



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

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St. Bonaventure Welcomes the Pilgrim Cross

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

August 25, 2019

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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.

CONFECIONES Y ADORACION AL SANTISIMO/CONFESSIONS AND EUCHARASTIC 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.

“They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

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THOUGHTS FROM EILEEN LIMBERG

Faith Formation for Children Director



FAITH

Last week Jesus told his followers that to be saved they must eat of his flesh and drink of his blood. This was hard for Jews of that time. It would be hard for us today! Our Gospel today is a continuation of that discourse. The disciples and

many followers question how they can accept this dictate. Many people leave and return to their old lives. Jesus asks those who stay, “Do you also want to leave?” Peter answers, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Here is the crux of the Gospel: the Faith of the disciples. We often think of “Faith” as a soft, feel-good, esoteric thing. But it’s really not. Faith calls us to know who we are and to understand what we believe. It calls us to make hard decisions at times and may place us at odds with peers, friends and family.

I was teaching Confirmation years ago (in another parish) and was going to be out of town for work. I asked the pas-

tor to cover my class and gave him the lesson plan. He didn’t use it and did his own thing. In the course of the lesson he told the teens that “unless you are willing to die for your faith, you shouldn’t be Confirmed” and left it at that.

I struggled with how to address this tactfully, but also meaningfully for the teens. Although the statement may be part of the Catechism, it was outside the life experience of these teenagers.

I talked with my boss and Sr. Olive had some very sage advice. “But Eileen, they do die for their faith on a regular basis. When they stand against injustice; when they say ‘no’ in the face of peer pressure; when they do what is right instead of what is popular; they die a little death for their faith.” *That* the teens understood and could incorporate into their lives.

Two months later Rachel Scott was shot in Columbine because she refused to deny her Faith when Eric Harris held a gun to her head. Her journey to Faith and acceptance of Christ as her Savior has been inspirational. At the prayer service we held with the teens that weekend, we talked about Faith again. Another dot was connected for them. Jesus calls us to that kind of faith. Our reward? Eternal Life.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

FAITH DIRECT: Parish eGiving



Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA725

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Funeral Announcements

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

stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals

Some Information About Mission Co-Op Weekend

This weekend Fr. Aloysius Nzekwe, MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul, based in Nigeria, will be preaching at all Masses as part of our participation in the annual diocesan Mission Co-op special collection.

Once a year, in cooperation with the national office of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, missionaries from Catholic organizations, dioceses, and religious orders are invited to visit parishes throughout the Diocese of Oakland. Every parish in our diocese is assigned a different mission to participate in the Mission Cooperative Plan appeals. This gives us the opportunity to experience Catholicism from beyond our borders and helps to foster the spirit of mission in our own parish.

Mission Co-Op donations are used to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through primary evangelization, as well as to promote and support vocations, faith formation, and catechesis, to build churches, seminaries, and schools. Missionaries also use funds in direct-service projects such as the building of clinics, hospitals, orphanages, and women’s shelters. The “mission cooperative” of bringing together missionaries and local communities helps to deepen our understanding of our baptismal duty to evangelize the world and bring people to Christ.

Save the Date!!! An Event That Will Change Your Life



REBOOT!

Wednesday, January 15th,
7:00PM – 9:30PM

With internationally renowned speaker and author, CHRIS STEFANICK.

REBOOT! Live! is fun, inspiring and practical. Chris will show you how the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel applies to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

More details at
www.stbonaventure.net/reboot

To register, go online to
www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot – or – Contact Jacob or Anthony at 925-672-5800

Do Not Miss the opportunity to gain insight into living life more fully! The life God has created for you!

LITURGY AND MUSIC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



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Community



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

God's blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms – June 2019

- Cuenco, Erika Kirsten C.**, daughter of Erick and Katherine Cuenco
- Crnkovick, Chiara Celeste**, daughter of Joseph and Sydney Crnkovick
- Downs, Kennedy Marie**, daughter of Greg and Haley Downs
- Gonzalez, Angel Giovanni**, son of Angel Gonzalez and Dalia Lopez
- Helena, Mila Rose**, daughter of Robert and Guadalupe Helena
- Kern, Annie Caoimbe**, daughter of Neil and Siobhan Kern
- Kusanovich, Riley Marie**, daughter of Nick and Megan Kusanovich
- Lazar, Dean Michael**, son of Max and Kathryn Lazar
- Longhi, Owen Carter**, son of Mark and Cynthia Longhi
- Mathieu, Morgan Victoria**, daughter of Nelson and Jessica Mathieu
- Orsolini, Nikolas Antonio**, son of Tyler and Marianne Orsolini
- Orta, Isaiah**, son of Isaias and Laura Orta
- Tepace, CaliJaidyn Ereno**, daughter of Ceasar and Emelyn Tepace
- Rosalez, Ariel Eliana**, daughter of Antonio and Ivelise Rosalez
- Rosalez, Leonardo Ricardo**, son of Antonio and Ivelise Rosalez
- Solis, Marianna Alejandra**, daughter of Silverio and Esmeralda Solis
- Solis, Marilyn Guadalupe**, daughter of Silverio and Esmeralda Solis

