



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

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Retirement Blessing of Fred Directo



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

July 28, 2019

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00PM

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/ IN SPANISH

Domingo: 12:45PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

Saturday/Sábado: 8:00AM

Tuesday/Martes & Thursday/Jueves: 6:30AM

Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 6:30AM

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 3:15PM

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 3:30PM (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: 7:00-8:00PM (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.

“Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds.”
—(Luke 11:1-13)

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. MATHEW VELLANKAL



Who is Jesus? and How can I have faith? Aren't these questions we all ask from time to time, if not more frequently? And, they are questions ripe to explore between friends and family.

Finding the time and place can be difficult. We are providing such a place--a free program called *Alpha* that's starting here at St. Bonaventure in September. It is open to all parishioners, neighbors and not-yet-met friends. But we are especially wanting to include our friends and family who aren't here at Mass with us on Sundays—those who are seeking, those who've lost interest and those who are too busy to even think about it. Alpha is designed for anyone interested in exploring faith, especially those who are uncertain of what that even means, but it also means *you*.

I did the Alpha sessions along with the staff early this year, and it was very simple but amazingly inspiring. Later it was done for a few parishioners, both in Spanish and English. Everyone loved the videos and the group discussions. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and a good conversation. It is done in an informal, fun and friendly environment.

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch-up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Most sessions start with food, because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

The video talks are designed to engage guests and inspire

conversation. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to engage us in conversation. Usually they are around thirty minutes long, and we will have them in both English and Spanish. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity.

Probably the most important part of any Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on topics we often don't get to raise, and simply discuss them in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

I would like everyone to participate in our upcoming Alpha sessions, offered for free in the parish, and experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

I'm asking you to come and invite your families and friends to join in this incredible journey. It can be challenging to be vulnerable and invite someone to experience what you haven't tried yourself. But do it. Step out and invite that friend or family member who might appreciate a little time looking at faith. I know we are all so busy with lots of different commitments, both at work and home. I can guarantee that this time together will not be a regret. And the faith life of those who attend will be forever changed.

Start: Monday, September 9 at 7pm

Sign-up: at our website: stbonaventure.net/alpha or email gcattalini@stbonaventure.net

More questions: contact Gina Cattalini gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or ask me or any of the staff

Garden's New Feature: Grotto to the Unborn

The Knights of Columbus recently completed a "Grotto to the Unborn" in the Parish Garden. The goal for this site is to provide a quiet place of solitude for prayer, reflection and meditation on the unborn, whether it be for a baby that was not carried to term, a pregnancy terminated for whatever reason, or for all the unborn. A feature of this site is the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Fatima, Portugal donated by Bill and Valerie O'Connell. And the most striking feature is the "Beating Heart" theme created first by the large rocks and the bench placement, then by the white heart holding the dedication plaque, and lastly by the small red heart on the white heart. We invite all to take a moment to visit this beautiful site. It is accessible on the path from either side of the Church and is located where the paths intersect.

Funeral Announcements

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

stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals

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PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

Message To My Brothers and Sisters of St. Bonaventure Parish

My dear brothers and sisters,
 I am very happy to be with you once again this year. Thank you for receiving me.
 I bring you also the greetings of all the parishioners, of the children and teenager students, of their families and of all our teachers.
 Once again, I am here to thank you for the financial support that you have given to our education project in El Salvador. I thank Fr. Richard Mangini for his help over the previous years and for Fr. Mathew's help now.
Right now, we have 1100 students and your financial help pays the yearly salaries for five teachers. Each teacher receives \$300 per month. That comes to \$18,000 annually.
With your help also, we have constructed three new classrooms that are now used.
 I am here today to ask your help once again to help us to continue our goal and necessary work.
 You are aware, I am sure, of the sad and hard reality in which many of our families live in El Salvador – their economic poverty, the shortage of work, the dilapidated housing, single mothers whose husbands have been killed or who have been abandoned, and the reality of violence in so many forms.
 Our young children and our teenagers need the help of education to rise above the many issues in their lives. They cannot make any progress without the human and personal development that education encourages.
 I am very grateful for your help. You have no idea how valuable your help is.
 Finally, I cannot thank you enough and I ask that God bless you for your heartfelt generosity and reward you for your generosity.
 Padre Adrian Sanchez

