



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

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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

**October 8, 2017**

#### 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 : 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

#### BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process. This requires two months preparation

*En Español: Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere 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 hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere 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 arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*

#### 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...

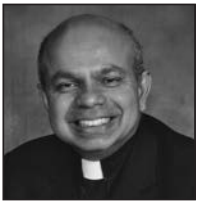
**Keep** connected to our parish community,

**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  
**Father Mat**

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

In order to have an ever-amazing parish, a powerful Sunday Experience is very important. St. John Paul II says, "Among the many activities of a parish, none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day." We have the responsibility and great opportunity to shape the Sunday Experience so that we maximize the opportunities for God to reach people through their experience at Mass. The books *Rebuilt* by Fr. Michael White and *Tom Corcoran and Divine Renovation* by Fr. James Mallon discuss three areas that a parish can focus on in order to improve their Sunday Experience: Music/Hymns, Message/Homilies and Ministers/Hospitality.

Scripture tells us that those who practice hospitality will be rewarded by God. Abraham and Sarah received the reward of a child from God for their hospitality. Our parish will continue to grow and thrive when we practice hospitality. Individually, parishioners will feel greater commitment to a parish that is welcoming, and will be more inclined to invite their friends and neighbors to a parish where they know their friends will be received warmly. People will be more encouraged to actively participate in the liturgy when they feel welcomed.

Our primary reason for welcoming needs to spring out of the awareness that this is God's fervent wish for us. Spiritually mature people are well aware of God's manifold gifts freely given to them, and gratitude springs out of this awareness. It is with this sense of overwhelming gratitude that faith-filled people desire to carry out God's wish to welcome the stranger. Wherever hospitality is practiced out of gratitude, the face of a loving, accepting God is made manifest, appealing to those yearning for a faith community that they can call home.

In order to continue and expand our practice this sort of hospitality as a parish, we need additional committed people. We are looking for more ministers of hospitality who can serve as greeters and ushers. I am already doing the

ministry of greeters before and after every Mass. Why don't you also join me? The Lord is calling you. If you would like to answer the call and volunteer, we have a training on October 23 (see page 3 for details) or contact Anthony Arteaga, Director of Liturgy & Music at 925-672-5800 x 2230 or [aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

It is with joy that I inform you that I have started a YouTube blog and it is called *Mat and Matters Important*. If you like my blogs, please visit my channel and subscribe. You can get it by typing *Mat and Matters Important* in the search area of YouTube or click on the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCquQxYaZGpxxzCAEILKrABQ>

I am also active on Face Book and post relevant photos, materials and links to my blogs. Please be my FB friend. Just befriend me at <https://www.facebook.com/mathew.vellankal>

I have made Sunday Homilies and Daily Reflections available to parishioners through a new service called Gospel Connects. Receive these in your inbox by subscribing at the following website: <https://gospelconnects.com/s/fathermat>

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, BOSNIA AND POLAND

You are invited to join me on a pilgrimage to Italy, Bosnia, and Poland from May 14 to 28, 2018. The highlights are visits to Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Medjugorje, Warsaw, Auschwitz, Krakow etc. For details please contact me at [mvellankal@stbonaventure.net](mailto:mvellankal@stbonaventure.net)

## PARISH LIFE thoughts

### FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Bonaventure. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **CA725**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

## A DIALOGUE FOR UNDERSTANDING WITH FR. DAVID

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00-9:00pm in the Large Hall

Join Fr. David and other parishioners as we discuss the immigration issue within our Catholic teachings and how we receive them. We are hearing and seeing the Bishops and Pope speak up on a number of Catholic Social teachings that are challenging. Some we agree with and some we don't. If I disagree am I a "bad Catholic"? If I agree, what do I do?

We will use a letter written by the Bishop of El Paso as a starting point for our dialogue. To be prepared, please read the document before our meeting. It is available on the front page of our web site: [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net) and copies are available in the parish foyer.

