



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

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9:00am First Communion Mass on May 18, 2019

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11:30am First Communion Mass on May 18, 2019

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## The Ascension of the Lord *La Ascensión del Señor*

June 2, 2019

### MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 5:00 PM

### MISA EN ESPAÑOL/ IN SPANISH

Domingo: 12:45 PM

### DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes: 9:00AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

In English: Monday thru Thursday- Holy Hour after 9AM Mass

In English: Friday after the 9AM 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

In English: Call the office to arrange with a Priest or Deacon. This requires six months preparation.

En Español: 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.

En Español: 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...

**K**eepest connected to our parish community,

**N**urture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ,

**O**ffer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent, and treasure,

**W**orship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments.

***“God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.”***

***-- Psalm 47:6***

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**THOUGHTS FROM DEACON BILL GALL**



“As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven.” For St. Luke, the story of the Ascension is both an ending and a beginning. An ending because it marks Jesus’ completion of his mission here on earth and the return to his Father in glory; a beginning because it marks the start of a new age for all of those

who believe in him and will follow him.

So, what does it mean for us today?

In an article written by a woman named Karen Johnson, entitled, “The Gift of Goodbye” she explained that she was working through some issues in her life with the help of a therapist. As time passed, she really looked forward to her weekly sessions because she was finding out so much about herself. She wrote, “I healed my past and reordered my present.” Then she wrote, “Our sessions ended and I was on my own.” “I had to say goodbye.” She felt lost at first, but in the experience, she was able to stand up straight and claim the independence she needed. She experienced a new freedom and growing power.

Her story reminded me of the Apostles in the Ascension scene. I wonder what was going through their minds? They

surely had a host of questions and issues and probably felt somewhat lost, but Jesus told them it was now their time. It was time to pass the baton. It was now their responsibility to go out and proclaim the Good News to the whole world. **I believe they realized they had to say goodbye.** They stopped looking up to the sky. They did not cling to Jesus. They went from being a frightened bunch of followers who abandoned Jesus at the time of his death to a confident, energized group who left the place of Ascension rejoicing and praising God. They were ministers ready to be commissioned. Soon the Holy Spirit would come at Pentecost to commission them.

Karen Johnson writes: “The Gospel assures us that on the other side of goodbye, there is a new hello.” As the disciples let go of Jesus at his Ascension, they opened themselves to the Holy Spirit.

We, too, are being commissioned to go out and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our own lives. We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers. Sister Joyce Rupp reminds us that: “In each one of us lies a storehouse of **undiscovered treasure**, of **untapped power**. Only by passing through our **goodbyes** can we claim these gifts. Then we will be ready to share the Good News, because **we have become the Good News.**”

May Jesus bless each and every one of you.

**FAITH DIRECT: Parish eGiving**

We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collection donations of your choosing.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: CA 725

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



Contact Christa Fairfield at 925-844-9005 or email [cfairefield@stbonaventure.net](mailto:cfairefield@stbonaventure.net)



**SHARE YOUR TALENTS!**  
Volunteer in a Ministry

**Funeral Announcements**

Dates and times for upcoming parish funerals can be found on our parish web site.

[stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals](http://stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals)

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS**

**Rename HOSPITALITY, Win The Parking Space Of Your Choice!**

It goes by many names...Donut Sunday, Wine and Cheese Saturday, Calories for Christ. The official name is 'Hospitality', but that name really applies to our greeters, information table, welcoming visitors, outreach to new parish members, and so much more at St. Bonaventure! We want to rename this after-Mass, once-a-month, food and friends ministry to better reflect all that it is and all it could be.

St. Benedict felt hospitality so important, he memorialized it in his Rule. *Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, "I came as a guest, and you received Me" (Matt. 25:35).* Hospitality helps us meet Jesus. Our hope is by sharing of food and drink we will discover new friends, welcome visitors and new members to our parish, and meet Jesus in each other.

Help us rename this thing we do each month. Submit suggestions beginning May 25<sup>th</sup> and ending 6:00 p.m. June 2<sup>nd</sup> – submit as many as you want! Submit the tear-off below in the offering baskets, via the office, or by emailing: [stbonaventurehospitality@gmail.com](mailto:stbonaventurehospitality@gmail.com).