2019/2020 Basketball Season Registration Is Now Open!

Don't miss out on a fun way to spread our faith, foster sportsmanship and community! Please see our website for more information.

www.stbonaventurecyo.com

In the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program, all children play against others at their own skill level. CYO is a local parish-based group, emphasizing the teachings of Christ while instilling the joy of sport into our athletes. The athletic programs are an important youth ministry at the church. St. Bonaventure does not emphasize "winning at all costs" nor do we endorse non-becoming behavior. As representative of our parish community, we instill values of sportsmanship, fair play, both team and individual growth with Christian values. At the end of the season, the children are better athletes and, more importantly, better community citizens. We also rely on adult volunteers to help our program run. What better way to teach the sport you love and spread the joy of God to our children? If you would like to help us in any way or have any questions, please contact our

Athletic Director, Ferd Santos, at (925)270-9390 or any member of the CYO athletic board. - Thank you and Go Bulldogs!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

Preparation sessions begin in the fall in both English (Oct. 2) and Spanish (Sept. 22). 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. The registration form is also available on our website at www.stbonaventure.net/adult-confirmation.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



MARINO TADEO
August 24 - August 30

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



**FAMILIES OF ALL
VICTIMS OF THE
RECENT SHOOTING
INCIDENTS**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
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Register Now For Bible Study On Mark

Join us for an exciting new Bible Study – *Mark: The Gospel through the eyes of Peter*. Through the eyes of Peter, you will experience Jesus as a “worker of mighty deeds” who expels demons, heals the sick and teaches that the Kingdom of God has not only arrived but is in power.

At the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark study in February, the morning class will study *Angels through the Ages*. The evening class will study *The Kingdom of Happiness*, a look at the Beatitudes.

Scripture Study meets Thursdays, from Sep. 5 through May 2020, from 10-11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm. For more details, see www.stbonaventure.net/scripture.

Register in the church office by August 29 for \$60.00. If you have additional questions or need a form in order to mail in your registration please contact Greg Gamache at: bonaventurebible@astound.net.

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

**Stewardship
of Treasure**

**Weekend of August 17 & 18
Collection**

Budget	\$28,735
Actual	\$27,463
Deficit	(\$1,272)

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

Food for Family: 222

Upcoming Special Collection:

**Aug. 31/Sept. 1—Deferred
Maintenance**

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.



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 and to register, visit www.stbonaventure.net/alpha. Or, contact Gina at 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net. We

**Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, August 24

- 8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 5:00 Jane Axup
James McWilliams
Simon & Minh
Cecilia Guillermo

Sunday, August 25

- 7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Joe Mangini
Hubert Steidley
Patrick Mullane
Matthew Lane
- 11:00 Esteban Mercado
Bishop Robbie Gaa
Rosario Uy
Gaetano (Guy) Spezzano, Sr.
- 12:45 Paulino Sáenz
J. Luz Valente Cendejas
Maria Esperanza Michel
Maria Inés Ayerdy
- 5:00 Maria Diaz

Monday, August 26

- 9:00 Clarissa Lugod de la Cruz

Tuesday, August 27

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Josefina Javier
Conchita Guzman
Andy Kollar

Wednesday, August 28

- 9:00 Clarissa Lugod de la Cruz

Thursday, August 29

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Magdalena Tuazon Reyes
Calvin Fong

Friday, August 30

- 9:00 Victims of violent crimes
All souls in purgatory

Saturday, August 31

- 8:00 Thanksgiving for Walton &
Nellie Liu
- 5:00 Dario Vazquez
Eneida Diaz
Consolacion Caspillan
Clarita & Andres Noval

need parishioners to volunteer as team members in different capacities, especially with hospitality.

“Traerán todos a sus hermanos y hermanas de todas las naciones . . . a Jerusalén, a mi monte santo,” dice el Señor.