RSVP if you can. It will help to ensure we have seating and enough copies of materials, but it's not required. All are welcome. Contact Eileen Limberg 672-5800 x2217 or [elimberg@stbonaventure.net](mailto:elimberg@stbonaventure.net) with questions or to RSVP.

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Church  
The Resurrection Choir's annual Advent/Christmas Concert  
Prepare your heart for the experience of Christmas.

## LITURGY & PRAYER

### CLOSING CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S CENTENNIAL

YEAR: *Friday, October 13 at 7:30pm in the Church*

We will be closing the Centennial Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima with a Mass and procession. A **simple** reception follows in the Hospitality Room. People are welcome to bring cookies, pastries or bottled water. Please come and join us.

### PUBLIC ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join the 2017 Public Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of prayers, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.




Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place in Concord, outside Newhall Park on Ayers Road and Murchio Drive. Look for Our Lady of Fatima Banner by the road curb.

**MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TRAINING:  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 7:30PM**

Are you interested in meeting other parishioners and being involved in the Mass? If so, please consider becoming a Minister of Hospitality. These ministers greet and welcome the community at each weekend liturgy, pass the collection baskets, direct people forward to receive Eucharist, and distribute bulletins after Mass. Volunteers of all ages, from 6th grade on, are invited to participate. This ministry is extremely important in creating a welcoming atmosphere at our Sunday liturgies, and more Ministers of Hospitality are greatly needed for all weekend Masses.

A training session for all new Ministers of Hospitality will be held on Monday, October 23, from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Church. If you are interested in participating, even if you can't make this particular date, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.



**GOOD NEWS for You**  
READINGS for the WEEK

**MONDAY:** JON 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; JON 2:3-5, 8; LK 10:25-37  
**TUESDAY:** JON 3:1-10; PS 130:1B-4AB, 7-8; LK 10:38-42  
**WEDNESDAY:** JON 4:1-11; PS 86:3-6, 9-10; LK 11:1-4  
**THURSDAY:** MAL 3:13-20B; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 11:5-13  
**FRIDAY:** JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2; PS 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; LK 11:15-26  
**SATURDAY:** JL 4:12-21; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; LK 11:27-28  
**SUNDAY:** IS 25:6-10A; PS 23:1-6; PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20; MT 22:1-14 [1-10]

**LIFE AND JUSTICE**

**OCTOBER IS 'RESPECT LIFE' MONTH  
RESPECT LIFE MONTH: A CONSISTENT  
ETHIC OF LIFE**

By Eileen Limberg

October is Respect Life Month. I always like to begin the month reflecting on a speech given at Fordham University in 1983, by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He spoke of a "consistent ethic of life in our culture" referring to the US Bishops' letter, *The Challenge of Peace* (1983) which addressed nuclear policy in the US.

In referring to the letter, he addressed the list of threats to life as war, aggression and capital punishment. Although these issues have been around for millennia, the context in which the questions arose had changed. He also spoke of the growing influence of technology on human life saying: "From the inception of life to its decline, a rapidly expanding technology opens new opportunities for care but also poses new potential to threaten the sanctity of life."

No one was (or is) saying technology is bad. But Cardinal Bernardin raised the question, "In a time when we can do anything technologically, how do we decide morally what *we never should do*?"

This question cut across the spectrum of life. And this is what he meant by a consistent ethic of life – womb to tomb. It addressed issues of genetics, abortion, capital punishment, modern warfare and care of the terminally ill. In recent decades, we added poverty, homelessness, abuse and many other things to that list.

Respect Life is not all about one issue. Pro-Life addresses the dignity of the human person. Cardinal Bernardin pointed out that our moral, political and economic responsibilities do not stop at the moment of birth. "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker."

Rereading his speech, I had to keep reminding myself he gave this in 1983. He had just been appointed Chairman of the NCCB (now USCCB) Pro-Life Committee. He was laying out his agenda for his new role and what we could be expecting to see from the US Bishops in the years to come.



