

Saint Boniface Catholic Church

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Our Motto: "To strengthen the spiritual growth of the community and to nurture personal relationship with Jesus Christ"

Church Office Hours

Monday: Day off
Tuesday Through Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.00 p.m.
Sunday: English Mass: 9.30 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 12.00 a.m.
Weekdays: Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 8.00 a.m.
First Friday: One hour adoration after the Mass

Special Celebrations

Baptism: Saturday 11.00 a.m.
Quinceañera and Wedding: Saturday 12.00 or 2.00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Children: Wednesday 6.30 p.m.
Adults: Tuesday 6.30 p.m.

Confession

Weekends: Half an hour before all masses
Weekdays: By appointment

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism, First communion, Confirmation, Matrimony
Please call the church office

Sick Calls

If you or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital, please call the parish office. You will be included in our prayers, and the priest will be able to visit you.

For more information

Please contact the church office during the office hours

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Holy Father's Intention for March 2015

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

From the Pastors Desk



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Why do we celebrate Lent?

Purpose: Lent is a period of preparation for the celebration of Easter which originated approximately in the fourth century. According to the Second Vatican Council document of Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, 109, "the season of Lent has a twofold character: primarily by recalling or preparing for baptism and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery." Hence originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized. Later the whole community started observing Lent.

Number of Days: It runs from Ash Wednesday until the paschal triduum (of Holy Thursday Good Friday, and Holy Saturday of the Easter Vigil). Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent.

Meaning: The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenctentid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls. In almost all other languages, Lent's name is a derivative of the Latin term *quadragesima* or "the forty days."

Biblical Significance: In the Bible, forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation. Moses stayed on the mountain of God forty days (Ex. 24:18, 34:28). Elijah traveled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kgs. 19:8). Nineveh was given forty days to repent (Jonah 3:4), etc. And, most significantly for our Lenten observance, Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting prior to undertaking his ministry (Matt. 4:2). Thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare to celebrate the climax of Christ's ministry, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the Resurrection).

Fasting and Abstinence: Catholics observe fasting on Ash Wednesdays and Good Friday. The Church prescribes abstinence (avoiding meat) on all Fridays of Lent. Biblical basis of abstinence is found in (Dan. 10:1-3) as a sign of repentance. Since Jesus died for our sins on Friday, making it an especially appropriate day of mourning our sins by denying ourselves something we enjoy. We are supposed to give up something we enjoy, engaging in physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of repentance in general.

The Liturgical Vestment: The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple, red violet, or dark violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Pious Activities: the Lenten pious activities are attending the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass, making personal prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, spiritual reading, and most especially making a good confession. In a nutshell: to repent of sin, to renew our faith, and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

Going to Mass every Sunday, Stations of the Cross, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life of Catholics especially during Lent.

Prayers and Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rasaian, JCD

Weekly Readings

Mon Mar 2 Reading: Daniel 9: 4b-10 Gospel: Luke 6: 36-38

Tues Mar 3 Reading: Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20 Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

Wed Mar 4 Reading: Jeremiah 18: 18-20 Gospel: Matthew 20: 17-28

Thurs Mar 5 Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Gospel Luke 16: 19-31

Fri Mar 6 Reading: Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

March 2015

Sunday Offerring: \$ 850.00

Second Collection: \$ 178.00

2ND COLLECTION THIS MONTH

3/1—Building Fund

3/8—Altar Society

3/15—Catholic Relief Services

Second Sunday of Lent

1. The Second Collection this week is for the Parish Charity Fund.
2. The Adult Faith Formation Class meets every Tuesday Evening at 6:30 pm in the Community Room, We will begin Tuesday with a program called the Eucharist. Everyone is invited to attend.
3. The Lenten Mass Schedule is posted in the community room, there are copies on the table for anyone wishing to have a copy for their homes.
4. Every Friday during the Lenten Season, we will have a fish fry here at St. Boniface, everyone is welcome to attend. Please call the church office or email Tracy to let her know that you are planning to attend so that weekly we may get somewhat of a head count so that we can make sure there is plenty of fish for everyone. The Fish, Fries, Hushpuppies, Coffee and Tea will be provided, anyone wishing to bring anything to go with this is most welcome to do so and donations will gladly be accepted. Thank you John George for your generosity.
5. The Lenten Word Among Us booklets are on the table in the Community room, please feel free to pick up your copy to take home.
6. The Altar Society is hosting an Easter Hat competition. Everyone is invited to participate, decorate your Easter Hat, and bring it and place it in the community room, we will have jars available for you to place your vote by placing money in the jars. The hat with the most money will win the competition. The winner will be announced the Sat before Palm Sunday.
7. It is with great pleasure that we announce that our Parish Website is now working, www.stbonifacechandler.org the information will be updated weekly.