LITURGY AND MUSIC

All Are Welcome

The year 2021 marks the 500th anniversary of the Catholic Evangelization of the Filipino people. To prepare for this diocesan celebration, the Filipino communities of the Diocese of Oakland (Diocese), **along with all the faithful**, are invited to celebrate through prayer, renewal, reflection, and celebration.
 As part of this grand celebration, the Diocese has organized a **Parish Visitation** to parishes of the replica of the first cross planted by Ferdinand Magellan (year 1521) in the Philippines – the **Pilgrim Cross**. Participating parishes take turns hosting the Parish Visitation.
Here at St. Bonaventure, the Parish Visitation is scheduled from August 16-30, 2019. Prayer and Thanksgiving are as follows:

Date and Time	Event	Gathering Place
Friday, 8/16 6pm – 9pm	Arrival of the Pilgrim Cross and Patron Saint of the Year. Novena Prayer.	Church
Saturday, 8/17 5pm	Reception of the Pilgrim Cross @ 5 pm Mass Dinner celebration after the Mass	Church Large Hall
Sunday, 8/18 to Thursday 8/29 7pm	Novena Prayer @ evening	Venue varies daily: Church, Chapel or Hospitality Room. Venue may change. Please check with parish office.
Friday, 8/30 9am	Departure of Pilgrim Cross and Patron Saint of the Year. Thanksgiving Mass.	Church

For more information, please contact one of the coordinators of the Pilgrim Cross – Sol Cuenco @ solemama@yahoo.com; Hermie Cuenco @ 925-827-3294; Gloria Leigh @ 925-685-7490

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Walking Through the Door: Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors Group

You are not alone! Come join 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.
 Our next meetings will be **Wednesdays, Aug. 7, and Sep. 11** at 7pm in the Rectory Conference Room. All survivors, family, and friends are welcome. Come and see where the Spirit leads us. Please contact Gina Cattalini

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



BEN CAMERA
July 27 to August 2

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



MARIA DIAZ
BILL HOPKINS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
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at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 for questions or more information.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic or Completing Your Sacraments?

Are you curious about what it means to be Catholic? Interested in learning more? Come and see what the journey may have in store for you. No pressure or commitment, just the opportunity to explore.

Are you someone who has never been baptized? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination, but feel drawn toward Catholicism? Were you baptized Catholic, but never received Eucharist and Confirmation? If you fall into any of these categories, this process may be for you.

A new group of adults interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic or thinking about being baptized will begin meeting August 18. For more information and registration, please contact Gina at 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net.

This is a great time to invite someone in your life who might be ready for the next step in their faith their faith journey. We also need sponsors to walk with candidates through this process. Sponsors are current Catholics who are willing to share their own faith journey and help connect candidates to the broader

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of July 20 & 21
Collection

Budget	\$28,735
Actual	\$25,384
Deficit	(\$3,351)

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

Food for Family: 354
Upcoming Special Collection:
Aug. 24/25—**Mission Coop**
Aug. 31/Sept. 1—**Deferred Maintenance**

parish community. Please contact Gina for more information.

Marriage Encounter

When you care enough to give the very best... give yourself and your spouse a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord, CA** and **Nov 15-17, 2019 in Danville, CA**. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

Alpha: Have Fun and Explore Faith

We all have questions. Why Jesus? What is God doing? Why am I here anyway? Join us on Alpha to explore and discuss life's big questions together – while having a lot of fun. We meet over eleven sessions (plus a special Saturday) to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each Alpha night includes food, a high-quality video talk, and great conversations. It is an open, informal and honest space, where you can say or ask anything. Alpha is perfect for anyone with questions, but designed especially to be welcoming to those who may feel far away from God or the Church. It's a great place to invite family or friends to come and explore. Alpha begins September 9. Whom will you invite? For more information visit www.stbonaventure.net/alpha. Or, contact Gina at 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net. We need parishioners to help volunteer as team members in different capacities, especially with hospitality.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 27

- 8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 5:00 Kenneth Serpanchy
Ben & Jose Marquez
Souls in Purgatory
Jennifer Parise