**STEWARDSHIP  
of Treasure**

**Weekend of September 30 & October 1  
Collection**

Goal: \$25,440  
 Actual: \$23,320  
 Deficit: (\$2,120)

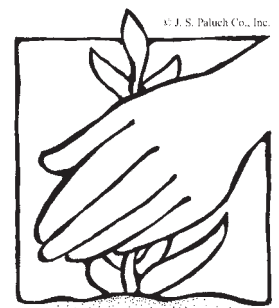
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2nd Collection  
 Catholic Voice: \$3,298  
 Food for Family: 237

*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)  
included in above figures*

I wonder if much has changed. Have we addressed some of these issues? Have we given them much thought? Pope Francis continues to address some of these same issues today. In October he is kicking off a 2-year project, "*Share the Journey*" that encourages us to look at the issue of migration and forced migration. [www.sharejourney.org](http://www.sharejourney.org) has more information.

This month, I'll be writing on some of these issues in the bulletin. There will be brochures in the foyer on various Pro-Life topics. I will be challenging myself to raise my own awareness of the issues that most affect our community. I extend an offer (or challenge) to everyone in the parish to learn more about some of these problems. Maybe take up a cause and add your voice for justice. Let us try to incorporate that consistent ethic of life into our culture.





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## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

The diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation will be in January/February at the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested will **begin October 16**. We will meet Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm until December 18. Each candidate must:

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

If you are interested, please contact Eileen (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Registration requested by October 1.

### CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOUR END-OF-LIFE WISHES

Fr. Mathew invites you to begin a conversation about your end-of-life wishes. This is a four-week series. Each afternoon will include large-group and small-group discussions.

Some topics discussed will be,

- identifying your wishes,
- society's perspectives on dying and death,
- communicating your wishes to family and loved ones, and
- funeral planning

The series is on Tuesday afternoons (October 24-November 14), 1:30-3:00pm in the Ministry Center Room B1. There is no cost. Registration is required. To register, please contact Eileen Limberg (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).

### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

*When three or more are gathered in my name, I am with them.*—Mt 18:20

Free to Pray as a Child of God! Join us in an exercise in Intercessory Prayer with Fr. Joe Kim on Saturday, October 14, 9:00am-1:00pm, beginning with Mass in the Chapel. All (men too) are welcome to attend. Prayer is free! Refreshments will be served. Free childcare available! Flyers can be found in the foyer and parish office. Please contact Donna to sign up for childcare or if you have any questions. dmbrie@gmail.com

### MOMS' GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!) Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on October 18**. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

It's that time of year again. Trunk or Treat will be October 21 after the 5:00pm Mass, in the Halls and side parking lot (6:00pm setup & 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat). The Knights of Columbus are returning with their Haunted House in the Small Hall. We will have crafts for the children while people decorate their trunks and get ready to hand out candy. Everyone is welcome.

**We need people to hand out candy as well as children to collect it.** If you are an empty nester or grandparent who misses the costume parade, join us. Maybe your small group would like to participate? It's fun for everyone! Contact Eileen Limberg with questions or to sign-up (to give out candy and/or bring your children). You can also register by following the link: <http://www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith>

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

*But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* — (Mt 6:6)

The practice of Contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: "practice." It's not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

### REBUILT

The leadership team of our parish has asked all the staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council members to read the book *Rebuilt*. Fr. Mat invites all parishioners to read the book as well. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving megachurches and innovative business leaders, while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic heart of the Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the

compelling and inspiring story of how they brought their parish back to life. Copies can be purchased in the parish office for \$15.00.

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## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 11:30 AM IN THE LARGE HALL, \$13 PER PERSON.

We'll be celebrating "Oktoberfest". Chef Greg will provide Grilled Pork Schnitzel, green beans Almandine, German potato salad, green salad, rolls & butter. Drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on October 7 and 8. Adults of all ages are welcome!

### TODAY IS HOSPITALITY WEEKEND: OCTOBER 7 & 8

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry.

