



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

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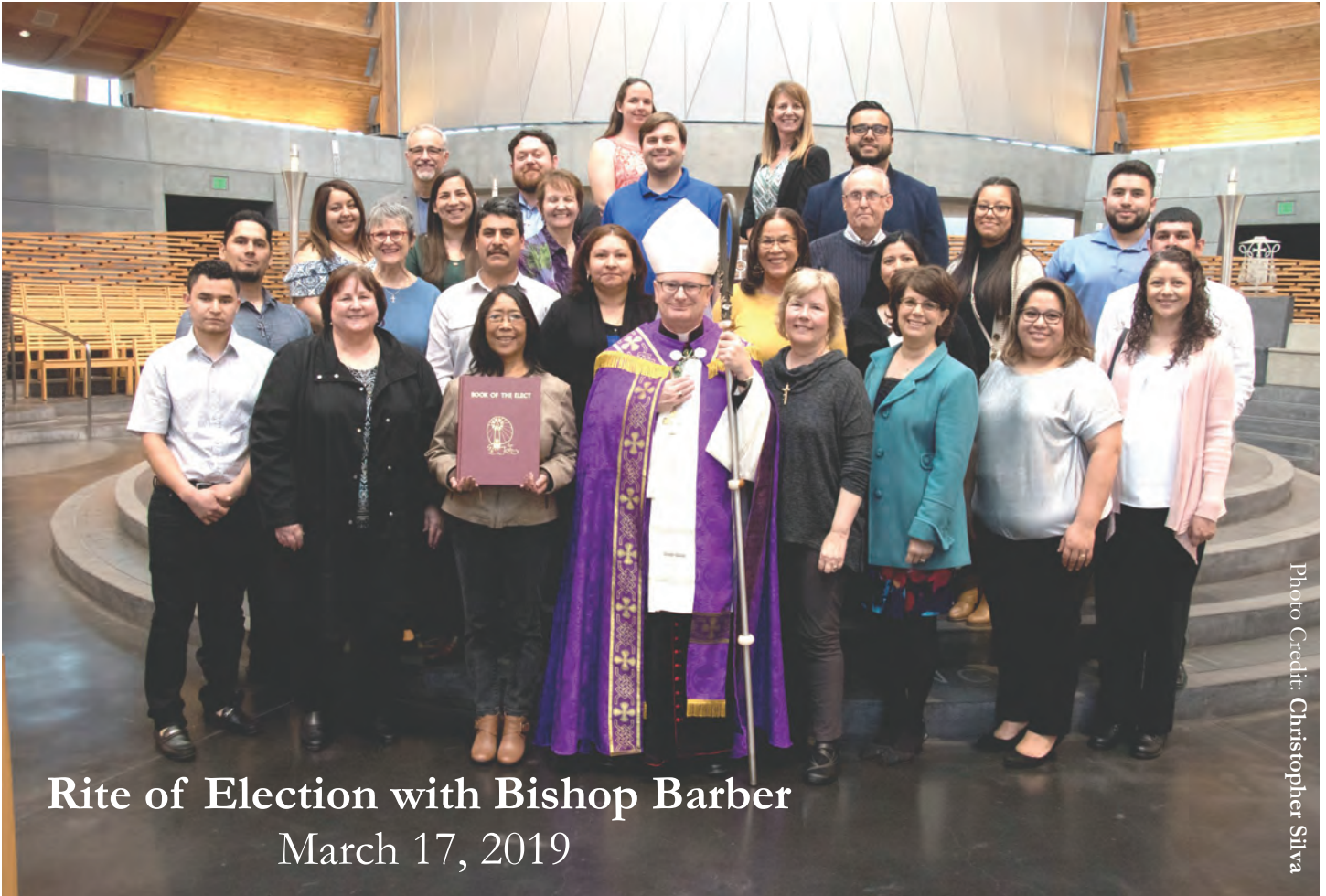


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Rite of Election with Bishop Barber March 17, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent *Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma*

March 31, 2019

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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: Monday thru Thursday- Holy Hour after 9AM Mass
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.

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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 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.

"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

- Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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Friday Stations of the Cross and Prayer Opportunities



On Friday evenings we are providing a variety of Prayer Opportunities. We invite you to join us to experience God's invitation in a different manner each week.

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple soup dinner on the Fridays in Lent in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at **6:00pm** and precede the Friday Stations of the Cross/Prayer Service. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

April 5 @ 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross for Vocations

We will come together to reflect on Christ's Passion in the fourteen Stations of the Cross and pray that more men and women hear God's call to live out their vocation.