All requested information must be included.

Parishioners will vote on the winning title June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for more information.

The person or family submitting the winning name will get a parking space of their choice from June 15, 2019 through December 31, 2019. In the event the same winning suggestion is submitted by multiple participants, we will have a drawing on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Please clearly print all information. If we can't read it, we can't process it.**

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First and Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suggested New Name

**PARISH COMMUNITY**

**Hope Walk Success**

We want to thank all of our donors for their support and participation in the Hope Walk. The generous support was amazing. Our goal of \$2,500 was blown out of the water (we raised over \$5,000) and all because of your efforts to help get it there.

Our support goes to a community dedicated to providing help, information, and hope throughout the entire cancer journey so those facing cancer never feel alone. No matter what kind of cancer, or where you are in your cancer journey, they are there.

'Cancer Support Community San Francisco Bay Area' is the only organization of its kind in Northern California. All of the funds raised are used to underwrite programs and services in our local community.



**Used Guitar Needed**

We need a good, used guitar for our Jail Ministry at Marsh Creek Detention Facility. Does anyone have an extra, used guitar lying around looking for a new home? If so, please contact Kathy Barriere, 925-674-9140. Thank you so much!



**Complimentary Copies of Catholic Information Service**

The Knights of Columbus have provided complimentary copies of the Catholic Information Service's fourteen (14)-booklet series on Building the Domestic Church. Some of the titles are: Mary, Mother of God; Lord, Teach Us to Pray; Faith, Questions and Answers; Saint Joseph, Our Father in Faith; and many more. Stop by the information display in the lobby and take a free copy of one or more of these engaging, faith-based booklets.

**Thank You From Winter Nights**

Again, this year we co-sponsored with Concord United Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church a two-week stint of Winter Nights at the Methodist Church. Thanks to all of those who helped serve dinner, lunch, and breakfast: St. Vincent de Paul, Rosa Rico and friends, Irene Nelson and friends, Boy Scout Troop 444, and Fr. Mat who came and did a magic show. Next year we will be doing it again during a two-week period, starting February 24. If anyone would like more information or would like to help, please call Anne Sparks, 925-676-5146.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR**



**John G. Milcetic**  
June 1 to June 7

**JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR**

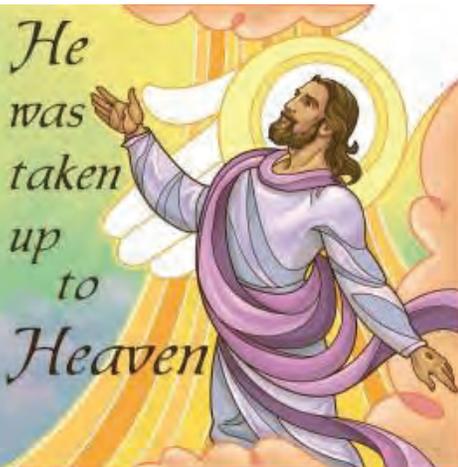


**All Cancer Patients**

**LITURGY AND MUSIC**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Social Justice Ministry**

How is God calling us to act for justice in our community and our world? Join us to help plan social justice activities and formation at St. Bonaventure. Wednesday, June 5, 7pm in Room A1. Contact Greg Colley at [stb.sj.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:stb.sj.ministry@gmail.com).

**Women in Prayer**

Are you interested in praying with other women for your own needs or the needs of others? Join the Women's Christian Fellowship on the second Thursday of each month in the chapel at 7:15pm. Next gathering June 13<sup>th</sup>. Come as you are.

**OUTSIDE OF PARISH**

**Do You Have A Child Entering 2nd Grade Next Year?**

We would love to have you join our St. Agnes School Community! Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are currently being accepted for this very special sacramental year! Religious instruction and sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist are incorporated within the school day. Please visit our website: [www.stagnesconcord.com](http://www.stagnesconcord.com) for additional information or call the school office: (925) 689-3990 to request a tour.

**Clayton Valley Counseling**

For over 20 years, licensed Catholic therapists at St. Bonaventure have continued to serve individuals, couples, and families, and have prepared engaged couples for marriage. Please call 925-210- 6176.