After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we have wine, soda, cheese, cookies, and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

Every October the Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraising effort for local facilities that support and care for the Intellectually Disabled. St. Bonaventure Council 6038 supports the We Care Center, Special Olympics and the Respite Inn. This year we will be conducting our effort on the weekend of October 14 & 15 here at St. Bonaventure, after all the Masses that weekend. Please consider a generous donation as you meet us that weekend. We will be prominent in our bright yellow vests, touting our support for the Intellectually Disabled.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

The Knights of Columbus will start their Christmas Card sales next weekend, October 14/15, after all the Masses. Please stop by our "Keep Christ in Christmas" table to check out our selection of Christmas cards, Advent wreaths, car magnets and more. We will also be selling these items after all the weekend Masses on November 11/12, November 18/19 and December 2/3. Please check out our wide selection of religious cards and other items.



**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2017)**

Our group is still accepting donations for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and wine donations for the wine pull. 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 jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (925.693.0457). There is some administrative work associated with each donation so the sooner you can get the donation to us, the better! Thank you.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN**

*November 3: "Jingle Bells" Gala, 6pm - 8pm*

Please join us in the Large and Small Halls for an evening at the "Jingle Bells Boutique" gala. We will have wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffles, wine pull and shopping opportunities for lovely boutique items. There will be hundreds of beautifully made items, by our St. Bonaventure's Classy Crafters; and wonderful homemade goodies from the Country Kitchen.

*November 4: Boutique & Country Kitchen; 10am - 2pm*

Large and Small Halls: Beautiful handmade items for the home and garden; seasonal decorations, baked goods, etc. Raffle prizes galore (drawing at 2 PM - need not be present to win).

*December 16 & 17: Country Kitchen Bake Sale* will be in the foyer after all Masses. Finalize your Holiday Table with delicious offerings, or thrill your friends with a last-minute gift from our Country Kitchen Bake Sale.

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

**CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE**

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.

**OUTSIDE PARISH**

**COMMON PRAYER - FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION**

Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the 500 years of reformation, in 2017.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church, 3351 Contra Loma Blvd. Antioch; Sunday, Oct. 29 at 4pm, reception following.

Please encourage singers to join us in singing hymns and one anthem. We have the mighty Rodger's Trillium Masterpiece Organ to support our singing. We provide your music. (Call the church at 925-778-0768).

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS BINGO FUNDRAISER**

Court of St. Mary Margaret 1450; First Tuesday every month. 10:30am - 3pm; Good Shepherd Hall, 3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg

Cost: \$10 for 1 card plus lunch; additional cards are \$1.00. Information: Dorothy Borian (925) 432-1802, Rose Carpanello - (925) 432-2466, Mary Deren - (925) 459-2666



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# MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 Genaro de Guzman  
Debbie Dell'Isola  
Leo, Cecilio & Cesar Dulay  
Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 Joy Keehn  
John Breen  
Ann Zbacnik  
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
11:00 Juan Merchan  
Edith Sutfin  
Angelo Blasquez  
5:00 Confirmation Candidates  
Nestor Bacsafrá

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 Fr. Mathew Vellankal  
9:00 Jaime Diaz  
Jennifer Miller  
Special Intentions  
Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:30 Fr. Oscar Rojas  
9:00 William M. Jordan  
Led Sands  
Oreen Gheewalla

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:30 Victims of natural calamities  
9:00 World Peace

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 For the sick and homebound  
9:00 Jay Del Rosario  
Josie Gillon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:30 Souls in purgatory  
Carlotta Talavera  
9:00 Oreen Gheewalla

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 Edward Wayne Larwood  
Thecla Daniels  
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude  
Jeanann Davis

Christ the King Catholic Church

199 Brandon Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (925) 682-2486 ctkph.org

## Natural Disaster Relief

Christ the King Church of Pleasant Hill will be accepting donations for the victims of the recent Natural Disasters

We are working closely with the efforts made by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Houston

