



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

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The Epiphany of the Lord *La Epifanía del Señor*

January 6, 2019

MASSES IN ENGLISH/*EN INGLÉS*

Saturday Vigil/*Sábado*: 5:00 PM

Sunday/*Domingo*: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 5:00 PM

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

Domingo: 12:45 PM

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

Monday/*Lunes* thru Friday/*Viernes*: 9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/*ADORACION AL SANTISIMO*

In English: Friday after the 9AM 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*

In English: Call the office to arrange with a Priest or Deacon. This requires six months preparation.

En Español: 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.

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

CONFESIONES Y ADORACION AL SANTISIMO/*CONFESSIONS AND EUCHARASTIC 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 ANTHONY ARTEAGA

Director of Liturgy and Music

Given that Fr. Mat is in India and this weekend we have multiple homilists at our Masses, I thought it would be a nice change of pace to give our clergy a break from writing articles and write one myself. That's why you're reading this from me this weekend.

We find ourselves in a New Year, 2019. I'm honestly not sure where 2018 went, since it seems to have gone by especially quickly. I've been told over the years that as you get older, time goes faster. I can definitely say that this is true. I remember when I was in school, a year felt like an eternity; everything chugged along at what seemed to be a snail's pace, with me looking forward to those special milestones throughout the year, namely summer vacation and Christmas break. Now, everything seems to go by in a flash. I'm definitely extra conscious of savoring special moments with family and friends, as they now all go by in a flash!

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We are still in the Christmas liturgical season until next Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord. So, don't feel ashamed if you still have your Christmas decorations up; I know I do! I'm always saddened that "secular Christmas" seems to end at worst on December 26th or at best on New Year's Eve. The celebration should just be starting on Christmas Day and it reaches somewhat of another crescendo on today's feast! Today, the magi approach Jesus with humility. They lay down their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These are not the most precious gifts they have to offer, however; that would be the gift of themselves, in

their humility, as they prostrate themselves and do Him homage. Remember, this is the first gift that they offer. It is only after they do this that they offer and open their worldly treasures.



Saint John Paul II used to pray in this way before the Blessed Sacrament. I once read that he would prostrate himself before the tabernacle, giving himself completely to Jesus in a bodily way. To back this up, I remember hearing a story of a priest staying in the Vatican, who couldn't sleep, waking up, wandering the halls, and finding Saint John Paul II in exactly this same way, in prayer, in the middle of the night. Likewise, when a priest is ordained, he prostrates himself on the floor of the sanctuary, giving himself completely to Jesus in complete bodily humility.

Have you ever prayed like this? Perhaps after Mass, or some day in the chapel when no one is around (or during Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament), come before the altar and lay down your life in prayer and thanksgiving before Jesus, offering Him your greatest gift: yourself. Don't get too caught up in the exact position: prostrate, kneel, and just sit in complete silence; the important thing is to give your complete attention to God. Remember, we're still in the Christmas season, so continue to celebrate, give thanks, and offer gifts!

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

Mechanical Engineer Needed

We are looking for some assistance from a mechanical engineer with design experience with HVAC systems. Is this you? Might you know someone? If so, please contact Christa Fairfield at 925-672-5800 x2205 or cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

Faith Direct: Parish E giving

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany. We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA725. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**Funeral Announcements**

Dates and times for upcoming parish funerals can be found on our parish web site.

stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals

LITURGY AND MUSIC

 **Save the Date: January 19th Ecumenical Choir Concert Benefit for Camp Fire Victims**

The week of January 18-25 is traditionally known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year, we are holding a choral benefit concert on **Saturday, January 19 at 2pm** to directly help some of the affected Christian churches in the Paradise, CA area. We are working in collaboration with Clayton Valley Presbyterian church, Concord United Methodist church, and Good Shepherd Lutheran church. Please stay tuned for more info!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;
Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief.

Healing the Heart

is a 6-week program that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm until 9:00 pm, from February 12 to March 19, in classroom B1. The Grief Companions will share their experiences, and there is time for small group sharing. We invite you to join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. For more information and to register, call Helene at 925-681-8105.



Transformed People, Transformed Church, Transformed World

Jack Jezreel, creator of JustFaith, nationally celebrated speaker and author, speaks to the vision of God's healing presence in the world and introduces JustFaith to help us actively engage in the work of mercy, advocacy, organizing, solidarity, earth care and economic justice.

Sunday, January 13, 2:00 – 4:30 pm. Walnut Creek United Methodist Church. Register at justfaith.org/bay-area-workshops. Contact Meg Bowerman for more information: (510) 684-7139.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Confirmation

Would you like to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation? St. Bonaventure invites you to participate in our Adult 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.

Bishop Michael Barber will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Bonaventure on Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 pm. Preparation sessions begin in February in both English (Feb. 11) and Spanish (Feb. 3). See our website (www.stbonaventure.net) for the full class schedule and application or contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or (925) 672-5800 x2217.