Sunday, July 28

- 7:30 Filemon Maloles
Elizabeth Melchor
Precop Colaco
Stephen Claeys
- 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 11:00 K.C. Thomas
Rosario Uy
Gordon Gillman
- 12:45 Familia Pérez-Anacleto
Victor Gamaliel Vargas
Catalina Montes
Macario Rivera
- 5:00 Rosario Uy
Sally Briones

Monday, July 29

- 9:00 John and Danielle LeBarre

Tuesday, July 30

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Josephine Bearman

Wednesday, July 31

- 9:00 Maria Diaz
Victor Grech

Thursday, August 1

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Primo Maliwanag

Friday, August 2

- 9:00 Lil Fichtenkort
Shirley Mount
Michael Maramag

Saturday, August 3

- 8:00 Charles Goode
Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
- 5:00 Kyle Krawesky
Joelsano Nagrampa
Kenneth Serpanchy
Bill Hopkins

Pregnant? Need Help?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

“Pidan y recibirán, el Padre da el Espíritu Santo a los que se lo piden.”

—(Lucas 11:1-13)

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL



Comenzaremos ALPHA aquí en San Buenaventura en el mes de septiembre. Está abierto a todos los feligreses e invitados. Alpha es una serie de sesiones que exploran la fe Cristiana. Cada conversación analiza una pregunta diferente acerca de la fe y está diseñada para crear una conversación. Alpha se ejecuta en todo el mundo, y todos son bienvenidos.

Hice las sesiones Alpha junto con el personal a principios de este año y fue muy simple pero increíblemente inspirador. Más tarde se hizo para unos pocos feligreses tanto en español como en inglés. A todos les encantaron los videos y las discusiones grupales. No hay dos Alfas que se parezcan, pero generalmente tienen tres cosas clave en común: comida, una charla y una buena conversación. Se realiza en un ambiente informal, divertido y amigable.

Ya sea que se trate de un grupo de amigos reunidos alrededor de la mesa de la cocina o de un rápido café y torta, la comida tiene una manera de unir a las personas. No es diferente en Alpha. La mayoría de las sesiones comienzan con comida, porque es una excelente manera de construir una comunidad y conocerse unos a otros.

Las conversaciones de video están diseñadas para atraer a los invitados e inspirar la conversación. Por lo general, hay alrededor de treinta minutos de duración y tendremos tanto en inglés como en español. Exploran los grandes problemas

relacionados con la fe y desentrañan los conceptos básicos del Cristianismo, abordando preguntas como ¿Quién es

Jesús? y como puedo tener fe?

Probablemente la parte más importante de cualquier Alfa: la oportunidad de compartir pensamientos e ideas sobre el tema y simplemente discutirlo en un grupo pequeño. No hay obligación de decir nada y no hay nada que no puedas decir. Es una oportunidad para escuchar a los demás y contribuir con su propia perspectiva en un entorno honesto, amigable y abierto.

Millones de personas han probado Alpha en 169 países, y se ha traducido a 112 idiomas diferentes. Desarrollado como un curso corto en Londres, en 1990 Nicky Gumbel se hizo cargo de Alpha y descubrió que muchas personas fuera de la Iglesia querían explorar la fe Cristiana.

Me gustaría que participe en nuestras próximas sesiones Alpha que se ofrecen de forma gratuita en la parroquia y experimentas el poder y la presencia del Espíritu Santo. Por favor, invite a sus familiares y amigos a unirse a usted en este increíble viaje. Sé que todos ustedes están tan ocupados con muchos compromisos diferentes tanto en el trabajo como en el hogar. Pero siempre es gente ocupada la que logra lo imposible. Puedes hacerlo. Puedo garantizar que si dedicas un poco de tiempo a esto, nunca te arrepentirás. Y tu vida de Fe cambiará para siempre.

Mensaje A Mis Hermanos Y Hermanas De La Parroquia De San Buenaventura

Queridos hermanos y hermanas de la parroquia de San Buenaventura.

Me da mucho gusto estar con ustedes.

Gracias por recibirme nuevamente.

Traigo conmigo, un saludo de mi comunidad parroquial, de los niños y jóvenes estudiantes, padres de familia y maestros de la escuela.

