



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

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time *Vigésimo Primer del Tiempo Ordinario*

## August 26, 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 DEACON BILL GALL

For the last four weeks we have been reading, from the Gospel of St. John, the portion commonly referred to as the "Bread of Life Discourse." In it, Jesus has been teaching his disciples and us what the role and responsibilities are in order to be one of his disciples. **He tells us the primary responsibility is to feed the hungry of God's people: physical hunger, spiritual hunger and emotional hunger.**

**Today's readings speak to us about making decisions or choices in our lives.** The first reading is taken from the Book of Joshua. Joshua was the successor to Moses. It was Moses who gave him the name which means "Yahweh saves." Joshua was a great military commander who conquered his enemies and led the people into Canaan. As they were getting settled in their new land, Joshua was afraid that the people might start to worship the gods of the Amorites. So, he called the people together and challenged them to "**decide today whom will you serve?**" - the gods of the Amorites or the Lord God who had freed them from slavery in Egypt, led them and sustained them in their journey through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land? As for Joshua, he and his family will serve the Lord. **The people made the same decision.**

In the second reading from St. Paul to the Ephesians, Paul compares the marriage relationship of man and woman to that of Christ to the church. He speaks about **love**---a very special kind of love. In Greek the word is "Agape" - an unconditional love - the kind of love that God has for us....I love you because you are you.

My wife, Sylvia, and I facilitated the marriage preparation program for engaged couples here at St. Bonaventure for over fifteen years. To all the couples who came through the program we always made it a priority to remind them that **love is a decision**, a decision made more often than not on a daily basis.



We began this section of John's Gospel a month ago with the miracle of the loaves and fishes and the feeding of the 5000. After this miracle, the people were ready to carry Jesus off to make him their king because of all the wonders and signs he did.

The contrast with today's Gospel reading couldn't be greater. Evidently, many of his followers either couldn't believe and/or understand the things Jesus had been saying: "I am the Bread of Life come down from heaven. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will have eternal life." What was he saying? What did he mean? It caused confusion in many of his followers.

As a result, many decided to leave him and return to their former lifestyles - all but the twelve. Jesus then said to the twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter, speaking on behalf of the twelve, said to Jesus, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

We, like those early followers of Jesus, are asked to choose. We can stay with Jesus or we can refuse his love and walk away. There is an old Christian hymn entitled, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." The words from the hymn echo in my mind: "Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back."

This weekend, let us re-commit ourselves to him and pledge our loyalty and love.

May Jesus bless each and every one of you.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 September 8 (Saturday) from 9AM to 6PM in Classroom A1.** 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](http://www.stbonaventure.net). Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration.



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

### FAMILY SCOUTING AT ST BONAVENTURE

The new Family Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is coming to St Bonaventure Parish. Beginning this fall, families can choose Cub Scouts (grades K-5) for both their sons **and** their daughters. Then, in February 2019 a new scouting program for older boys and girls (ages 11-18) will be initiated. This new scout program, called **Scouts BSA**, will enable all participants to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Because studies have shown that boys and girls develop at different rates, there will be separate dens for boys and girls at the Cub Scout Level, and separate troops at the Scouts BSA level. Nevertheless, all scouts will have exactly the same program requirements and access to all BSA facilities and activities.

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and value-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared for Life." St Bonaventure Parish has chartered scouting units for the past 49 years.

If you are interested in becoming involved in Family Scouting with your sons and daughters, please see our scouting table at the Ministry Faire on September 8 and 9, or contact Greg Gamache at crew444@astound.net. You can also find out more about scouting and about our activities at [www.beascout.scouting.org](http://www.beascout.scouting.org).

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

We have boys and girls teams 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Multi-player family discounts. See our website: [www.stbonaventure.net/cyo](http://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 21. and run until October 19. All are on Friday evenings. **2018 CYO Track and Field Registration** See website: [www.stbonaventure/cyo](http://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, contact Gina Cattalini. More information is also available on our website at [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net).

