



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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

August 19, 2018

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

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 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/RECONCILIACIÓN

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)

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...

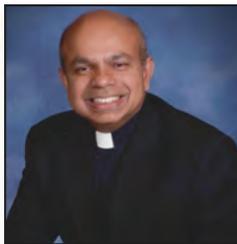
Keep connected to our parish community,

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. MATHEW VELLANKAL



The homilist this weekend is Fr. Thomas Vattathara SDB, a visiting priest from northeast India. He has just finished his term as the Salesian Provincial of Guwahati and is in the USA for a short sabbatical program. I have had the opportunity to work with this very dynamic priest, and he is a good friend.

Today's readings stress the fact that the Holy Eucharist, the perfect fulfillment of the symbol of the manna in the Old Testament, is the food that gives us life forever. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus declared that the bread he gives is his flesh. This Sunday, Jesus asserts that to eat this bread is to have eternal life.

In today's first reading, taken from the Book of Proverbs, lady wisdom, representing God, offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the divine wisdom now incarnate in Jesus.

In the second reading, Paul advises the gentile Christians to show their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life. They will be able to receive this life by avoiding their former foolish ways, like *getting drunk on wine*. Instead they are to be Spirit-filled with their talk, edifying, always trying to discern and do the will of God.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that eating the living bread allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating his body and

drinking his blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. When we share in the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

We need to allow our body to be broken and our blood to be shed for others as Jesus did. That is why, at the end of the Mass, we are sent out *to announce the Gospel of the Lord* by our humble service and exemplary lives, radiating Jesus' love, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of service all around us. Let us say with Jesus, *"This is my Body, which will be given up for you"* and *"This is the Chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you"* and live out these words by living for others.

We need to keep the hunger and thirst for God alive in our hearts. Every human being is blessed with an insatiable longing for God. We want God as our father to hold us gently in His arms, keeping us safe throughout the dangers we face. Let us remember the truth that unless we keep the hunger for God strong in our hearts, we will eventually realize the emptiness of our lives without Him.



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of August 11 & 12 Collection

Goal: \$28,735

Actual: \$26,225

Deficit: (\$2,510)

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures

Food for Family: 139

Upcoming Special Collection
September 8/9 – Priest Retirement

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

STAFF ON RETREAT

Please hold the staff in prayer on August 21 and 22 as we take some time away from the office to reflect on, pray on and plan for our coming year of service. Volunteer receptionists and facilities staff will be on site for basic needs.

READINGS for the WEEK



MON: EZ 24:15-24; DT 32:18-21; MT 19:16-22

TUE: EZ 28:1-10; DT 32:26-28, 30, 35CD-36AB; MT 19:23-30

WED: EZ 34:1-11; PS 23:1-6; MT 20:1-16

THU: EZ 36:23-28; PS 51:12-15, 18-19; MT 22:1-14

FRI: RV 21:9B-14; PS 145:10-13, 17-18; JN 1:45-51

SAT: EZ 43:1-7A; PS 85:9AB, 10-14; MT 23:1-12

SUN: JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B; PS 34:2-3, 16-21; EPH 5:21-32 [2A, 25-32]; JN 6:60-69



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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Bonaventure's religious education classes will begin the week of September 30. Our faith formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and Kindergarten and continue through High School.

We offer a Sunday morning program for Pre-School age 4 and Kindergarten-age children that meets during the 9am Mass. This program is designed to share stories from the Bible and to engage the youngest of our community to grow in their faith with interactive activities.

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade. Each grade builds on the child's faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus' life and teachings, and we will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become who Jesus wants us to be.

We will meet your child wherever they are in their Sacramental faith journey with class offerings for Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation. We also have Sacramental Preparation classes for First Communion that are taught in Spanish.

Registration will be held on August 25 and September 8 (Saturdays) from 9AM to 6PM in Classroom A-1. We will be available to answer any questions you have and assist you with registering your child for the appropriate class. You will also be able to register in the church office after August 27 between 1:30 and 4:00pm. If your child has been in our program last year, you will receive a packet of materials in the mail in mid-August. In mid-August, there will also be registration forms in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration.