Quiero expresarles mi gratitud por la ayuda que año con año la comunidad de San Buenaventura han hecho para el proyecto de educación en El Salvador. Antes con el apoyo de padre Mangini y ahora con padre Mathew. En el presente año tenemos un total de mil ciento diez estudiantes. Con la ayuda del año pasado logramos pagar el salario de cinco maestros. Con un salario de \$300.00 por mes, cada uno, haciendo un total de \$18,000.00 por el año.

Con la ayuda de la comunidad educativa, logramos la construcción de tres nuevos salones de clase. Salones que ya están en uso, gracias a Dios.

La oportunidad de estar con ustedes es para solicitar nuevamente su ayuda generosa para continuar ayudando a nuestro proyecto. Ustedes saben la dura realidad en que viven muchas familias en el Salvador, la pobreza económica, la falta de oportunidades de trabajo. Además, muchos hogares desintegrados, madres solteras, la dura situación de violencia social. Niños y jóvenes necesitan el apoyo en la educación. Sin educación muy difícil un futuro mejor, un progreso y desarrollo personal y social. Por eso, yo estoy muy agradecido con ustedes, por apoyar nuestro proyecto. Por mínima que sea su ayuda, para nosotros tiene un valor muy grande.

Queridos y hermanas. Pido a Dios que bendiga la generosidad de su corazón. Y multiplique sus bienes.

Afectísimo en Cristo y Maria

Padre Adrián

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Hatch, Match, & Dispatch Book Study: Still Time To Join

Our summer book study features a journey through the history, liturgy, and theology of the seven sacraments with Fr. Richard Leonard's *Hatch, Match, & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments*. It began last Thursday, but you are welcome to pick up a copy and join us for the next three sessions.

Thursdays, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, & Aug. 22, at 10 am or 7pm, Room B1. For more information contact Gina Cattalini at

gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or (925) 672-5800 x2217.

St. Mary's Dinners In Oakland

Thank you to all who made the St. Mary's Dinner in Oakland such a success on July 14! We had more volunteers than we had jobs for—16 showed up!! The Tajada family, the Lane family, the Eichten family, Frances Fong, Linda Mercader, and our newest member, Deborah Macy. We are so grateful for our cooks, the LaMons, who come early and make our delicious pasta and sauce, and a big **Thank You!** to all who bake our cakes and donate bingo prizes and cash to help with supplies. You are all appreciated so much!

And we are scheduled again on **August 4th**! Please help us to again provide cakes, coffee, and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors that we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Cakes, cans of coffee, and bingo prizes can be left in the Kitchen in the Hall before the 11:00 am mass (the Hospitality Room will be in use by Greet & Treat). Cash donations for St. Mary's can be left in the church office. All items need to be marked "St. Mary's Oakland." (*Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush). Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Our 4th (and last 2019 date) is scheduled for October 6. Co-chairs: Pete & Carol Chrobak 672-7158 and Lori & Dor Neely 672-6083.

Classy Crafters and the Social Committee

Choose a tree ornament on the weekend of July 27/28 to offer help with raffle prizes and auction items to be won at the Holiday Gala and Boutique on November 8/9 in support of our Food Pantry Ministry.

Grief Support at St. Bonaventure

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was unexpected and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief.

"Healing the Heart" is a 6-week program that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 until 9:00 pm from September 10th to October 15th in classroom B1. The Grief Companions will share their experiences and there is time for small group sharing. We invite you to join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. For more information and to register, call Helene at (925) 681-8105 by September 5th.



Bridge Group

Are you interested in playing bridge with a partner of your choosing? Two couples play twenty hands at a time that is convenient for them for the months of Sept. thru May. As many couples who are available, gather at the Small Hall the second Thursday in June for a light dinner and several rounds of bridge.

Each person who plays, contributes twenty dollars. Prize money is given to the top three couples. We also give the top couple for each month ten dollars. All the money left after the prizes have been passed out is given to the church's food pantry. This year we donated three hundred eighty five dollars to the food pantry.

If you are interested in joining this group or have questions, call Sheryl Caskey at 672-4087 by August 8.

HORARIO DE OFICINA
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.