### Items in need of donation

- Bed Linens
- (New sheets, comforters, blankets, bedspreads)
- Pillows
- Bath Towels
- New Undergarments
- Shoes
- Clothing Vouchers

A Container will be available at Christ the King Church

From:

October 14 - October 17

Or someone from our church can pick up your items



Pray  
For

Nestor Bacsafrá

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

JAY DEL ROSARIO

Oct. 7 - Oct. 13, 2017



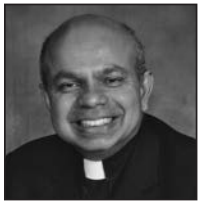
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## PENSAMIENTOS



de  
**Padre Mat**

### MINISTERIO DE HOSPITALIDAD

La experiencia de un domingo poderoso es muy importante para tener una parroquia increíble. San Juan Pablo II dice, "Entre las muchas actividades que desarrolla una parroquia para formar una comunidad, ninguna es tan vital como la celebración dominical del día del Señor."

Para llegar a la gente a través de su experiencia tenemos la responsabilidad y una gran oportunidad de dar forma a la experiencia de la misa del domingo y maximizar las oportunidades de Dios. Los libros Reconstruir del Padre Michael White y Tom Corcoran y la Renovación Divina del Padre James Mallon discuten tres áreas en que la parroquia puede enfocarse con el fin de mejorar la experiencia del domingo: Música/ Himnos, Mensaje/Homilias y Ministros/ Hospitalidad.

La escritura nos dice que los que practican la hospitalidad serán recompensados por Dios. Abraham y Sara recibieron la recompensa del hijo de Dios por su hospitalidad. Nuestra parroquia va a crecer y prosperar cuando practicamos la hospitalidad. Individualmente los feligreses sentirán un mayor compromiso con una parroquia que está dando la bienvenida y estarán más inclinados a invitar a sus amigos y vecinos a una parroquia donde saben que sus amigos serán muy bien recibidos. La gente tendrá más ánimo a participar activamente en la liturgia cuando se sienten bienvenidos.

Nuestra razón principal para dar la bienvenida necesita aparecer de la conciencia de que esto es un ferviente deseo de Dios para nosotros. Las personas maduras espiritualmente son muy conscientes de los múltiples dones que Dios les ha dado libremente a ellos y la gratitud brota de esta toma de conciencia. Es con este sentido de gratitud inmenso que la fe llena a la gente a llevar a cabo la voluntad de Dios para acoger al extranjero. El rostro de Dios se manifiesta dondequiera que la hospitalidad se practica con agradecimiento apelando a las ansias de una comunidad de fe que puedan llamar hogar.

Necesitamos personas más comprometidas con el fin de practicar este tipo de hospitalidad como parroquia. En este momento nosotros estamos buscando más ministros de hospitalidad que puedan servir para saludar y acomodadores. Yo estoy haciendo el ministerio de los recibidores antes y después de cada misa. ¿Por qué no unirse a mí también? El Señor les está llamando. Si desea responder a la llamada y servir de voluntario por favor póngase en contacto con Anthony Arteaga, Director de Liturgia y Música: teléfono (925) 672-5800 ó [aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net)

