



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura

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Thank you, Fr. Mat! Your St. Bonaventure Family will miss you.



Fr. Mat's Homily at 1st Communion



Fr. Mat's 60th Birthday Mass & Dinner—2018



Pilgrimage to Paradise

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Blessing of the Animals



Adult Bible Camp 2018

*In Loving
Remembrance of
Fr. Mat*

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

October 20, 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
Wednesday/Miércoles: 6:30AM

Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/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.

“Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” — (Luke 18:1-8)

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. OSCAR ROJAS



THE NECESSITY TO PRAY

Jesus awaits to feed us with his body and blood. Jesus welcomes all to participate in his sacrifice of love for the salvation of all. Jesus' love is free and overflowing in its fullness in the humble heart. It is up to us if we are willing to open

ourselves to the grace of God.

Jesus invites us to persevere till we obtain the favor of God. In the first reading of the book of Exodus 17:8-13 we find a beautiful example of the necessity to pray to God: *“As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight.”* Definitely, we cannot do anything by ourselves. We need to surrender ourselves to God and trust in him all of our life. The power of evil is around everywhere we go. Therefore, we need to build a strong relationship with God through prayer, to defeat the evil temptations. Amalek won the battle while Moses kept his hands raised up to God. We win the battle when we enter into a deep relationship with God. The more we pray, the more we grow in virtue, because prayer is the most intimate moment with God, strengthening our spirit. If our prayers are not answered, do not give up. We need

to persevere till we experience the power of God.

Perseverance in prayer is the key to overcoming evil works. In today's Gospel Jesus gives a beautiful example of the necessity of perseverance in prayer, in the parable of the woman who seeks justice. The widow pleaded for help and the judge repeatedly ignored her problems. She kept coming to him so often that, finally, he decided to render a just decision for her. We often seek God's help in our daily life. Sometimes we despair and get so tired of our many problems that we run out of patience and unconsciously make bad decisions. In the end, we regret that we could have made better decisions if we had prayed to God. We overlook the power and effectiveness of prayer. We know that God is the one who can lift up our souls. Therefore, Jesus tells us to calm down - keep persevering in prayer. He says that he is with me and wants to help me, so I should not despair. This widow remained persistent in obtaining justice. She never gave up. Therefore, Jesus taught us about the necessity to pray always, without becoming weary.

Invest time in prayer and reap plenty. We invest time in things that do not benefit our relationship with God, our family or friends and we end up wasting our valuable time. Do not waste time trying to resolve your ups and down in your life alone. God is willing to shower us with his grace if we allow him to become part of our lives.



DETAILS OF SERVICES FOR FR. MAT

Vigil: Sunday, October 20th at 7pm at Holy Spirit Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd. Fremont, CA 94536

Funeral: Monday, October 21st at 10:30am at St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Rd. Concord, CA 94521

*“Farewell to thee! but not farewell; To all my fondest thoughts of thee.
Within my heart they still shall dwell; And they shall cheer and comfort me.”*
—Anne Bronte (1820-1849)

PARISH COMMUNITY

Thank You From St. Mary's Oakland

We had a very successful dinner at St. Mary's Center in Oakland on October 6th! We are so grateful for our cooks, Karen & Gary LaMons, who show up early and make our wonderful pasta and meat sauce. Jonel Sangalang & Gladys de Guzman brought the salad & delicious homemade dressing, Claudia & Jorge Tejada brought the bread, served buttered & warmed in the oven. Serving were Linda Mercader, Rose Yap & Francis Fong. And a big *Thank You* to all those who donated cakes & pies for dessert and bingo prizes for game-playing. What a wonderful community we have at St. Bonaventure! With much appreciation - Lori & Dor Neely & Pete & Carol Chrobak.

Mark Your Calendar! Holiday Gala and Boutique

November 8: Evening Gala, Friday, 6:00-8:00 pm



Please join us for a fun and festive evening featuring a Wine Pull, Silent Auction, Raffle, and more! We'll have all kinds of handmade items by our Classy

Crafters just in time to start your holiday shopping, and the Country Kitchen will be filled **with** treats and homemade goodies everyone loves! And, what's a Gala without wine and appetizers?! We'll be serving those too! (Held in the Large and Small Halls)

November 9: Boutique, Saturday, 10:00 am – 2 pm

Start your holiday shopping off in style! Please join us in the Large and Small Halls continuing our Boutique, Country Kitchen and Raffle. Choose from unique handmade items, seasonal decorations, baked goods, jams and jellies! And of course, we'll have raffle prizes galore! The Raffle Drawing will be held at 1:00 p.m., and you don't need to be present to win. Bring a friend and have some fun!