Grief Support at St. Bonaventure

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was unexpected and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a

Men's Spiritual Network 2019 Retreat

Mark your calendars for a retreat with the men of St Bonaventure's Parish, **March 1-3** at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and in your email. Registration forms will soon be available online.



Flocknote for Adult Faith Formation

Give yourself the gift of excellent videos on Catholic topics. Have you noticed the small sheep icon at the top right corner of our website? Just click the sheep to go to the St. Bonaventure Flocknote sign-up page. The Flocknote dashboard lets you access the Word on Fire "Engage" video library. This gives you subscriber content from Bishop Robert Barron's wordonfire.org website. We'll be sharing more ways to use this content in the months to come, but in the meantime feel free to log on and explore. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net with any questions.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

La Morita Mexico Youth Mission

Save the date for the annual Mexican Dinner to support our Homebuilding Trip to Tijuana. The dinner will be at St. Bonaventure's on **Saturday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m.** Look for ticket sales at St. Bonaventure's after Masses on January 19-20 and 26-27 or contact jdwalton@astound.net.

St. Bonaventure Apparel Now Available

St. Bonaventure Catholic Community invites you to wear your evangelization proudly. Announce it on your clothes with St. Bonaventure Catholic Community apparel. You may have seen members of the parish displaying a few of the choices at parish community events. Polos, fleece, even raincoats - you choose your style and color. To order, go to the St. Bonaventure website (www.stbonaventure.net) and look for the link to "St. Bonaventure Apparel" under the "About" tab.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS cont.

Clayton Valley Counseling

For over 20 years, licensed Catholic therapists at St. Bonaventure have continued to serve individuals, couples, and families, and have prepared engaged couples for marriage. Please call 925-210- 6176.

Pregnant? Need Help?

☎ 1-800-910-0191,
The Gabriel Project

OUTSIDE OF PARISH

San Francis of Assisi School

We will be having an Open House Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 11:00am until 1:00pm. We will also have a "Peek at our TK and Kindergarten on Thursday, January 24 at 6:30pm. (No children, please.) 866 Oak Grove Rd. Concord. Any questions please call 925-682-5414.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



Marcelino Domingo
January 5 - January 11

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR

Mary & Ramon
Martinez



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

@ St. Bonaventure Catholic Community

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



SHARE YOUR TALENTS!
Volunteer in a Ministry

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 5

5:00 Sophie D'Apice
Diana Lambreaux
Orlando Paes
Jose Luis Aspiras, Jr.

Sunday, January 6

7:30 Francis Crotty
9:00 Kathleen Hanson
Mike & Danny Santos
George Souza
Stewart Morgan
11:00 Esteban Mercado
Tullio de Santis
Helena Tworzydlo
Joanna Brud
Janusz Zelazny
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

Monday, January 7

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Godofredo Santiago
Rosalia Ramos
Kyle Krawesky

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Severina Victorino
Lil Fichtenkort

Wednesday, January 9

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Chris McCormick

Thursday, January 10

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Nicholas Manalang, Jr.
Joseph Moroni

Friday, January 11

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Marie Shockley
William & Julia Jordan
Nonato & Iria Almeida
Gregory Boggs

Saturday, January 12

5:00 Effi Cartan
Jack Henry Day
Michael Vesneski
Joseph Maxwell "JoJo" Melicor

Because of Jesus Christ,

we believe in the Communion of Saints. As we celebrate Christmas and bless each other with grace, love and gifts, we honor living family members; and we remember those who have preceded us to the New Life by our Christmas Church decorations and flowers.

Bill Baas
Ernest Baas
Mae Baas
Geoff and Camille Bass
Antonio M. Estrada
Arturo Estrada
The Esver Family
Bernard & Mildred Helling
Scott Holm
John Muscat

Relatives & Friends of Henry & Marie Roberts
Roger Salcedo
Joseph Stanko
Pauline Stanko
Lillian Tompkins



PENSAMIENTOS DEL ANTHONY ARTEAGA

Director de Liturgia y Música

Dado que el Padre Mat está en la India y este fin de semana tenemos múltiples homilistas en nuestras Misas, pensé que sería un buen cambio de ritmo darle a nuestro clero un descanso de escribir artículos y yo escribir uno. Es por eso que este artículo es de mí este fin de semana.

Nos encontramos en un Año Nuevo, 2019. Honestamente, no estoy seguro dónde se fue el 2018, ya que parece haber sido especialmente rápido. Me han dicho a lo largo de los años que a medida que se envejece, el tiempo pasa más rápido. Definitivamente puedo decir que esto es cierto. Recuerdo que cuando estaba en la escuela, un año parecía una eternidad; todo pasaba a lo que parecía ser el ritmo de un caracol, y yo esperaba esas ocasiones especiales durante todo el año, especialmente, las vacaciones de verano y las vacaciones de Navidad. Ahora, todo parece pasar en un instante. ¡Definitivamente estoy extra consciente de disfrutar momentos especiales con mi familia y amigos, ya que ahora todo pasa rápidamente!

