



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

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Vigésimo Cuarto del Tiempo Ordinario*

September 16, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

In English: Friday after the 9 AM 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.

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 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.

THOUGHTS FROM DEACON BILL GALL

This weekend we begin a series of seven Sunday Gospel readings from Mark's account of the journey of Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem, beginning in the town of Caesarea Philippi, located about twenty-five miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee. Along the way Jesus will give his disciples instructions about his identity and what it means to follow him.

The first reading is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah. In the middle section of the book are four short passages which scholars have called the *Songs of the Suffering Servant*. Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in the Servant Songs, so the passages provide background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah. Today's passage is from the section of the third song. Like the servant described in the passage, Jesus' life was one of total obedience and conformity to the Father's will.

The second reading from the second letter of James reminds us that suffering is something not only to be accepted by us, but also something to be alleviated in others by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Today's Gospel reading is the first of Jesus' three prophecies about his passion, death and Resurrection, Peter professing him to be the Christ, followed by Jesus' clear teaching on discipleship: "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.*" He realized that if his disciples did not know who he really was, then his entire ministry, suffering and death would be useless. So, he asked his disciples a two-part question: "Who do **people** say that I am?" and "Who do **you** say that I am?". The last question is directed to us today. Who do you say Jesus is for you? How do I really see Jesus?

Fr. Tony Kadavil writes, "Is he a living experience for me, walking with me, loving me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life and outlook? What difference does

Jesus make in my life? Have I really given my life to him? Are there areas where I have excluded him, where my life is not noticeably different from the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do we say that Jesus is in our daily life? Who do we say that Jesus is when we are in the presence of those who don't know him, those who are not interested in him? What does the way we live and behave say about who Jesus is? Is the joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus reflected in the way we live our lives?"

Today, Jesus invites us to join him in his journey to Jerusalem. Who knows? Along the way we might discover something about him we did not know or see him in a new way.

Let the journey begin!

May Jesus bless each and every one of you.

ST. BONNIE HIKING TEAM

There is nothing like being in the great outdoors when the weather is good. John Muir said: "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." We are blessed with enticing parks and ever-alluring trails in the Bay Area. I hike at least twice a week, alone or with others, on Mount Diablo because it gives me good exercise, as well as letting me relish the joy of nature. Pristine nature calms the mind, prevents stress, and increases social wellbeing. Not only does hiking outdoors improve your fitness, but it also lowers your blood pressure and boosts your immune system.

If you would like to hike, you are invited to join the **St. Bonnie Hiking Team**. Just email me (mvellankal@stbonaventure.net) your full name, email id and cell phone number and I will let you know of the hikes that we will be doing.



PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The idea of the Parish Council was born from Vatican II's *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church*. Actually, it emerged secondarily from the Diocesan Pastoral Council model that was originally decreed in the document.

The purpose of the Parish Council is to aid and enhance the ministry of the pastor by helping him discern what is best for the spiritual and pastoral development of the life of the parish. They are a consulting body which offers practical wisdom and insight on topics that pertain to the pastoral life. Our Council also serves in many ways. Your 2018-19 Parish Council Members are:

Anthony Arteaga (staff representative)

I've been a parishioner of St. Bonaventure since 2003 and on staff as Director of Liturgy & Music since 2014. Prior to working at St. Bonaventure, I worked at Saint Mary's College in Moraga and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Livermore. I have a BA from Saint Mary's College and an MA in Liturgical Studies from the Graduate Theological Union. I have been married to my wife Megan since 2014. In my free time I love to travel (especially to Hawaii), cook, experience new and unique foods, listen to, and play, all styles of music, and learn about all things involving technology. I look forward to serving on our parish council!

Lisa Camera

My husband Dennis and I have been members of our St. Bonaventure community for over 30 years. We have been married for 34 years and have three adult children. I have participated in Eucharistic Ministry, Youth Ministry, Marriage Mentors and Bonfire. I am excited about the upcoming year and I look forward to serving our community

Luke Casey

Hello, my name is Luke Casey. About six years ago I attended a funeral mass for a friend at an old Roman Catholic church. The atmosphere and spirituality of this event spoke to me, so I looked to find my



own church. Finally, I came to be among the welcoming and diverse community of St. Bonaventure and went through the RCIA program to become Catholic. I am still growing in my faith and knowledge of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. The parish council has graciously allowed me to be a member of the team and I hope to bring my best to the group. Thanks.

Eva Chena

I have been a parishioner of St. Bonaventure for the past fourteen years. My husband Francisco Miguel and I have been married for 27 years and we have two beautiful girls: Ana Karen, 20, and Vanessa, 18. I was the lector's coordinator for 8-years for the Spanish Mass and I continue to serve as a lector. I love the great community we have at St. Bonaventure.