### WCF PARENTING DISCUSSION

Women's Christian Fellowship invites moms and dads to a panel discussion **Sunday September 16, 11am – 1pm**, room A1, following the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. The topic explores ways you and your children can become everyday saints. Learn practical ways of implementing Mercy right at home.

Childcare provided in Room A4. Contact [Dotprice16@gmail.com](mailto:Dotprice16@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](http://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](mailto:bonaventurebible@astound.net).

### READINGS for the WEEK



**MON:** 2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12; PS 96:1-5; MT 23:13-22  
**TUEY:** 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17; PS 96:10-13; MT 23:23-26  
**WED:** 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18; PS 128:1-2, 4-5; MK 6:17-29  
**THU:** 1 COR 1:1-9; PS 145:2-7; MT 24:42-51  
**FRI:** 1 COR 1:17-25; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; MT 25:1-13  
**SAT:** 1 COR 1:26-31; PS 33:12-13, 18-21; MT 25:14-30  
**SUNY:** DT 4:1-2, 6-8; PS 15:2-5; JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27; MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## 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](mailto:fuzzyfrank@aol.com).

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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](mailto: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 & RAFFLE: NOVEMBER 9/10

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](mailto:jennymeeker@gmail.com), or phone (925.818.1603). All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR**



**MARINO TADEO**  
AUGUST 25-  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2018



*Pray for*  
Lastenia Vargas

# MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 Yolanda Claros  
Alice Hansen  
Emidio Busuttill  
Mary Sue Weaver

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 Jack & Rosa Rico  
David & Cindy Rico  
Marc & Kris Rico  
Jaime & Glen Powers  
9:00 Joe Mangini  
Msgr. James Tarantino  
Joe Sposito  
June Wells  
11:00 Joan & William Weightman  
Michael Gois  
Sandra Johnson  
Raul Sebastian  
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 Safety for the back to school students  
9:00 Josefina Javier  
Lily & Celso Gagan  
Ernesto Osorio  
Beatriz Milanés

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30 Christian Barrere  
9:00 Marino A. Tadeo

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30 The end of terrorism  
9:00 Clara Brooker  
Donald Williams  
Ophelia Grigsby  
Patricia D. Santos

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30 Carlota Talavera  
9:00 Sophia Lozipone

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 Wilfredo Saguiped  
Lastenia Vargas  
9:00 Brayden Sinkay  
Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community



## PENSAMIENTOS DEL DIACONO BILL GALL



Durante las últimas cuatro semanas hemos estado leyendo el Evangelio de San Juan, la porción que comúnmente se conoce como el "Discurso del pan de vida". En él, Jesús ha estado enseñando a sus discípulos y a nosotros cuál es el papel y las responsabilidades para ser uno de sus discípulos. Él nos dice que la principal responsabilidad es alimentar las hambres del pueblo de Dios. Hambre física, hambre espiritual y hambre emocional.

Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan de tomar decisiones o elecciones en nuestras vidas. La primera lectura está tomada del Libro de Josué. Josué fue el sucesor de Moisés. Fue Moisés quien le dio el nombre que significa, "Yahweh salva". Josué fue un gran comandante militar que conquistó a sus enemigos y condujo al pueblo a Caanan. Mientras se estaban estableciendo en su nueva tierra, Josué temía que la gente comenzara a adorar al Dios de los amorreos. Entonces, convocó a la gente y los desafió a "decidir ¿hoy a quién servirán?" Los Dioses de los Amorreos o el Señor Dios que los liberó de la esclavitud en Egipto, los guiaron y los sostuvieron en su viaje por el desierto y los trajo a la tierra prometida. En cuanto a Josué, él y su familia servirán al Señor. Las personas toman la misma decisión.

