner in Oakland a success on October 14. We are so grateful for our cooks Karen and Gary LaMons and our dedicated workers: Dor & Lori Neely, Pete & Carol Chrobak, Gladys de Guzman, Gloria Leigh, Jonel Sangalang, Charlotte Picallo, Rose Yap, Francis Fong and the Lane family. "Thank you" also to the cake bakers and the parishioners who donated supplies, bingo prizes and made cash donations. We received extra bingo prizes this time and St. Mary's Center was so pleased! The load is lighter when many pitch in to help - please know that you are appreciated!

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



NORMA EVARISTO NOVEMBER 10 – 16, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 Ben Camera Frank Strazzarino Gertrude Ruiz Violet Narvaez

9:00 Joey Mangini Tirso de Guzman Joseph Buckeit Carolyn Miller

11:00 Joan & William Weightman Michael Gois Lastenia Vargas Vanessa Cobian

5:00 Alberto Colon Ron Piazza Emiliano & Lucita Vallejo Rufino Iturrate

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 Communion Service 9:00 Robert Edward Ahrens

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 Communion Service 9:00 Rosario Reynoso

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 6:30 Communion Service

9:00 Sergio Avila Marybeth Perez

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 6:30 Communion Service

9:00 Manuel Diaz

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 Communion Service 9:00 William & Julia Jordan Mary Alvite Missie Emberton Wilfred Barretto

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Elizabeth Lane Jacob Arevalo Joseph DeBono Ester Duerme

5:00



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE PADRE DAVID LAWRENCE



Una Reflexión de Marcos 12:38-44

Una viuda... muy pobre... se inclinó... con dos monedas para el tesoro del templo... Nadie lo notó. Jesús de Nazaret, sin embargo, la vio.

Llegamos a la Iglesia los domingos. ¿Somos conscientes de que nuestro Dios nos ve? ¿Estamos en ocasiones inclinados? ¿Invitamos a nuestro Dios que nos mire? Dios nos ve como somos, ve nuestros esfuerzos para orar, para alabar a Dios, para celebrar la Eucaristía, para establecer la comunión con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Dios nos ve. No importa la manera poco entusiasta, a veces distraída o desenfocada de proceder en nuestra adoración, Dios nos mira con ojos de misericordia y compasión, como lo hizo con la viuda.

¿Esta viuda de tiempo antiguo tiene algo que enseñarnos? Considerar su humildad. Ella es una persona dependiente, de la misma manera que lo es un huérfano. No tiene ningún hombre en su vida para su apoyo. Ella pone sus últimos recursos en



la tesorería. Se trata de un acto de fe. Ella da de su pobreza. ¿En nuestro estado más desesperado de la vida haríamos eso?

La viuda está parada como el signo de lo que está sucediendo en el mundo. Los escribas y fariseos, líderes religiosos, han robado a la viuda su dignidad. Mientras que los ricos y los más prestigiosos colocan sus ofrendas con gran satisfacción en la tesorería, la viuda esconde su pobre ofrenda. Es tan poco, al igual que ella que es tan poco.

Jesús la ve. Y él ve todas las otras personas, algunas que arrogantemente caminan alrededor con las engreídas ilusiones sobre sí mismos, negociando con Dios para que les de lo que quieren. Por el contrario, la viuda se reduce a sí misma e invita a todo lo que Dios desea compartir con ella.

Jesús ve. Se vuelve a sus discípulos y les dice que ella dio más que todos los demás. Ella dio un corazón abierto que Dios puede llenar.

Jesús..... nos ve... hoy.

Fri 08/30

Fri 09/06

Fri 09/20

Fri 10/04

Fri 10/18

Fri 10/25

Fri 11/15

Fri 12/13

BAUTIZOS 2019 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 01/19	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/18	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 02/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/15	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 03/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/08	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 03/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/22	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 04/06	2:00 p.m.	Fri 03/29	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 04/13	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/05	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 04/13	2:00 p.m.	Fri 04/12	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 06/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri.06/07	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 06/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/14	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 06/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/21	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 07/13	10:00 a.m.	06/21- 6/28	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 07/13	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/28	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 07/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/26	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 08/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/02	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 08/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/16	7-9:30 p.m.	
Sat 08/31	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/23	7-9:30 p.m.	

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Sat 09/14

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Sat 09/28

Sat 10/12

Sat 10/26

Sat 11/09

Sat 11/23

Sat 12/14

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HELP WANTED

Do you love to tinker? Are you a person of all trades? Ready to lend a hand wherever needed?

We are looking for help on our maintenance team. This is a part-time job with flexible hours (scheduled as needed for our parish life) and that can include nights and weekends, since we are the parish that never sleeps.

The responsibilities will include custodial work, event support (setting up and cleaning up for events) and some light maintenance, as your skills allow. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Christa Fairfield at 925-844-9005 or cfairfield@stbonayenture.net.



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, whether or not you have participated in the Healing the Heart sessions previously. Please join us on Monday, November 26 at 7:00pm in Classroom B1. Registration requested by November 20, so we have enough cookies and chairs! Contact Helene at fuzyfrank@aol.com or 925-681-8105 with questions or to register.

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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 and replacement candles. When you want to send the very best, send "Christ" at Christmas. Look for special discounts.



ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM: A FAMILY EVENT

Pancake Breakfast; Crafts and Activities for Children; and a Visit from Santa!

Saturday, December 1; 9AM to 11:30AM in the Large Hall

Experience the magic and wonder of the Christmas Season as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! St. Bonaventure's Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast. Cost is \$7 per person. Tickets are available in the Church Office. Deadline for ticket sales is **Wednesday, November 28**. Contact Eileen Limberg if you have any questions - 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or e-mail: elimberg@stbonventure.net

There will be a special visit from Santa!



GIVING TREE BEGINS NOVEMBER 17

It is almost time once again for St. Bonaventure's Annual Giving Tree, where St. Bonaventure provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of needy members of our parish and our community. These people include the working poor, foster children, the elderly, women and children escaping domestic violence. For many, their gift from you will be the only gift they will receive this year. Decorated Christmas trees will be in the church the Weekend of November 17 & 18. The "decorations" are hundreds of paper ornaments with the needs and wants of those in need. Please help us give every person on our Giving Trees a Merry Christmas by supporting the Giving Tree Ministry. Thank You.