We look forward to having your child in our Faith Formation Programs!

ST. BONAVENTURE CYO BASKETBALL 2018-2019 SEASON REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

We have boys and girls teams 2nd-8th grade. Multi-player family discounts. See our website: www.stbonaventure.net/cyo or call (925) 270-9390 for more information.

ST. BONAVENTURE CYO CROSS-COUNTRY

St. Bonaventure CYO Cross Country is a fun program designed for runners of all levels in grades 2-8 who want to learn proper technique and also learn about cross-country running. This is a fun event, and races are about one mile over different types of terrain. Practices will begin in August, and meets will begin September 21st. and run until October 19. All are on Friday evenings. **2018 CYO Track and Field Registration**" See website: www.stbonaventure/cyo

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who is interested in receiving 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.

We usually offer Confirmation for adults twice during the year, once at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and once here at St. Bonaventure. Preparation sessions begin in the fall in both English (Oct. 15) and Spanish (Sept. 29).

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the process, please contact Gina Cattalini at (925) 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net. More information is also available on our website at www.stbonaventure.net.

WCF PARENTING DISCUSSION

Calling all parents! Do you want to explore ways you and your children can become everyday saints? The Women's Christian Fellowship invites moms and dads to a panel discussion on **Sunday, September 16, 11am -1:00pm**, Room A1, following the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. Learn practical ways of implementing mercy right at home while practicing the corporal works of mercy (such as feeding the hungry).

Childcare provided in Room A4; register with Dotpricel6@gmail.com. Light refreshments offered.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY: THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

St. Jerome said in his introduction to the book of Isaiah that ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ. He also described the book of Isaiah as the gospel of the Old Testament, because Isaiah prophesied more about the Messiah than in any other book in the Old Testament. Come join the Thursday Scripture study class this year as we explore the book of Isaiah.

The Scripture Study will begin on Thursday, September 6 and will continue each week to the end of May 2019. The morning class begins at 10:00 a.m. and the evening class begins at 7:00 p.m. Participants can attend either class. Each weekly session is 90 minutes long and includes a discussion on the commentary and study questions by Father Mitch Pacwa SJ. The video lectures are by Father Patrick Winslow.

The scripture study program is from Catholic Scripture Study International, www.cssprogram.net. In addition, there are video presentations throughout the year on various Catholic topics and a class retreat before Holy Week.

Students may register in the church office until August 29. The cost for the program is \$50.00. If you have additional questions or need a form in order to mail in your registration, please contact Greg Gamache at: bonaventurebible@astound.net.



HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we'd like to invite you to attend the **Healing the Heart** workshop. It provides a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one. The loss may have been a recent one or a long time ago. The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. It is a Christ-centered program, but you do not have to be a member of St. Bonaventure's parish or a Catholic to attend.

The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening September 11 from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. The workshop is *free* but registration is required by September 4.

Healing the Heart also offers "drop in" monthly support meetings between the workshops at 7:30PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **August 21**. Advance registration is appreciated.

Please call, text or email Helene for inquiries or to register for either the six-week workshop or drop-in meeting at (925) 681-8105 or email at fuzzyfrank@aol.com.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

GET ON THE BUS! RED HAWK CASINO TRIP: SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Pick-Up: 7:30am at St. Bonaventure
Arrive at Red Hawk: 9:30am
Depart Red Hawk: 3:30pm
Return to St. Bonaventure at: 5:30pm
Cost: \$30 per person (\$15 play card & \$5 food coupon)

Reserve a spot now! Call Sol @925-676-5905 or solemama@yahoo.com. All participants must be at least 21 years old.
Pay with checks only. No cash accepted.



THE CLASSY CRAFTERS NEED WINE!