April 12 @ 7:00 PM

The Way of the Cross w/ the Resurrection Choir & Friends

Since of the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, only eight have clear scriptural foundation, Pope St. John Paul II introduced a new form, the Scriptural Way of the Cross on Good Friday 1991. We will commemorate the passion and death of Christ biblically as our late Holy Father envisioned. Music will be provided by our Resurrection Choir.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Lenten Friday in Spanish at 8:00pm in the church.

Communal Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, April 9 @ 7:00 PM

We gather together because we are confident and grateful that God is merciful. Lent is the time when the entire Church enters into the period of purification and enlightenment as we journey along with our elect and candidates who

are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. You are invited and encouraged to join us and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare during this Lent.

Last opportunity for individual Confession: Saturday, April 13 @ 3:30 PM

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

April 13/14 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ English

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm

Spanish ~ 12:45pm

April 18 ~ Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30pm, Bilingual

April 19 ~ Good Friday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Stations of the Cross ~ 11:00am ~ Church

Ecumenical Service ~ 12:15pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 3:00pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in Spanish ~ 6:30pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 7:30pm ~ Parish Hall

April 20 ~ Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Easter Vigil ~ 7:30pm ~ Bilingual

April 21 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses in English: Church *Masses in English: Parish*

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am *Hall*— 9:15am, 11:15am

Mass in Spanish: Church

12:45pm

THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY



PARISH COMMUNITY

Hospitality Needs You!

Hospitality needs volunteers once each month for the Saturday Vigil Mass (5:00) and the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 Mass. (Currently, we have enough volunteers for Sunday 7:30am Mass.) We need a lead volunteer Saturday Vigil and Sunday 9am Masses, and at least 3 helpers. Each Mass needs a back-up or co-lead. Interested?

Email stbonaventurehospitality@gmail.com or call Lorie O'Brien at (925) 768-5248.

Hospitality Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions

Some frequently asked questions about volunteering for Hospitality are:

Q: How can I sign up to help?

A: There is a sign-up sheet every Hospitality Weekend. You can sign up on that. You can email us at stbonaventurehospitality@gmail.com or go to SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/uvpkyoa> and sign-up online.

Q: Will I miss Mass if I help? How much time will I have to give?

A: All work is done either before Mass begins or immediately after Communion. Most jobs take about 30 minutes. 7:30am Sunday takes a bit longer during the pre-Mass set-up, but we will work with you for whatever amount of time you can give.

Q: I want to work with Hospitality and do the same job each month. What do I do?

A: You can sign up to be on the Ongoing list. Pick the Mass and job you want. We will send an email reminder each month.

Q: I want to work with Hospitality but I only want to work some months. What do I do?

A: Sign up on the Monthly list. Let us know the Mass and month you want to work. We will send you an email reminder with the job and time to work for that Mass.

Q: I'm interested in helping but don't know how far in advance when I will be available. How can I help?

A: You can email us at stbonaventurehospitality@gmail.com and let us know when you would like to help. Please include the weekend and Mass when you are available.

Hospitality Donations

Hospitality, like everything at St. Bonaventure, is funded by donations. Each Hospitality Weekend costs at a minimum \$350. Donations some weeks are as low as \$5. Please consider adding a dollar or so to the donation containers. Every little bit helps.

Monthly Luncheon

Thursday, April 11th at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall Cost: \$13 per person.

Come celebrate lunch provided by Chef Greg. We will enjoy baked lasagna with salad, sweet potato casserole and green beans. Drinks and dessert are included. To reserve, you can make a check payable to St. Bonaventure Church and send to Stan Anderson, 5223 Marvue Circle Concord, CA 94521. You can also sign up after masses on April 6/7 or call Stan Anderson at 925-375-1543. **Deadline is Monday, April 8th.**

Classy Crafters Invites You!

Classy Crafters meetings will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 10 am to 2 pm and thereafter every Wednesday at the same time in room A1. We are looking forward to our 2019 season culminating with the Gala and Boutique in November, with proceeds benefitting the Food Pantry. If you enjoy working on crafts and having fun with new friends please join us. Our meetings are casual, so you can come and go as you please, and everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring a friend.

Not sure if you are crafty? We have a wide variety of talented people more than willing to help you. Collectively, talents come together forming fellowships and bonding beyond your expectations. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Annual Parish Family Camping at Tahoe—2019

Sunday, July 28th through Sunday, August 4th
Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe

Cost: \$135 for the week –

same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year's fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso at 864-4748 or Kathy Riso at 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.