### MEDIOS DE COMUNICACIÓN SOCIAL

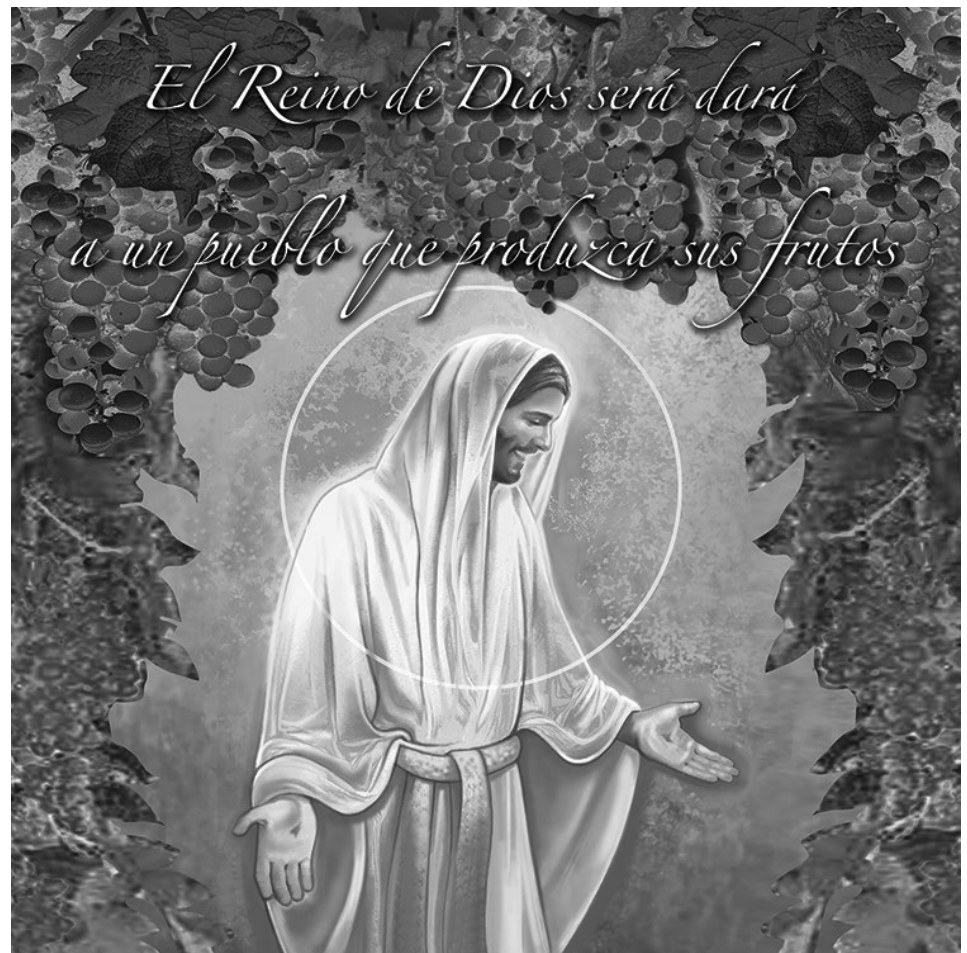
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Los invito a unirse a mí en la peregrinación a Italia, Bosnia y Polonia del 14 al 28 de mayo de 2018. Los lugares más destacados son visitas a Roma, San Giovanni Rotondo, (St. Padre Pio,) Lanciano (Milagro Eucarístico,) Medjugorje, Varsovia, Auschwitz, Krakow, etc. Para más detalles por favor llamarme al: (925) 672-5800 ó email: [mvellankal@stbonaventure.net](mailto:mvellankal@stbonaventure.net)



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## Reflexión del Padre Oscar



### EL VIÑEDO Y SUS TRABAJADORES

El contexto de la parábola es la relación entre Dios y el pueblo de Israel. Dios envió a Israel primero profetas y después envió a su único Hijo. En la parábola se nos invita a construir una relación con Dios. El Evangelio nos narra la parábola de un propietario que plantó un viñedo y se fue de viaje. Llegó el momento de la cosecha y mandó a uno de sus criados a pedir parte de los frutos, pero los viñadores ya se habían apoderado de ella y golpearon y mataron al criado. Después el propietario mandó a otro criado y lo trataron mal. Finalmente, el propietario decidió enviar a su hijo porque pensó que a él sí lo respetarían. Sin embargo, los viñadores dijeron vamos a matarlo y nos quedamos con su herencia. Es una parábola que fácilmente todos podemos interpretar y comprender y aplicarla en nuestra vida.