Hoy celebramos la Epifanía del Señor. Todavía estamos en la temporada litúrgica de Navidad hasta el próximo domingo, el Bautismo del Señor. Entonces, no te sientas avergonzado si todavía tienes tus adornos navideños en pie; ¡Yo los tengo! Siempre me entristece que la "Navidad secular" parezca terminar en el peor de los casos el 26 de diciembre o en el mejor la víspera de Año Nuevo. ¡La celebración debe comenzar el día de Navidad y se acerca a otro crescendo en la fiesta de hoy!

Hoy, los magos se acercan a Jesús con humildad. Dejan sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Sin embargo, estos no son los regalos más preciosos que tienen para ofrecer; ese sería el don de sí mismos, en su humildad, ya que se postran y Le rinden homenaje. Recuerda, este es el primer regalo que ofrecen. Es solo después de que hacen esto que ofrecen y abren sus tesoros mundanos.

San Juan Pablo II solía orar de esta manera ante el Santísimo Sacramento. Una vez leí que se postraría ante el tabernáculo, entregándose completamente a

Jesús de una manera corporal. Para respaldar esto, recuerdo haber escuchado la historia de un sacerdote que se quedaba en el Vaticano, que no podía dormir, despertaba, vagaba por los pasillos y encontraba a San Juan Pablo II exactamente de la misma manera, en oración, en medio de la noche. De la misma manera, cuando se ordena un sacerdote, él se postra en el suelo del santuario, entregándose completamente a Jesús en completa humildad corporal.

¿Alguna vez has orado así? Tal vez después de la Misa, o algún día en la capilla cuando no hay nadie cerca (o durante la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento del viernes), vaya ante el altar y ponga su vida en oración y acción de gracias ante Jesús, ofreciéndole su mejor regalo: usted mismo. No te mantengas en la misma posi-

ción: postrarte, arrodillarte y simplemente sentarte en completo silencio; Lo importante es prestar toda tu atención a Dios. Recuerda, todavía estamos en la temporada navideña, ¡así que continúa celebrando, agradece y ofrece regalos!



HORARIO DE OFICINA
Padre Oscar Rojas
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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.

Bautizos 2019			
Lugar del Bautizo: Iglesia			
Lugar de la clase: 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 05/18	2:30 p.m.	Fri 05/17	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.
Sat 09/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/30	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/14	12:00 p.m.	Fri 09/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/20	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/04	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/26	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/09	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/25	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/13	7-9:30 p.m.

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Alpha – New Beginnings for the New Year



The new year is a great time to stop and take stock of our lives. What is God doing? Why am I here anyway? Join

us on Alpha to explore and discuss life's big questions together – while having a lot of fun. We meet over eleven sessions (plus a special Saturday) to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each Alpha night includes food, a high-quality video talk, and great conversations.

As we bring Alpha to our parish and our larger Concord and Clayton community, we need a group of parishioners to be part of the initial program. The only requirement is a loving heart and the willingness to show up -- no experience necessary. If you can show God's love with a smile and a cup of coffee, this might be the ministry for you. This year, will you think about being a gift to the community through participating in our first Alpha? This first Alpha session will be a smaller "pilot" program to test the program and train the team for future sessions. Please pray about whether you might be called to join us, or whether you know someone who might just need to be asked.

Our pilot program will begin soon, running Monday evenings from January 21st to April 15th. To learn more about Alpha, go to alphau-sa.org/about/. For more information, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217. Please sign up with Gina or at stbonaventure.net/alpha by January 15.

Monthly Luncheon

Thursday, January 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall; \$13/person We'll be celebrating the New Year with delicious Chinese food provided by Greg's Kitchen Cuisine. Drinks and dessert are included. Please make your reservations no later than January 7. You can make the check payable to St. Bonaventure Church and

mail to Stan Anderson at 5223 Marvue Cir. Concord, CA 94521. You can also sign up after Mass on January 5 and 6 or call Stan at 925-375-1543. HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Super Bowl Crab Feed Party!

Saturday, January 26th 2019. Doors open 6pm! A casual evening, in your favorite team's apparel, filled with great fun! There will be a live-silent auction of incredible items and fabulous door prizes. And, of course, delicious crab, pasta, wine and more. Last year we sold out very quickly!! So, don't miss out!!

Tickets are on sale now in the foyer in the church or in the office during the week: \$55 per person or \$50 per person when you purchase a table of eight or more, before Jan. 13th. Contact Mike Farnham with any questions or to reserve your table at 925-766-2864. Come help us, help others and enjoy a fun evening!

Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat 25th 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.

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. January 10 is our next evening of prayer. Come as you are.