Contact Christa Fairfield at
925-844-9005 or email
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SHARE YOUR TALENTS!
Volunteer in a Ministry

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



Bruce Ely
March 30 to April 5

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



Victims of Natural Calamities

LITURGY AND MUSIC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of March 23 & 24
Collection

Budget \$28,735
Actual \$25,215
Deficit (\$3,520)

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

Food for Family: 328

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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. Next meeting will be on April 3rd. 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. Next gathering April 11th. Come as you are.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

@St. Bonaventure Catholic Community



"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." —Luke 15:24

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 30

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

Sunday, March 31

7:30 Peter & Rose Marie Cardinale
Mike Geinay

Joanne Santos Olivares
Louie Mendoza

9:00 Joe Mangini
Nicolas Manalang, Jr.
Tony Sammut

Jerry Frieberg

11:00 Wanda Schendelt
Jacob Arevalo
Tullio de Santis

Roma Benasoz

5:00 Stella Marks
Modesta Ovando

Patricia Elizabeth Kirkbride
Maria Teresa Alonso

Monday, April 1

9:00 Nancy Domingo
Mary Mountinho

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 Ofelia Ebuén
Joanna Javier
Harry Roberts

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 Souza Family
Fonts Family
Quintana Family

Thursday, April 4

9:00 Ofelia Ebuén
Emidio Busittil

Friday, April 5

9:00 William & Julia Jordan
Catherine LaHay

Saturday, April 6

5:00 Catalina Garcia
Carol Baxley
Owen O'Sullivan
Kyle Krawesky

“Este recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos.”

—Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

JESÚS NOS ABRAZA CON AMOR

La Cuaresma nos invita a detenernos un momento para reflexionar hacia donde estamos dirigiendo nuestra vida. Es el tiempo perfecto para encontrar nuestro camino y continuar nuestro crecimiento espiritual. La Cuaresma nos propone tres alternativas para vivir el tiempo cuaresmal: ayuno, oración y limosna. Jesús nos enseña a orar y ayunar, retirándose al desierto por cuarenta días. Jesús nos invita a dar con amor y abrir los brazos al necesitado, marginado, humillado, abandonado, y revestirlos del amor divino de Jesús. En el Evangelio de Lucas encontramos la maravillosa parábola del hijo prodigo. La decisión de nuestra vida y el amor paternal del Padre.

Las decisiones de nuestra vida terminan destruyendo toda nuestra vida. Algunas veces queremos ser independientes, hacer lo que queramos, y que nadie nos diga que debemos hacer. El hijo menor reclamo a su padre la herencia. Su padre bondadosamente le dio su parte sin entrar en ninguna discusión con él. Quizás, su plan era ser feliz, disfrutar la vida, comer, beber y tener placer. A través, de la parábola nos damos cuenta que su ideal y su manera de disfrutar la vida era erróneo. Gasto su herencia en cosas que no le producían beneficio en su vida. Al contrario, con su propio dinero fue destruyendo las oportunidades para obtener una mejor vida. Una mala decisión le llevo a la deriva hasta que termino solo y abandonado cuidando puercos que de hambre quería comerse la comida de los puercos. Se dio cuenta que su padre tenía pan hasta de sobra, mientras el moría de hambre. Se dijo: *“levantaré, volveré a mi padre y le diré: Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme hijo tuyo. Recíbeme como a uno de tus trabajadores”*. En esa miseria que el mismo había provocado se dio cuenta que su padre tenía alimento hasta de sobra. Reconoció su error y decidió que era tiempo de levantarse de esa miseria y debía de enfrentar sus consecuencias. Sabía que había pecado contra su padre por haber malgastado el tesoro que él le dio. Sabía que no tenía más derecho de pedir nada a su padre y que probablemente él lo iba a reprochar, castigar o juzgarlo. Sentía que no merecía ser llamado hijo; más bien un trabajador. Como seres humanos, condenamos a las personas que se han equivocado. Dios es un Padre que nos ama y que solo quiere restaurar nuestros corazones rotos y revestirnos de felicidad. El verdadero modelo paternal de un Padre.