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PENSAMIENTOS DE EILEEN LIMBERG



FE

La semana pasada, Jesús les dijo a sus seguidores que para ser salvados deben comer de su carne y beber de su sangre. Esto fue difícil para los judíos de la época. ¡Sería difícil para nosotros hoy! Nuestro Evangelio de hoy es una continuación de ese discurso. Los discípulos y muchos seguidores se preguntan cómo pueden aceptar este dictado. Muchas personas se van y regresan a sus viejas vidas. Jesús les pregunta a los que se quedan: "¿También quieren irse?" Pedro responde: "Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes las palabras de la vida eterna."

Aquí está el quid del Evangelio: La fe de los discípulos. A menudo pensamos en la "Fe" como algo suave, se siente bien y esotérico. Pero en realidad no lo es. La fe nos llama a saber quiénes somos y a entender lo que creemos. Nos llama a tomar decisiones difíciles a veces y puede ponernos en desacuerdo con sus compañeros, amigos y familiares.

Yo estaba enseñando Confirmación hace años (en otra parroquia) e iba a estar fuera de la ciudad por trabajo. Le pedí al pastor que cubriera mi clase y le di el plan de la lección. No lo

usó e hizo lo suyo. En el curso de la lección, les dijo a los adolescentes que "a menos que estén dispuestos a morir por su fe, no deberían ser confirmados" y lo dejaron así. Fue difícil para mí el cómo abordar esto con tacto, pero también de manera significativa para los adolescentes. Aunque la declaración puede ser parte del Catecismo, estaba fuera de la experiencia de vida de estos adolescentes. Hablé con mi jefe y la Hna. Olive quien tuvo algunos consejos muy sabios. "Pero Eileen, mueren por su fe regularmente. Cuando se oponen a la injusticia; cuando dicen "no" ante la presión de grupo; cuando hacen lo correcto en lugar de lo popular; mueren un poco de muerte por su fe". QUE los adolescentes entendieron y pudieron incorporar a sus vidas.

Dos meses después, Rachel Scott recibió un disparo en Columbine porque se negó a negar su Fe cuando Eric Harris le apuntó con un arma a la cabeza. Su viaje a la fe y la aceptación de Cristo como su Salvador ha sido inspirador. En el servicio de oración que celebramos con los adolescentes ese fin de semana, volvimos a hablar sobre la Fe. Otro punto estaba conectado para ellos. Jesús nos llama a ese tipo de fe. Nuestra recompensa? Vida eterna.

Bautizos 2019			
Lugar del Bautizo: Iglesia			
Lugar de la clase: 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 09/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/30	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/20	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/26	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/09	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/25	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/13	7-9:30 p.m.

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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Registration For Religious Education Classes

St. Bonaventure's religious education classes will begin the week of September 22nd. 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.

Classes for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade occur during the week after school. We will meet your child wherever they are in their faith journey with class offerings for Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation, as well as continuing faith formation. We also have sacramental preparation classes for First Communion that are taught in Spanish.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes will be held on Saturdays, August 17th and 24th 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 17th between 1:30-4:00pm. If your child has been in our Faith Formation program last year, you will be receiving a packet of materials in the mail. Registration forms will be 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!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about our Church and our faith, we welcome you. A new group of adults interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic or thinking about being baptized began meeting August 18 in English and Spanish, but it's not too late to join us. This process is for

adults who were never baptized, were baptized in another Christian denomination, or were baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information and registration, please contact Gina at 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net.

"The Classy Crafters Need Wine!"

One of the popular events at the Holiday Gala & Boutique (November 8 and 9, 2019) is the **Wine Pull**. We need wine to play this game and would greatly appreciate your donation of **wines** (red, white or sparkling) ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. We request that donations be given by **October 1st**. You may give them to a crafter or bring them to the office, addressed to the Classy Crafters. Thank you for your loving generosity. For any questions, contact Donna Trana at rtgoblue@gmail.com, or mobile 734.474.7618. All proceeds benefit St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

Holiday Boutique, Silent Auction And Raffle (Nov. 8 & 9, 2019)

The Classy Crafters and Social Committee are actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Holiday Boutique 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. 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: contact Dan Gabe at dan.gabe@gmail.com, or mobile 925.408.5964. All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

Pregnant? Need Help?

 1-800-910-0191,
The Gabriel Project

'THANK YOU' From Gerry Ferri

Thanks to Mrs. Annison and the 2nd grade for the loving 'get well' card. Many thanks to everyone for all your thoughts and prayers when I fell on the second day of Bible camp. May God bless you!