**Pregnant? Need Help?**



1-800-910-0191,  
The Gabriel Project

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, June 1**

5:00 Miguel Antonio Cardenas  
Domingo Quimbao  
Eddie Chiong  
Rosario Solis

**Sunday, June 2**

7:30 Audrey Keehn  
Emidio Busuttill  
Kathy Sweeney  
9:00 William Puertas  
Margaret & Raymond Mangini  
Segundina Sangalang  
Henry Alumia  
11:00 Vicente Oblena  
Jose Guadalupe Reynoso  
Jean Stanchi  
Edelyn Balido  
12:45 Miguel Antonio Cárdenas  
Andrés Caicedo  
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

**Monday, June 3**

9:00 Bob Cartan  
Tom Gorman  
Ofelia Udtujan

**Tuesday, June 4**

9:00 Paul Solomon  
Francisco & Juana Cuenco  
Ofelia Ebuén  
Lil Fichtenkort

**Wednesday, June 5**

9:00 Theodore Reynolds  
Hubert Steidley, Jr.  
All living & deceased

**Thursday, June 6**

9:00 All living & deceased  
Ofelia Ebuén  
Remedios Abuna

**Friday, June 7**

9:00 Efrén Lao  
All living & deceased

**Saturday, June 8**

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

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@St. Bonaventure Catholic Community



## "Dios asciende entre aclamaciones, el Señor, al son de trompetas."

-- Salmo 47 (46):6

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### PENSAMIENTOS DEL DIACONO BILL GALL



"Mientras los bendecía, se separó de ellos y fue elevado al cielo"

Para San Lucas, la historia de la ascensión es un final y un comienzo. Un final porque marca la terminación de la misión de Jesús aquí en la tierra y el regreso a Su Padre en la gloria. Es un principio porque marca el inicio de una nueva era para todos aquellos que

creen en él y le siguen.

O sea, ¿qué significa esto para nosotros hoy en día?

En un artículo escrito por una mujer llamada a Karen Johnson, titulado "El regalo del Adiós", ella explicó que ella estaba trabajando a través de algunos problemas en su vida con la ayuda de un terapeuta. Según pasaba el tiempo, ella realmente esperaba sus sesiones semanales porque ella estaba aprendiendo mucho sobre ella misma. Ella escribió, "He curado de mi pasado y reordenado mi presente". Entonces ella escribió, "nuestras sesiones terminaron y estuve por mi cuenta". "Tuve que decir adiós". Se sentía perdida al principio. Pero en la experiencia, ella fue capaz de pararse derecha y reclamar la independencia que necesitaba. Ella experimentó una nueva libertad y poder cada vez mayor.

Su historia me recordó a los apóstoles en la escena de la ascensión. Me pregunto qué pasaba por sus mentes. Segura-

mente tenían una serie de preguntas y problemas y probablemente se sentían un poco perdidos, pero Jesús les dijo que ahora era su tiempo. Llegó el momento de pasar el batón. Ahora es su responsabilidad salir y proclamar la buena nueva a todo el mundo. **Creo que se dieron cuenta que tenían que decir adiós.** Se quedaron mirando hacia arriba al cielo. Ellos no se aferraron a Jesús. Pasaron de ser un asustado grupo de seguidores que abandonaron a Jesús en el momento de su muerte a un grupo con confianza, energía que dejan el lugar de Ascensión con alegría y alabando a Dios. Son ministros listos para tomar cargo. Pronto el Espíritu Santo vendrá en Pentecostés para comisionarlos.

Karen Johnson escribe: "El Evangelio nos asegura que en el otro lado de un adiós, hay un saludo nuevo." Como los discípulos dejaron ir a Jesús en su Ascensión, ahora se abren al Espíritu Santo.

Nosotros, también estamos siendo encargados de salir y proclamar el Evangelio de la vida y amor, de esperanza y paz, por el testimonio de nuestra propia vida. Tenemos que ser anunciadores y evangelizadores. Hermana Joyce Rupp nos recuerda que: "En cada uno de nosotros encuentra un almacén de **tesoros por descubrir, de energía sin explotar.** Sólo al pasar por nuestras despididas podemos reivindicar estos regalos. Entonces estaremos listos para compartir la Buena Noticia, porque **nos hemos convertido en la Buena Noticia.**"

Que Dios bendiga a Jesús cada uno de ustedes.