Vicky Farnham

My husband, Mike and I have been parishioners for almost 40-years. We raised our two adult children in Clayton and have four grandchildren. I have enjoyed being involved in numerous ministries over the years: BonFire, Engaged Couples, VBC, Social and Hospitality. I'm currently a Eucharistic Minister at the Sunday 9am mass. St. Bonaventure is a special community to me. I am honored and look forward to serving on this Parish Council.

Gail Fitzgerald

I have been a parishioner for 35 years. I am a Eucharist Minister and attend 7:30 mass. I teach first grade Faith Formation, sing in the Resurrection Choir, and am a mentor with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. I love spending time with my adult children, 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and my church family. I feel truly blessed to be part of this welcoming parish.

Sandy Fogarty

My husband Tim and I have been active parishioners for 18-years. We are proud parents of three adult children and four grandchildren. I've been a catechist for over 22 years, working with the Youth Group and RCIA programs. I'm currently a volunteer with Family to Family and Nursing Home Ministries. I look forward to the two years remaining in my current term on the Parish

Council and the opportunity to serve our devoted parish community.

Michael Hoessl

My wife Silvia and I moved to the Concord area and have been part of the St. Bonaventure Community since late 2005. I coached St. Bonaventure CYO Basketball for 6-years. Sylvia and I were married at Saint Catherine's Church in Martinez in 1993. We have 3 children: Maria, Julia and Michael J. The Hoessl family has also lived in Hillsborough, New Jersey for 3 years, Arlington, Texas for 6 years, Vicenza, Italy for 4½ years and Traben-Trarbach, Germany for 2 years.

Emily Molina

My husband, Johnny, two daughters and I have been members of the St. Bonaventure Hispanic community for 20+ years. Originally from Managua, Nicaragua, we decided to move to California where our daughters were born. Throughout the years, we have served in multiple committees and participated in fundraising activities to benefit our parish. Currently, my husband serves as Eucharistic Minister and I enjoy proclaiming God's word by being a Lector.

Phil Morrill

My wife Peggy and I have lived in Clayton since 1974 and we have been active at St. Bonaventure's for about 14 years. We have been married for 46 years, have three grown children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. My background included the US Navy, engineering, dispute resolution, and (currently) contracting. At St. Bonaventure I have participated in Bonfire retreats, coordinated construction of new facilities, taught RCIA, presently am a Eucharistic minister, a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, and now a new member of the Parish Council. I look forward to working with the Council and staff to bring Christ closer to our people and our people closer to Him.

Lori Neely

My husband Dor and I joined the welcoming St Bonaventure community in 1985. Originally from PA and NY, we lived in Florida 3 years, then relocated to California. Our son Greg, daughter Joanna, her hus-

band Dan and grandchildren Dylan and Juliette live here in Clayton. We attend 9:00 Sunday Mass. I serve as Eucharistic Minister, support St Mary's Seniors, and volunteer at John Muir Hospital.

Ed Nowicki

Originally from Pennsylvania, I moved from Columbia, MD to Walnut Creek, CA in 1996, where I attended St. John Vianney and volunteered with the Teen Ministry there. In 1997, I moved to Clayton and began to attend St Bonaventure, where I have been involved in the Sound Ministry, Finance Council, and the Parish Council. I am currently an engineer for Verizon Wireless and am a retired US Air Force officer after serving 27 years. My wife Doris and I are celebrating our 15th anniversary this year and I have a stepdaughter (Kathy) and a grandson (Jayden). This is going to be my third (and final) year as a member of the Parish Council.

Jonel Sangalang

I was introduced to St. Bonaventure by my friend Gloria Leigh. She was also my sponsor when I went through the RCIA program in 2004. I currently serve as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Hospitality at the 9 am mass. I am also involved with the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's center in Oakland and a Catechist for SPRED. I love attending St. Bonaventure because the community is very welcoming.



STEWARDSHIP
of Treasure

Weekend of September 8 & 9 Collection
Goal: \$28,735
Actual: \$21,017
Deficit: (\$7,718)

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

Food for Family: 192

2nd Collection
Diocesan Priest Retirement: \$6,866

Upcoming Special Collection
September 29/30: St. Vincent de Paul
October 6/7: Catholic Voice



HOMEWORK CLUB SUPPORT AT CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING

We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our afterschool Homework Club that goes from August through June. We are in high need of support at our Pittsburg site. Spanish-speaking volunteers are also needed at our Concord site. Other sites we serve are in Pleasant Hill and Bay Point. You will provide academic and mentoring support to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one afternoon per week (Monday & Thursday) for the entire school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: KERALA, INDIA

For over a month, the people of the state of Kerala in India, have been going through torrential rain and floods. This is the home state of Fr. Mat and where many of his family live and have been affected. Because of the unprecedented heavy rains, the shutters of all 35 dams of the state were opened, all at once, submerging most parts of the state. There were 483 people killed.