All proceeds go to our St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

Red Hawk Casino Trip

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Cost: \$30/ person (participants must be at least 21 years old)

\$15 Slot play & \$5 Food coupon or \$20 Table Match Play (subject to change)

Get on the "Bus"



Depart St Bonaventure: 8:30am;
arrive Red Hawk: 10:30am
6- hour stay at Red Hawk

Depart Red Hawk: 4:30pm;
arrive St Bonaventure: 6:30pm

Reserve a spot now! Call Sol at 925-676-5905 or email me at solemama@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to St. Bonaventure Church. In the memo, write Fil-Am Casino. Please pay with checks. You may drop checks off at the Parish Office, c/o Gladys.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



Save The Date—Annual Advent/Christmas Concert

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Church

The Resurrection Choir and Orchestra's annual Advent/Christmas Concert, with special guests 'The Heavenly Harmony Children's Choir.' Experience being moved by God's presence through a gathering of hope, peace and love.

Hermanidad San Judas Tadeo St. Bonaventure Church Concord



Invitation to a Mass in honor of Saint Jude Thaddeus

Date: **Monday, October 28**

Time: **7:00PM**

Place: **St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat

Ladies, do you ever feel like there is never enough time in your day to pray? Do you want to get in touch with the God living within you? Then join us at the Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat January 31-February 2, at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Our former pastor, Fr. Richard Mangini, will guide us on our quest to "Be Still and Know that I Am God" (Ps.46:10). Come! Experience the inner peace and joy of drawing closer to God through reflection and

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



EVELYN CUSENZA
Oct. 19 to Oct. 25

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



**FOR ALL THOSE
SUFFERING FROM
DEPRESSION**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
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contemplative prayer.

Retreat brochures are now available at the parish office, in the church foyer, and at www.stbonaventure.net. Pick one up and register as soon as possible. Rooms fill fast! For further information, please call Andrea at 925-529-7675.

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 November 14th. Come as you are.

Marriage Encounter

Want something more long-lasting than a vacation at the ocean or the mountains? Give your marriage the best vacation break possible by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **Nov 15-17, 2019 and Feb 21-23, 2020 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.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

@St. Bonaventure Catholic Community



Upcoming Special Collection:

Oct. 26/27—Knights of Columbus for Ultra Sound Machines



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.

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



SHARE YOUR TALENTS!
Volunteer in a Ministry

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 19

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 Janet Ripley
Gen and Benny Marquez
Souls in purgatory
Craig Johnson

Sunday, October 20

7:30 Mike Geraghty
Emidio Busuttill
Iria Almeida
Kristine Barraco
9:00 Joey Mangini
Henry Alumia
Sean McCloskey
Matthew Lane
11:00 Monty Salgado
Ricardo Buan
Steven Smyth
Robert Jule
12:45 Enecon Tejada
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

Monday, October 21

9:00 Charles Brazinski
Joy Camarillo
Nancy Brooker
Jacob Stopka

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 Norma Evaristo
Zilpha Paganelli

Wednesday, October 23

6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Marina Fajardo
Fr. Richard Mangini
J.B. Selvaraj

Thursday, October 24

9:00 Ed Maes

Friday, October 25

9:00 John Muscat
Virgilio Vasquez
Fr. David Lawrence

Saturday, October 26

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

Pregnant? Need Help?

☎ 1-800-910-0191,
The Gabriel Project

“Dios asegura los derechos de los elegidos que claman día y noche.”

—(Lucas 18:1-8)

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



LA NECESIDAD DE ORAR

Jesús nos espera para alimentarnos con su cuerpo y su sangre. Jesús nos da la bienvenida a todos para participar en el sacrificio de amor para la salvación de todos. El amor de Jesús es gratis, ilimitado, y fluye en su totalidad en corazón humilde. Depende de nosotros si estamos dispuestos a abrir nuestro corazón a la gracia de Dios.

Jesús nos invita a perseverar hasta que logremos obtener el favor de Dios. En la primera Lectura del libro del Éxodo 17: 8-13 encontramos un ejemplo maravilloso sobre la necesidad de orar a Dios. **“Cuando Moisés tenía las manos en alto, dominaba Israel, pero cuando las bajaba, Amalec dominaba”**. Definitivamente, nosotros no podemos hacer nada por nosotros mismos. Necesitamos entregarnos completamente a Dios y confiar en él nuestra vida diaria. El poder del enemigo está alrededor nuestro a cualquier lugar que vamos. Por lo tanto, necesitamos construir una relación fuerte con Dios a través de la oración para defendernos de las tentaciones del enemigo. Amalec ganó la batalla porque Moisés mantuvo sus brazos levantados a Dios en oración. Nosotros ganamos las batallas cuando entramos en una relación más profunda con Dios. Entre más oramos, mucho más crecemos en las virtudes de nuestra vida porque la oración es el momento más íntimo con Dios para fortalecer nuestro espíritu. Si nuestras oraciones todavía no han sido respondidas: no dejes de seguir orando. Necesitamos perseverar hasta experimentar el poder de Dios.