Segunda Semana de Cuaresma

1. La Segunda Colecta de esta semana es para el fondo de caridad de la parroquia.
2. La catequesis de adultos de clase se reúne cada tarde los martes a las 6:30 pm en la Sala de la Comunidad, Vamos a comenzar el martes con un programa llamado la Eucaristía. Todos están invitados a asistir.
3. El Horario de Misas de Cuaresma se puede encontrar en la sala de la comunidad, hay copias en la mesa para cualquiera que desee tener una copia para sus hogares.
4. Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma, tendremos una fritura de pescado aquí en San Bonifacio, todo el mundo es bienvenido a asistir. Por favor, llame a la oficina de la iglesia o de correo electrónico Tracy para hacerle saber que usted está planeando asistir para que semanalmente nos puede obtener algo de un recuento de lo que podemos estar seguros de que hay un montón de peces para todos. El pescado, papas fritas, Hushpuppies, Café y Té será proporcionado, cualquiera que desee llevar algo para ir con esto es más que bienvenidos a hacerlo y con mucho gusto se aceptan donaciones. Gracias John George por tu generosidad.
5. La Cuaresma Palabra Entre Nosotros folletos están sobre la mesa en la sala de la Comunidad, no dude en recoger su copia para llevar a casa.
6. La sociedad del altar está organizando un concurso de sombrero de Pascua. Todos están invitados a participar, decorar tu sombrero de Pascua y traerlo y colocarlo en el salón comunitario, tendremos disponibles para que usted coloque su voto mediante la colocación de dinero en los frascos. El sombrero con la mayor parte de dinero va a ganar la competencia. El ganador será anunciado el sábado antes del domingo de Ramos.
7. Nos da mucho gusto para anunciar que la página de web de nuestra parroquia este activa: www.stbonifacechandler.org. Todas informaciones serán actualizadas semanalmente.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Esmeralda Chavez, Susan Weaver, Peggy Marks, Joyce Dye, Betsy Mamo, Sandra Reynolds, Rhonda Brown, Lisa Kephart, LeRoy Clary, Maya Harper, Beverly Camp, Ellen Wallace, Michael Sharum, Talon Dyess, Kay Chavez, Helen Littler, Eric Duran, Beverly Flores, Christina Grochowski, Iris Mamo, MaryAnn Hubl, Jim Bloodworth, James Neely, Buddy Snyder, and Adrian Gutierrez, Billy Wheat, Esperanza Gutierrez, Dutch Schorr, Conradita Sanchez, Donna Wallace, Phyllis Wood, Bill Hall,

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES



March

3/1—Tony Ramirez
 3/2—Osvaldo Gomez
 3/4—Kay Chavez
 3/6—Cecilia Gomez
 3/7—Casimiro Gutierrez / Margarito Rojas
 3/9—Anna Hodges
 3/12—Ben Delmonico
 3/14—Phyllis Wood
 3/16—Anna Cabrera / Fabrieta Gomez
 3/18—Aaron De La Garza / Yaietzi Gonzalez
 3/19—Alfa Lourde Mendoza
 3/21—Luz Cardenas / Teresa Jaimez
 3/22—Issac Granados / Marisol Rojas
 3/23—Allen Ponce
 3/25—Celeste Gomes / Nathan Padron
 3/27—Antonio Duran
 3/28—Hilario Benitez
 3/30—Eloy Cabrera Jr. / Lecey Hall

If you have a birthday in March and your name is not on the list please let Tracy know or email her.

Baking List

March

3/1—Kay Chavez, Fran Trevethan
3/8—Patricia Bloodworth, Marilyn Hare, Diane Wheat
3/15—Mary Hoffman, Frances Grochowski
3/22—Sue Beams, Wanda Taylor, Mary Fletcher
3/29—Barbara Jaremczuk, Stephanie Adams

ALTAR SERVER:

The server assists the priest at Mass, Altar Servers prepare the sanctuary before Mass and place everything away after the Liturgy. The altar server participates at Mass by praying and singing with all in the assembly. Adult Men can also serve as Acolytes.

Sat 5:00 pm - Victoria Barnes, Maria Adams, Amber Barrios

Sun 9:30 am – Sara Mashburn, Amber Barrios, Gabby Haywood, Victoria Barnes, Maria Adams

Sun 12:00 pm - Juan Gonzales, Mariana Lozano, Adrian Ponce, Diane Ponce, Vicky Anaya, Kevin Hernandez, Lisabeth Rojas, Brianna Vasquez, Amy Anaya, Ruby Gutierrez, Daisy Gutierrez, Andrea Gomez, Jorge Jaimes, Marisol Suarez, Luis Suarez

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/ Ushers:

The Lector proclaims the Sacred Scripture to those assembled at Mass. The Lector prepares for the proclamation of the reading throughout the week by reviewing and praying about the readings. The Lector possesses a deep love of scripture. Eucharistic Ministers offer the Body and Blood of Christ to those who present themselves for Holy Communion. They may also be deputed to bring Holy Communion to the sick. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion possesses a deep love of the Eucharist. Usher/Greeter- The Usher/Greeter is observant and ready to serve when any need arises. They greet people and help seat those who arrive for Mass, take up the collection, aid the orderly reception of Holy Communion and pass out the weekly bulletin at the door. The minister possesses a wealth of kindness for all that gather at Mass.

Sat Feb 28, 2015

L: Melodie Garrison

EM: Lecey Hall

U: Bill Hall

Rex Trevathan

Sunday Mar 1 (E)

L: Laurie Guerra

EM: Carolyn Saunders

Patrecia Bloodworth

U: Mark Saunders

Joe Guerra

Sunday Mar 1 (S)

L: Florina Rojas

Vickii Anaya

EM: Estrella Anaya

Florina Rojas

U: Anyone Available

Sat Mar 7, 2015

L: Melodie Garrison

EM: Lecey Hall

U: Bill Hall

Rex Trevathan

Sunday Mar 8, (E)

L: Sue Beams

EM: Lauria Guerra

Joe Guerra

U: Sam Mc Cullough

Pat Adams

Sunday Mar 8, (S)

L: Karen Zuniga

Lilia Rojas

EM: Esperanza G.

Elida Ramirez

U: Anyone Available