



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

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Got Questions?



Stop Scrolling Try Alpha

*Begins Monday,
September 9
7:00 pm*

Invite a friend

www.stbonaventure.net/alpha

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

September 1, 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 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.

“Those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

— (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. MAT VELLANKAL

Pastor



The common theme of today’s readings is **the need for true humility**, which leads to a generous and blessed sharing with the needy. The readings also warn us against all forms of pride and self-glorification. They present humility not only as a virtue, but also as a means of opening our hearts, our minds and our hands to the poor, the

needy, the disadvantaged and the marginalized people in our society – a personal responsibility for every authentic Christian.

The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us. The second reading, taken from Hebrews, gives another reason for us to be humble. Jesus, the incarnate Son of God humbled Himself, taking on human flesh and living our lives that he might die to save us. He invites his followers to learn how to live from him because he is “meek and humble of heart.” Paul reminds us that Jesus was lowly, particularly in his suffering and death for our salvation (Heb 2:5-18), so we should be like him in order to be exalted with him at the resurrection of the righteous.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus’ words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord’s blessings.

Humility is based on the psychological awareness that everything I have is a gift from God and, therefore, I have no reason to elevate myself above others. On the contrary, I must use these God-given gifts to help others. True humility requires us neither to overestimate nor to underestimate our worth.

We are of value, not because of those gifts, but because we are loved by God as His children, redeemed by the precious blood of His son Jesus. The quality of humility that Jesus is talking about also has a sociological dimension because Jesus is inviting us to associate with the so-called “lower classes” of the society -- even the outcasts. Jesus invites us to change our social patterns in such a way that we connect with and serve the homeless, the handicapped, the elderly, and the impoverished -- the “street people” of the world -- with *agape* love.

Notice Regarding Father Andres Larios Chavez

This is to advise you that Father Andres Larios Chavez, a priest from the Diocese of Apatzingán, Michoacán, México, does not have faculties in his home Diocese or in the Diocese of Oakland and should not be invited for any priestly ministry in the Diocese.

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!

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

Next Weekend’s Special Collection: Diocesan Priest Retirement

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is the weekend of September 7-8, 2019. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still “laboring in the vineyard” in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Monthly Luncheon Update

Do you want to have some fun? Then plan on attending our monthly luncheon held in the Large Hall the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is invited. Bring your friends, meet new people and enjoy a great meal. The next scheduled luncheon is set for **Thursday, September 12th** in the Large Hall beginning at **11:30 AM**. The menu will feature a green salad, Chicken Piccata and Penne Pasta all prepared by La Veranda Restaurant in Clayton. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes the lunch, dessert and all beverages including water, soft drinks, wine, beer, coffee and tea. Payment must be made by check (preferred) or cash at the time of reservation. Checks should be made payable to St Bonaventure Church with "monthly luncheon" notated on the memo line. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Reservations, in advance with payment, will be accepted in the church office during regular business hours or after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 7th and/or after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, September 8th. **The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 9th at 4 PM.** If you are interested in joining our team in either a leadership role or a supporting role please contact the staff in the church office to sign-up.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

Families can register in the office, Monday -Friday from 1:30-4:00pm. We have an evening registration, Thursday, September 5, 5:30-8:00pm in the office.

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!

2019/2020 CYO Cross Country Practices and Registration is Now Open!

St. Bonaventure CYO Cross Country is a wonderful way to introduce girls and boys to distance running. The program is geared for runners in grades 4-8, however very motivated 3rd graders may enjoy it as well. Our goal is to have fun while challenging and developing each athlete. An emphasis is placed on building both speed and endurance. Cross-country is an all-volunteer organization, and parents of athletes are required to assist several times throughout the season. For further information, see www.StBonaventureCYO.com and select Cross Country.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Taizé Prayer Service to End Gun Violence

Join us for an evening of prayer and remembrance, to ask God's intercession and honor all lives affected by gun violence. Taizé is an ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered in simple chant, Scripture readings,

silent worship and veneration of the Cross. Thursday, September 26, 7pm in the Church. Sponsored by the St. Bonaventure Social Justice Ministry. For more information or to help, email stb.sj.ministry@gmail.com.

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.

WCF Retreat: Save the Date

Ladies of the parish, please mark your calendars for the 26th annual Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat, January 31-February 2, 2020, at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Theme of the retreat is "Be Still and Know that I Am God." Fr. Richard Mangini, former pastor here at St. Bonaventure, will guide us through a weekend of reflection and contemplative prayer to help us draw closer to the God living within us. More information will be available in October.

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



SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



KEN SERPANCHY
Aug. 31– Sept. 6

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (cont.)

- 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.

Scripture Study on Mark Begins This Thursday

Mark: The Gospel through the eyes of Peter begins meeting this week. 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. Advance registration concluded last week, but there may still be books available. For more information please contact Greg Gamache at bonaventurebible@astound.net.

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

Stewardship of Treasure
Weekend of August 24 & 25
Collection

Budget	\$28,735
Actual	\$22,046
Deficit	(\$6,689)

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures
2nd Collection: Mission Coop—\$8,685
Food for Family: 193

Upcoming Special Collection:
Sept. 7/8—Diocesan Priest Retirement
Sept. 28/29—St. Vincent de Paul

September 12th. Come as you are.

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 meeting will be Wednesday, 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 at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 for questions or more information.