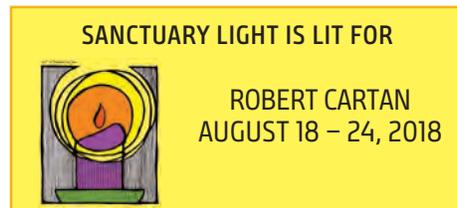
One of the popular pastimes at the Holiday Boutique (November 9/10) is the Wine Pull. We need wine to play this game!! Wines (red, white or sparkling) ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. We request that donations be given by **October 1**. You may give them to a crafter or bring them to the office, addressed to the Classy Crafters. Thank you for your loving generosity. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennymeeker@gmail.com, or phone (925.818.1603). All proceeds benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

SAVE THE DATE: FAITH DAY WITH THE A'S VS. TEXAS RANGERS: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Game time 1:05; Postgame Testimonials with A's players. Section 221, you will also receive a Batting Practice Jersey. I have 10 tickets left. Please call Gerry 925-709-5404.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE: NOVEMBER 9 AND 10

Our group is actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, you want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or, maybe a wine donation for the Wine pull, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. 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 jennymeeker@gmail.com, or phone (925.818.1603). All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.



MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
5:00 Peter Brendan O'Sullivan
Julio A. Brito
Emidio Busuttill
Charlie & Mary Muscat

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
7:30 Josephine Torres
Carlos Teran
Leon Family
Brayden Sinkay
9:00 Joey Mangini
Galvin de Guzman
Monsignor James Tarantino
Joe Sposito
11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 Eneida Lugo de Diaz
Carmen Esther Ortiz
Adalberto Colon
Marta Sarabia Finnen

MONDAY, AUGUST 20
6:30 For end to violence
9:00 Jessie J. Armas
Eduardo Armas
Maggie Anicete
Ofelia Funes de Paz

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21
6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Ruben Tuazon, Sr.
Marcela Corey
Peter Brendan O'Sullivan
Kathleen Schlotterback

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Tom Gorman
Pacita Mendieta
Erika Anna Pangan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
6:30 Safety of all fire victims & their families
9:00 Safety of all firefighters
Kimberly de Guzman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
6:30 Carlota Talavera
9:00 Margaret Williams
Luis & Yola Capati
Wilfredo Saguiped

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
5:00 Yolanda Claros
Alice Hansen
Emidio Busuttill
Mary Sue Weaver



**PENSAMIENTOS
DEL PADRE
MATHEW
VELLANKAL**



El Padre Thomas Vattathara SDB, predicará este fin de semana, él es un sacerdote visitante del noreste de la India. Acaba de terminar su mandato como Provincial Salesiano de Guwahati y está en USA. en un breve período sabático. He tenido la oportunidad de trabajar con este sacerdote tan dinámico y somos buenos amigos.

Las lecturas de hoy enfatizan el hecho de la Sagrada Eucaristía, el cumplimiento perfecto del símbolo del maná en el Antiguo Testamento, es el alimento que nos da la vida para siempre. En el Evangelio del domingo pasado, Jesús declaró que el pan que da es su carne. Este domingo, Jesús afirma que comer este pan es tener vida eterna.

En la primera lectura de hoy, tomada del Libro de los Proverbios, la sabiduría de la dama, que representa a Dios, ofrece sabiduría y comprensión en la forma de un rico banquete para todos aquellos que estén dispuestos a escuchar su invitación. Los primeros cristianos a menudo identificaron a Jesús como la sabiduría de Dios. Consideraban la Eucaristía como el banquete de la sabiduría, donde compartían la sabiduría divina ahora encarnada en Jesús.

En la segunda lectura, Pablo aconseja a los cristianos gentiles que muestren su gratitud a Dios por llamarlos, junto con los judíos, al cristianismo, y por darles una participación en la vida de Cristo. ¿Podrán recibir esta vida evitando sus antiguas maneras insensatas, como emborracharse con vino? En cambio, deben estar llenos del Espíritu con su charla edificante, siempre tratando de discernir y hacer la voluntad de Dios.