The charitable homes that house the mentally challenged, the aged and the destitute women and children were destroyed. In addition, thousands of cows, pigs and goats that provided livelihood for the people of the region were lost. Now the clean-up and rebuilding have to be done.

We are taking a 2nd Collection next weekend, September 22/23. If you would like to contribute, please make your checks payable to St. Bonaventure Parish and note India.

LITURGY & PRAYER

WE ARE SAVING YOU A SEAT! TO SING-SING-SING WITH THE RESURRECTION CHOIR, FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

We rehearse Monday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon in classroom A4. The ability to read music is not a requirement.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates and times for upcoming parish funerals can be found on our parish web site: stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals

Previous choir experience is desirable. There is no obligation to sing for funerals.

Our Christmas concert will be Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 pm. We will be presenting "Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin. Contact Janice Anelli @ 925-687-4058 or bjanelli@astound.net for more information.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Do you love Jesus? Do you like working with children? Do you have an hour free every week? Then you have all the requirements to be a catechist. We need help for all grades (K-5) on all the days of classes (Sunday-Wednesday). Lessons are based on the Sunday readings and we will give you teacher's guides, all the resources you need and walk with you all the way. Please call or email Eileen with questions. I'd love to sit and share the joy of the ministry. 925-672-5800x2204 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. **Thank you!**

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Preparation sessions begin in the fall in both English (Oct. 15) and Spanish (Sept. 29). Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland in January or February, 2019. If you 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.

MASS INTENTIONS



- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**
5:00 Gloria Leigh
German de Guzman
Mason Smith
Christine Pia Didenko
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**
7:30 Luis Saul Villalba
Lawrence Keehn
Don Fitzgerald
Bootsie Bolin
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
11:00 Joan & William Weightman
Michael Gois
Aguirre Family Thanksgiving Mass
Cesar Suarez
5:00 Joan Zingmark
Alejandro Elnar
Lastenia Vargas
Aileen Nichols
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**
6:30 St. Bonaventure Ministry Heads
9:00 Placida Crescencio
Brigid Rehme
Sr. Teresita
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**
6:30 All priests and seminarians
9:00 Doris Orozco
Eli Mills
Nenita D'Andrea & Felicidad Ybañes
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**
6:30 All victims of natural disasters
9:00 Juan Merchan
Ophelia Grigsby
Aidita Crescencio
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
6:30 Rosa Rico
9:00 Souls in Purgatory
Anne Shea
Ed Husted
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
6:30 All Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Dr. Orlando Cuasay
Stephen Claeys
William & Julia Jordan
Mel Recacho
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
5:00 Brian Smith Family
Matthew Gritzai
Nguyen Xuan Lan
Irma Balboa



SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



LUIS SAUL VILLALBA
SEPTEMBER 15 – 21, 2018



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PENSAMIENTOS DEL DIACONO BILL GALL



Este fin de semana comenzamos una serie de siete lecturas dominicales del Evangelio de San Marcos sobre el viaje de Jesús y sus discípulos a Jerusalén, que comienza en la ciudad de Cesarea de Filipo, situada a unas veinticinco millas al noreste del mar de Galilea. En el camino, Jesús les da instrucciones a sus discípulos sobre su identidad y lo que significa seguirlo.

La primera lectura está tomada del libro del profeta Isaías. En la sección central del libro hay cuatro pasajes cortos que los eruditos han llamado *Canciones del Siervo Sufriente*. Jesús vio aspectos de su propia vida y misión prefigurados en las Canciones del Siervo, de modo que los pasajes proporcionan un trasfondo para la revelación de Jesús como el Mesías sufriente. El pasaje de hoy es de la sección de la tercera canción. Al igual que el sirviente descrito en el pasaje, la vida de Jesús fue una de total obediencia y conformidad con la voluntad del Padre.

La segunda lectura de la segunda carta de Santiago nos recuerda que el sufrimiento es algo no solo para ser aceptado por nosotros sino también para aliviarlo en otros con las obras de misericordia espirituales y corporales.

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy es la primera de las tres profecías de Jesús sobre su pasión, muerte y resurrección, Pedro confesando que él es el Cristo seguido de la clara enseñanza de Jesús sobre el discipulado. "El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y que me siga". Se dio cuenta de que si sus discípulos no supieran quién era realmente, entonces todo su ministerio, el sufrimiento y la muerte serían inútiles. Entonces, les hace a sus discípulos una pregunta en dos partes: "¿Quién dice la gente que soy?" Y ustedes "¿Quién dicen que soy yo?". La última pregunta está dirigida a nosotros hoy. ¿Quién dices que Jesús es para ti? «¿Cómo realmente veo a Jesús?»