En la segunda lectura de San Pablo a los Efesios, compara la relación matrimonial del hombre y la mujer con la de Cristo con la iglesia. Él habla sobre AMOR ---- un tipo muy especial de amor. En griego, la palabra es "Ágape". Un amor incondicional ---- el tipo de amor que Dios tiene para nosotros ... Te amo porque eres tú.

Mi esposa, Sylvia y yo, facilitamos el programa de preparación matrimonial para las parejas comprometidas aquí en

Bonaventure durante más de quince años y para todas las parejas que asistieron al programa siempre lo priorizamos para recordarles que el amor es una decisión, una decisión hecha más a menudo que no sobre una base diaria.

Cuando comenzamos esta sección del Evangelio de Juan hace un mes con el milagro de los panes y los peces y la alimentación de los 5000, la gente estaba lista para llevarse a Jesús y convertirlo en rey por todas las maravillas y señales que hizo.

El contraste con la lectura del Evangelio de hoy no podría ser más opuesto. Evidentemente, muchos de sus seguidores o no podían creer y / o entender las cosas que Jesús había estado diciendo: "Yo soy el pan de la vida bajado del cielo. El que coma mi carne y beba mi sangre tendrá vida eterna." ¿Qué estaba diciendo? ¿Qué quiso decir él? Causó confusión en muchos de sus seguidores.

Como resultado, muchos decidieron dejarlo y regresar a sus estilos de vida anteriores ... todos menos los doce. Jesús entonces les dijo a los doce: "¿También quieren irse?" Simón Pedro, hablando en nombre de los doce, le dijo a Jesús: "Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tu tienes las palabras de la vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer y estamos convencidos de que usted es el Santo de Dios".

Nosotros, como aquellos primeros seguidores de Jesús, debemos elegir. Podemos quedarnos con Jesús o podemos rechazar su amor y alejarnos. Hay un viejo himno cristiano titulado, "He decidido seguir a Jesús". Las palabras del himno resuenan en mi mente: "Aunque ninguno va conmigo, aún así lo seguiré, sin dar marcha atrás, sin dar marcha atrás".

Este fin de semana, volvamos a comprometernos con él y prometer nuestra lealtad y amor.

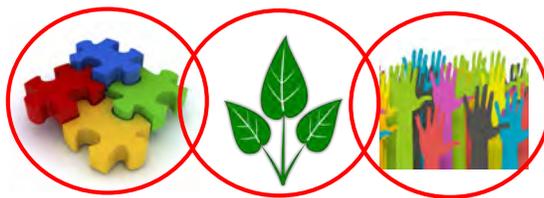
Que Jesús bendiga a todos y cada uno de ustedes.

### 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  
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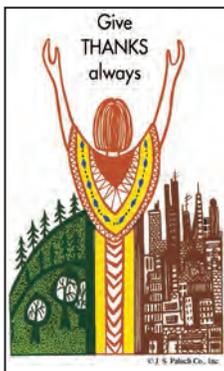
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**ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC OR  
COMPLETING YOUR SACRAMENTS**

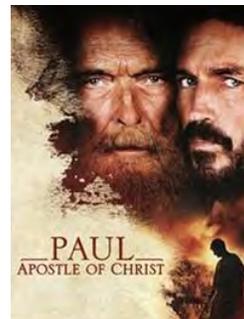
Do you wonder if God might be calling you to fuller participation in the Catholic Church? St. Bonaventure invites you to join us for the journey.

A new group of adults interested in becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or thinking about being baptized began meeting recently. 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



**SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHT: PAUL,  
APOSTLE OF CHRIST**

If you're reading this Saturday evening, don't go home just yet. Stay and join us for *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, starring James Faulkner and Jim Caviezel. Fr. Mat will begin with a brief introduction.



There will be a discussion after the movie. **Saturday, August 25, 6:30 pm, Rooms A2 & A3.** Free admission, popcorn, and lemonade

**We need your TALENT!**

Share Your Talents—  
Volunteer in a Ministry

Contact Christa Fairfield  
925-844-9005 or email  
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**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!

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