En el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús afirma que comer el pan vivo, nos permite participar en su vida y crecer aquí y ahora en nuestra vida eterna con Dios. Jesús enfatiza las dimensiones de la vida eterna de comer su cuerpo y beber su sangre,

aquellos que tienen fe en Jesús y lo hacen ya han pisado el cielo en esta vida, compartiendo en la vida de Dios y por lo tanto en la vida eterna. Nuestra participación en la Eucaristía también concreta y da energía a nuestra relación con Cristo y con los demás. Cuando compartimos el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía, Jesús mismo viene a morar en nosotros. Esta comunión con el Señor nos hace un solo cuerpo, nos trae la vida eterna y nos envía a ser el cuerpo de Cristo para la vida del mundo.

Necesitamos permitir que nuestro cuerpo se rompa y que nuestra sangre sea derramada por otros como lo hizo Jesús. Por eso, al final de la misa, somos enviados a anunciar el Evangelio del Señor por medio de nuestro humilde servicio y vidas ejem-

plares, irradiando el amor, la misericordia, el perdón y el espíritu de servicio de Jesús a nuestro alrededor. Digamos con Jesús, "Este es mi Cuerpo, que será entregado por ti" y "Este es el Cáliz de Mi Sangre ... que se derramará por ti" y vive estas palabras viviendo por los demás.

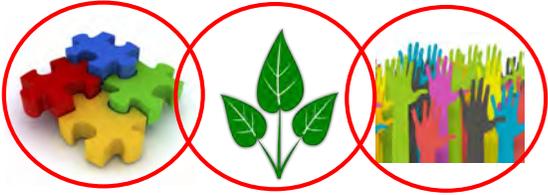
Necesitamos mantener vivo el hambre y la sed de Dios en nuestros corazones. Cada ser humano es bendecido con un anhelo insaciable por Dios. Queremos que Dios como nuestro padre nos sostenga gentilmente en sus brazos, manteniéndonos a salvo a través de los peligros que enfrentamos. Recordemos la verdad y mantengamos el hambre de Dios fuerte en nuestros corazones, eventualmente nos daremos cuenta del vacío de nuestras vidas sin él.



Ministry Faire

San Buenaventura Comunidad Católica

Por favor únase



Feria de Ministerios
8 y 9 de Setiembre 2018
Después de casa Misa

Por Favor Participe
Y Ayúdenos a Celebrar
El Regalo del Ministerio!

Para información llame a Charo Panesi
(510) 703-2446

BAUTIZOS 2018
 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 10/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/15	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/14	7-9:30 p.m.



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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.

Find us on 

**ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC OR
COMPLETING YOUR SACRAMENTS**

Do you wonder if God might be calling you to fuller participation in the Catholic Church? St. Bonaventure invites you to join us for the journey.

A new group of adults interested in becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or thinking about being baptized, began meeting today (Sunday). There is still time for you to join the process. We welcome you to come and see where God is calling you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the process, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or (925) 672-5800 x2217.

Registration for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry begins **Saturday, August 25, 9:00am-6:00pm in Classroom A1**. Forms and more information can be found on the website: www.stbonaventure.net/learning

MOVIE NIGHT: PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST

Come to the movies without having to buy a ticket or reserve a seat in advance. Join us for *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, starring James Faulkner and Jim Caviezel. We read St. Paul's letters most Sundays at Mass, but how much do you really know about Paul himself? Come meet him at a critical time in his life. Fr. Mat will start us off with a brief introduction. There will be a discussion after the movie.



Saturday, August 25, 6:30 pm, Rooms A2 & A3. Feel free to stay after 5pm Mass and visit before the movie begins. Bring a picnic dinner if desired – we'll supply the popcorn and lemonade. Register with Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 by Thursday, August 23, if possible, to help with the planning. Free child care available with registration by Thursday, August 23.

Ministry Faire



St Bonaventure Catholic Community

Please join us



Connect Grow Serve

Ministry Faire
Sept 8-9, 2018
After each Mass

Please Participate and
Help Us Celebrate
the Gift of Ministry!

For Information, Contact Lori Neely
925 672 6083