Perseverar en la oración es la llave para vencer las seducciones del enemigo. En el Evangelio de Hoy, Jesús nos explica la necesidad, perseverancia y constancia en la oración a través de la parábola de la mujer viuda que busca justicia. Un Juez que no tenía temor de Dios; ni al ser humano. La mujer viuda pedía ayuda y el juez no le ponía atención a la inseguridad de su vida. Ella continuó viniendo al juez hasta que finalmente el Juez decidió hacer justicia. Con frecuencia buscamos la ayuda de Dios en nuestra vida diaria. Algunas veces estamos desesperados y cansados de tantas dificultades que la paciencia se agota e inconscientemente tomamos decisiones incorrectas. Terminamos con remordimiento que podríamos haber tomado una mejor decisión si hubiéramos estado orando sin perder nuestra mirada de Dios. Muchas veces pasamos desapercibido el poder y la efectividad de la oración. Sabemos que Dios es el único que puede levantar nuestra alma. Por esa razón, Jesús nos dice: tranquilícense. Continúen perseverando en la oración. Yo estoy con ustedes y quiero ayudarlos, pero no se desesperen. La mujer viuda permaneció persistente hasta obtener justicia. Nunca se dejó vencer. Jesús nos enseña sobre la necesidad de orar sin dejarnos vencer por el cansancio.

Invirtamos tiempo en la oración y cosechemos abundantes bendiciones. Invertimos tiempo en cosas que no benefician nuestra relación con Dios, familia, amigos, y terminamos perdiendo nuestro valioso tiempo. No perdamos el tiempo tratando de resolver los altos y bajos de nuestra vida solos. Dios está dispuesto a derramar su gracia si le permitimos que se convierta en parte de nuestra vida.

Hermanidad San Judas Tadeo
De La Iglesia San Buenaventura, Concord



Invita A Misa En Honor
A San Judas Tadeo
Fecha: Lunes, 28 de Octubre
Hora: 07:00 pm

Lugar: Iglesia San Buenaventura
5562 Clayton Road, Concord

SIEMPRE ORE
ORE SIEMPRE



Dios escucha los que claman día y noche.



Bautizos 2020

Lugar del Bautizo: Iglesia

Lugar de la clase: B-1

Encargado de la Clase: 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 01/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/15	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/07	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/28	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/21	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/28	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/13	7-9:30 p.m.

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Trunk Or Treat

It's that time of year again. 'Trunk or Treat' will be October 26 after the 5:00pm Mass in the Halls and side parking lot (6:00pm setup & 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat). The Knights of Columbus are returning with their Haunted House in the Small Hall. We will have crafts for the children while people decorate their trunks and get ready to hand out candy. Everyone is welcome. **We need people to hand out candy as well as children to collect it.** If you are an empty nester or grandparent who misses the costume parade, join us. Maybe your small group would like to participate? It's fun for everyone! Contact Eileen Limberg with questions or to sign up (to give out candy and/or bring your children). You can also register by following the link: <https://www.stbonaventure.net/fairth-formation-k-5>

Safe Environment Renewal Training Sessions

If you volunteer in any ministry at St. Bonaventure, you **must** complete 'Safe Environment Training'. For those who took the training in 2016, this is your renewal year. (**Training is good for three years.**) Eileen Limberg will be conducting **only two live Renewal Trainings Sessions:**

“KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE”

Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 29, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

If you trained in 2016, please be sure to attend **one** of these sessions. You may also renew online at: VIRTUSONLINE.ORG. To sign up, please call the office at (925) 672-5800.

More Wedding Coordinators Needed

We need more wedding coordinators at our parish. Responsibilities include meeting couples to discuss the wedding liturgy details, and as-

sisting at the wedding rehearsal and wedding day liturgy. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Arteaga, Director of Liturgy & Music, at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office at (925) 672-5800.

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. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 30, at 7:00 pm in the Large Hall. For more information contact Greg Colley at stb.sj.ministry@gmail.com.

Book Study

The Time Is Now — A Call for Uncommon Courage, by Joan Chittister, OSB Join Fr. Richard Mangini and Christa Fairfield for a three-week book study of Joan Chittister's newest book. In it, she asks

us: Are you a churchgoer or a prophet? It's a book for "the weary, the cranky, and the fearful." Come and join us for a powerful and exciting exploration of how we can bring our spirituality to action.

Three Tuesday sessions at 10 am and 7pm: Nov. 5, 12 and 19th in B1.

Register online at www.stbonaventure.net/book-studies, in the parish office, or with Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or (925) 672-5800x2217.

Please contact Gina with any questions. Books are available now at the parish office or online.



God hears those who call out day and night



HORARIO DE OFICINA
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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.