### Concierto Con El Padre Rafael Chavez

Sábado 15 de junio - 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church  
2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek

Los invitamos a escuchar al Padre Rafael Chávez, oriundo de Venezuela y sacerdote de la Diócesis de Oakland, cuyas canciones han inspirado y deleitado a diversos públicos por más de 25 años. Este concierto es a beneficio de "Pan de Vida", un proyecto caritativo que recauda fondos para adquirir y donarle a la congregación de las hermanas Siervas de Jesús en Venezuela la maquinaria que necesitan para elaborar las hostias para la Eucaristía. Venezuela es un país en crisis con carestías de todo, incluso de hostias para la Comunión.

El precio de \$30 por persona incluye cena.

Las entradas se pueden comprar en la oficina parroquial de St. Mary o enviando un cheque (a la orden de Knights of Columbus, memo: Concert) a: CONCERT, St. Mary Church, 2051 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Para mayor información, favor ponerse en contacto con Ana Lau, 925-891-8908 o [alau@stmary-wc.org](mailto:alau@stmary-wc.org)

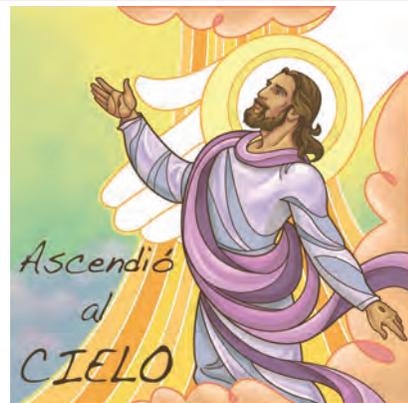
### HORARIO DE OFICINA

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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(6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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## Live The *Wild Life* This Summer and Find Out Why People Want to Roar! Bible Camp is July 15-19, 2019



Forms are now available in the Church foyer, office and on our website. **We are taking registrations now!** Beginning June 1, the registration fees are \$80 for preschoolers and \$95 for elementary-aged students.

Our Bible Camp offers a pre-school program for 3 and 4-year olds which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6<sup>th</sup> grade program meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really awesome camp activities.

Adults, we need you to be our Team Leaders. All you need is a desire to have loads of fun with kids! *There are discounted rates for your children if you help at Camp.* Contact Eileen Limberg at 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or [elimberg@stbonaventure.net](mailto:elimberg@stbonaventure.net) for more information.

Teens: 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school - we need you to be our camp counselors. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Fees for Counselors are \$60. Contact Jacob Perry at 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or [jperry@stbonaventure.net](mailto:jperry@stbonaventure.net) for more information.

## Walking Through the Door: An Invitation for Sexual Abuse Survivors, Family & Friends

Our message for sexual abuse survivors, family, and friends is simple: you are not alone. It is a gift to be able to meet with other survivors and share whatever feels comfortable in a group setting. We focus

especially on the spiritual journey of healing from sexual abuse. Our meetings have reflected the power of God's healing grace.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Hospitality Room. Our June meeting will be Thursday, June 6. All survivors, family, and friends are welcome. Come and see where the Spirit leads us. Please contact Gina Cattalini at [gcattalini@stbonaventure.net](mailto:gcattalini@stbonaventure.net) or 672-5800 x2217 for questions or more information.

## Annual Parish Family Camping at Tahoe—2019

*Sunday, July 28th through Sunday, August 4th, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe*

Cost: \$135 for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us.

Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year's fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso at 864-4748 or Kathy Riso at 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.



## Get On The "BUS" Casino Trip Saturday, June 29, 2019

Cost: \$30/person Pay with checks only.

\$15 slot play & \$5 food coupon OR \$20 Table Match Play

Bus Pick-Up: 7:30am at St. Bonaventure, 5562 Clayton Rd., Concord

Arrive at Red Hawk, Placerville: 9:30am (6-hour stay)

Depart Red Hawk: 3:30pm; arrive St. Bonaventure at 5:30pm

To reserve a spot, pls. call Sol at 925-676-5905 or email [solemama@yahoo.com](mailto:solemama@yahoo.com). Participants must be at least 21 years old.