"Moms Group" Takes a Break

Our Moms Group is taking a temporary break, waiting for new leadership. If you're feeling called to step forward to leadership, or if you would like to be notified when the group begins meeting again, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net.

Marriage Encounter

Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! 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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

- 7:30 Angelo Colavito Norma Venturino Murphy Family Emidio Busuttill
- 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 11:00 Sharon Stanko Rodrigo Dala Rosario Uy Herbert W. Wilson
- 12:45 Eddie Rodríguez Alegría
- 5:00 Bridig Rehane Lil Fichtenkort Teddy Rodriguez

Monday, September 2

- 9:00 John Floresca Charlotte Milcetic-Picallo

Tuesday, September 3

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 John Floresca Elvira Victorino Teresa Cao

Wednesday, September 4

- 9:00 Rosa Guido Lopez Lutgarda Mariano Maria Diaz

Thursday, September 5

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Lawrence Tadeo Teresa Cao Arnold Alorro

Friday, September 6

- 9:00 Ken Serpanchy Maria Diaz John Floresca Mathew Joseph

Saturday, September 7

- 8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 5:00 Mary Souza James McWilliams Victor Grech Gin & Irene Marquez

a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact **Chuck & Annie** at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

“Los que se humillan serán ensalzados.”

—(Lucas 14:1, 7-14)

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL

Pastor



El tema común de las lecturas de hoy es la necesidad de una verdadera humildad que conduce a un intercambio generoso y bendecido con los necesitados. Las lecturas también nos advierten contra todas las formas de orgullo y auto glorificación. Presentan la humildad no solo como una virtud, sino también como un medio para abrir nuestros corazones, nuestras mentes y nuestras manos a los

pobres, los necesitados, los desfavorecidos y los marginados de nuestra sociedad, una responsabilidad personal para cada cristiano auténtico.

La primera lectura, tomada del libro de Sirach, nos recuerda que si somos humildes, encontraremos el favor de Dios, y otros nos amarán. La segunda lectura, tomada de Hebreos, da otra razón para que seamos humildes. Jesús, el Hijo encarnado de Dios, se humilló a sí mismo, tomando carne humana y viviendo nuestras vidas para que pudiera morir para salvarnos. Invita a sus seguidores a aprender cómo vivir de él porque es "manso y humilde de corazón". Pablo nos recuerda que Jesús fue humilde, particularmente en su sufrimiento y muerte por nuestra salvación (Heb 2: 5-18), por lo que debemos ser como él para ser exaltados con él en la resurrección de los justos.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús explica los beneficios prácticos de la humildad, conectándolo con la sabiduría común sobre la etiqueta de la cena. Jesús aconseja a los invitados que vayan al lugar más bajo en lugar de buscar lugares de honor, para que el anfitrión pueda darles el lugar que realmente se merecen. Las palabras de Jesús sobre el asiento de los invitados en un banquete de bodas deberían llevarnos a honrar a quienes otros ignoran, porque si somos generosos y justos en nuestro trato con los necesitados, podemos estar seguros de las bendiciones del Señor.

La humildad se basa en la conciencia psicológica de que todo lo que tengo es un regalo de Dios y, por lo tanto, no tengo ninguna razón para elevarme por encima de los demás. Por el contrario, debo usar estos dones dados por Dios para ayudar a otros. La verdadera humildad no nos exige sobrestimar ni subestimar nuestro valor.

Somos valiosos, no por esos dones, sino porque somos amados por Dios como sus hijos, redimidos por la preciosa sangre de su hijo Jesús. La calidad de la humildad de la que habla Jesús también tiene una dimensión sociológica porque Jesús nos invita a asociarnos con las llamadas "clases bajas" de la sociedad, incluso los marginados. Jesús nos invita a cambiar nuestros patrones sociales de tal manera que nos conectemos y sirvamos a las personas sin hogar, a los discapacitados, a los ancianos y a los empobrecidos, la "gente de la calle" del mundo, con amor ágape.

Aviso Sobre El Padre Andres Larios Chavez

Les comunico que el Padre Andres Larios Chavez, un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Apatzingán, Michoacán, México, no tiene facultades en su Diócesis ni en la Diócesis de Oakland y no debe ser invitado para ningún ministerio sacerdotal en la Diócesis.



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.

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 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.

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The Classy Crafters Need Wine!

We are still seeking donations to make this the best Holiday Gala and Boutique yet!

Every year, the Wine Pull is very popular and we need wine of all kinds of wine (individually valued at \$30 or more) to make it happen. We would greatly appreciate any donations by Oct. 15. Any questions, please contact Donna Trana at rtgoblue@gmail.com or 734.474.7618. THANK YOU!



Holiday Boutique, Silent Auction & Raffle November 8 and 9, 2019



The Classy Crafters & Social Committee are actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets and gift certificates for our annual Holiday Gala

and Boutique Silent Auction and Raffle. We are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, you would like to make a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, etc) tickets, or something unique you can donate. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this worthy fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. All donations are tax deductible. Any questions, please contact Dan Gabe at dan.gabe@gmail.com or 925.408.5964.

Alpha Begins September 9: Sign Up Now!

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. Sign-ups by September 3 are helpful for planning (if possible).

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.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Saturday, September 28, 2019, in Classrooms B1/B2, from 10 AM to 4 PM. More information will follow later this month. If you are able to donate blood, please note this event on your calendar.

Contact Christa Fairfield at
925-844-9005 or email
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