Dios es un Dios que confía en sus trabajadores, que somos cada uno de nosotros como servidores en la viña. Dios crea las oportunidades de trabajo y nos da la oportunidad de poner al servicio de los demás nuestra capacidad y nuestras habilidades. De la misma manera el propietario confió su viñedo a sus trabajadores y se fue de viaje. El dueño nunca imaginó que sus trabajadores se iban a apoderar de su viñedo hasta atentar contra la vida de los criados y la vida de su hijo. Sin embargo, cuando regrese el dueño dará muerte a todos aquellos que se apoderaron y mataron a sus empleados. Dios provee oportunidad, fuerzas y confianza en la persona, para que pueda ser un buen trabajador en la viña de Dios.

Dios envió a su Hijo único para la salvación de toda la humanidad y el pueblo de Israel no reconoció la presencia del hijo de Dios. Aquellos sabios y letrados y entendidos de la ley no pudieron apreciar la llegada del hijo del propietario, que es Dios. Aquellos líderes del pueblo de Israel rechazaron la presencia de Dios y finalmente decidieron crucificarlo. Hermanos

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y hermanas, hoy nos podemos preguntar ¿en cuál viña estoy trabajando? ¿Estoy trabajando en la viña de Dios? o ¿en la viña del enemigo que quiere apoderarse de la viña y hacer su propia voluntad? Dios ha confiado en todos los que son padres de familia para que puedan hacer bien el trabajo en esa viña de la familia. Que la familia pueda ser fecunda en el amor a Dios y dar testimonio de paz y armonía a la comunidad. Dios quiere que los padres de familia enseñen los valores cristianos a los demás. De tal manera que a cada ser humano Dios le ha confiado una tarea para poder trabajar en su viña, y que el viñedo produzca buenos frutos. En la segunda lectura San Pablo nos invita **“no se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la súplica, llenos de gratitud.”**

Hermanos y hermanas servidores, Dios nos pide ser realmente humildes para desarrollar nuestro ministerio, el ministerio que Dios nos ha encomendado. Pidamos la gracia del Espíritu Santo para que la viña de frutos abundantes y estemos preparados para dar buenos resultados al dueño de la viña. Somos seres humanos débiles, pero el Espíritu de Dios es fuerte y nos da la fuerza para que podamos continuar desarrollando nuestro ministerio con mucho amor. Si perdemos el amor de Dios en nuestra vida, también perderemos el verdadero sentido de nuestro ministerio; hasta el punto de querer matar al dueño de la viña para convertirnos en dueños de una viña que no nos pertenece. El único dueño es Dios, y confía tanto en nosotros, que nos ha dejado ser encargados de una familia, un ministerio parroquial, una comunidad o simplemente nuestra vida. Dios nos da la libertad de hacer lo que yo quiera con

mi viña personal, pero Dios es el dueño y pedirá cuenta de cómo administre la vida que me dio. Pidámosle a Dios que nos dé la sabiduría y la gracia para no rechazar al propietario de la creación que es El mismo, Dios.

### CLAUSURA DE LA CELEBRACION DEL CENTENARIO EN HONOR DE LA VIRGEN DE FATIMA

**Viernes, 13 de octubre a las 7:30pm en la Iglesia**

Estamos clausurando la celebración del centenario de nuestra Virgen de Fátima con una Misa y procesión. Después de la celebración los invitamos a una sencilla recepción en el Salón de Hospitalidad. Las personas pueden traer galletas, pasteles o agua embotellada. Por favor venga y únase a nosotros.

### CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Las personas mayores de 20 años que deseen confirmarse favor dirigirse a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas para registrarse y/o recibir información. El programa empieza en Octubre y la confirmación es en Enero en la Catedral de la Luz en Oakland. Además de la información personal, es importante tener los certificados de Bautizo y de Primera Comunión.





## CATECUMENOS

Estamos invitando a los jóvenes mayores de 18 años y a los adultos que no hayan sido Bautizados ni recibido su Primera Comunión a que se acerquen a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas y se inscriban a las clases para Catecúmenos.

## FAITH DIRECT



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¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial!

Dios los bendiga. —Fr. Mat Vellankal



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