La parábola del Hijo Prodigio nos muestra un padre generoso, paciente, amoroso, y rico en misericordia. Cuando el padre vio a su hijo a lo lejos, se enterneció profundamente. **Corrió hacia él, lo abrazo, lo cubrió de besos, mando traer una túnica para vestirlo, ponerle un anillo en el dedo, sandalia en los pies y mando a matar el becerro gordo y dijo comamos, y hagamos una fies-**

ta porque este hijo mío estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado. El corazón de un Padre que vibra de amor por volver a ver a su hijo. Lo material sale sobrando cuando vemos más allá de nuestro egoísmo, capricho, venganza, odio, rencor. El valor de la persona no está en lo que posee materialmente. El valor incalculable de la persona se descubre cuando abrazamos a la persona con amor y nos damos cuenta que es un ser maravilloso creado por Dios. Todos somos hijos de Dios y hemos recibido la herencia del don de la vida desde el momento que vinimos a este mundo. La vida la herencia maravillosa que Dios nos ha dado generosamente y colmándonos de abundantes tesoros; esposo, esposa, hijos, amigos, y vecinos. Sin embargo, no siempre hacemos buen uso de nuestra vida. Malgastamos, derrochamos nuestra herencia de la vida en desordenes mundanos, vicio de la droga, alcohol, robando, destruyendo la vida del prójimo con mentiras y hablando falsos testimonios. Destruyendo el amor de la esposa o esposo, enseñando a los hijos cosas malas con nuestra manera de hablar y actuar en la vida. Y terminamos, solos, abandonados y destruidos por nuestras malas decisiones. Aunque, cuando decidimos arrancar de nuestra vida todas aquellas cosas que nos hacen daño y regresamos a nuestra Padre Dios, El nos recibe con sus brazos abiertos para abrazarnos con amor. No nos juzga de nuestros errores, y caídas. Dios nos llena de su amor, ternura y nos reviste con un corazón nuevo, con una nueva forma de pensar, y de amar a los demás. El hijo mayor se sintió molesto porque había gastado toda su vida y nunca le habían celebrado.

De qué manera estamos administrando nuestra herencia de la vida. Es un tesoro precioso que Dios no ha dado para ser felices. La vida no es para malgastarla y echarla a perder. La vida es para vivirla y para descubrir el amor infinito de Dios. Aprovechemos nuestra vida para producir frutos. Especialmente en este tiempo de Cuaresma debemos darnos cuenta que vivir quiere decir crecer en el amor de Dios. No espereemos más oportunidades: más que la oportunidad que tenemos hoy de reconocer nuestros pecados y regresar a nuestro Padre Dios que quiere abrazarnos con su amor.

El que vive según Cristo es una creatura nueva; para él todo lo viejo ha pasado. Ya todo es nuevo. -- 2 Corintios 5:17

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ LOS VIERNES Y OPORTUNIDADES DE ORACIÓN



Las estaciones de la Cruz se llevarán a cabo todos los viernes de Cuaresma en español a las 8:00 pm en la iglesia.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

**Gina Cattalini, Director of Adult Faith Formation
and Initiation**x2217

Spring is Here—Your Help is Needed

Our beautiful garden is tended by the hands of volunteers. We need some help. No special skills necessary. You can work an hour, a morning or somewhere in between. Many hands make light work and bring God's beauty forward to all who visit our parish home. Contact Christa Fairfield at 672-5800 x 2205 or cfairfield@stbonaventure.net



Walking Through the Door: An Invitation for Sexual Abuse Survivors, Family & Friends

Our message for sexual abuse survivors, family, and friends is simple: you are not alone. It is a gift to be able to meet with other survivors and share whatever feels comfortable in a group setting. We focus especially on the spiritual journey of healing from sexual abuse. Our meetings have reflected the power of God's healing grace.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Hospitality Room, with our next meeting on April 4. All survivors, family, and friends are welcome. Come and see where the Spirit leads us. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 for questions or more information, or if it would be helpful to talk in person before walking through the door.

Oakland Cursillo Weekends Are Coming

Looking for an opportunity to deepen your faith, recognize Jesus Christ's action in your life, and experience Christian community first hand?

Consider attending or sponsoring someone for an Oakland Cursillo weekend. Cursillo offers a short

course in Christianity for your heart and soul. Men's weekend is May 2-5; women's weekend is May 16-19, at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland. Check out our website for forms: www.oak-cursillo.org. Questions? Contact our new registrar, Denise Jin, at jindement@yahoo.com. Here at St. Bonaventure contact Al Limberg, at post303@pacbell.net, Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net/672-5800, or talk to a friend who's made a Cursillo.

Parish Mission Recordings Available Online

We enjoyed six talks on March 18, 19, 20 with the remarkable Fr. Tom Bonacci, during this year's parish mission. Recordings of Fr. Tom's talks, along with the handouts for the morning talks, are available on the parish website at www.stbonaventure.net/parish-mission-2019. May his words continue to be a blessing to our community.

Woodcrafter Needed for Upcoming Projects

We are looking for a skilled woodcrafter for some upcoming projects around the parish. If you have this skill, or know someone who does, please contact Anthony or Christa in the parish office - 925-672-5800.