P. Tony Kadavil escribe: "¿Es una experiencia viviente para mí, caminar conmigo, amarme, perdonarme, ayudarme y transformar mi vida y mi perspectiva? ¿Qué diferencia hace Jesús en mi vida? ¿Realmente le he dado mi vida a él? ¿Hay áreas donde lo he excluido, donde mi vida no es notablemente diferente de las vidas de aquellos que ven a Jesús como irrelevante? ¿A quién le decimos que Jesús está en nuestra vida diaria? ¿Quién decimos que es Jesús cuando estamos en presencia de aquellos que no lo conocen, aquellos que no están interesados en él? ¿Qué dice la

forma en que vivimos y nos comportamos sobre quién es Jesús? ¿Está la alegría, el amor, la paz que encontramos en Jesús reflejados en la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas?

Hoy, Jesús nos invita a unirnos a él en su viaje a Jerusalén. ¿Quién sabe? En el camino, podríamos descubrir algo sobre él que no conocíamos o verlo de una manera nueva.

¡Que comience la jornada!

Que Jesús bendiga a todos y cada uno de ustedes.

CULTO Y PROCESIÓN EN HONOR AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS 2018



Duodécimo Aniversario

LA HERMANDAD DEL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS DE CONCORD

INVITA AL PÚBLICO EN GENERAL A PARTICIPAR EN LA FESTIVIDAD QUE SE
REALIZARA EN HOMENAJE AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

NOVENARIO

VIERNES, 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE AL SÁBADO 3 DE OCTUBRE
CAPILLA DE LA IGLESIA
7:00 P.M.

MISA Y PROCESIÓN

DOMINGO, 14 DE OCTUBRE DE 2018
HORA: 12:45 P.M.
IGLESIA DE SAN BUENAVENTURA
5562 CLAYTON RD, CONCORD



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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CLASSY CRAFTERS NEED WINE!

One of the popular pastimes at the Holiday Boutique (November 9 and 10, 2018) 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 call 925-818-1603.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE (NOVEMBER 9/10, 2018)

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 house 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 call 925-818-1603.

HORARIO DE OFICINA PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

Teléfono (925) 844-9015
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.

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HELP NEEDED: LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, and MINISTERS of HOSPITALITY

Are you interesting in proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass? Do you feel called to share the Body and Blood of Christ with the gathered assembly at Mass? Perhaps you would enjoy welcoming people, passing the collection basket, assisting with crowd flow during processions, and other sorts of "usher" duties at Mass? If so, please consider becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Minister of Hospitality! **We are in urgent need of more Liturgical Ministers for 5:00pm Saturday, 11:00am Sunday, and 5:00pm Sunday, but help is welcome at all of our Masses.**

Our upcoming schedule of training is listed below:

Thursday, September 20

7:00pm: Lector Training

8:00pm: Eucharistic Minister Training

Monday, September 24

7:30pm: Minister of Hospitality

(Greeter/Usher) Training

Trainings will last approximately one hour. If you are interested in participating, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office and let him know which ministry you are interested in. If you cannot make the training date but still want to help, please contact Anthony and alternate arrangements will be made. We need your help! Please consider answering God's call to be a Liturgical Minister!

WCF PARENTING DISCUSSION



Do you ever feel frustrated, exhausted, and overwhelmed

as a parent? If so, please join us for a morning of enlightenment (hosted by the Women's Christian Fellowship). All parents are welcome! **This Sunday, September 16 at 11AM, Room A1**, following the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.

Childcare provided in Room A4; register with Dotprice@gmail.com. Light refreshments offered. Free gift to attendees.

BIBLE BASICS



Don't know Melchizedek from Methuselah? Corinthians and Colossians get you confused? Just how do all those numbers work anyway? Join us for a stress-free introduction to the most important book you can ever read. (Hint: it's more than one book...)

How do Catholics read the Bible? If you've wanted to start reading the Bible or join a Bible study but didn't know where to begin, this is the session for you. **Monday, September 24 at 7pm or Wednesday, September 26 at 10am in Room A2.** Bring a Bible if you have one, or we will have extras available. For more information, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEACON CANDIDATES

Congratulations to Dominic Tarantino and Peter Nixon, who were instituted into the Ministry of Lector by Bishop Barber during a Mass celebrated on Friday, April 14. Being instituted as a lector is one of the key steps toward ordination as a deacon. We wish Dominic and Peter well during their remaining two years of formation.



We need your TALENT!

Share Your Talents—
Volunteer in a Ministry

Contact Christa Fairfield
925-844-9005 or email
cfairefield@stbonaventure.net

