



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

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## PRAYING FOR OUR VETERANS



### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time *Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

November 10, 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 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...

**K**eep 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.

***“Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die.”***  
 —(Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38])

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## THOUGHTS FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

### A Celebration and Gratitude



When I came to work at our parish in 2002, I had attended only a handful of funerals throughout my life. They were usually invitations to a funeral service, burial ceremony, or funeral mass.

After working at St. Bonaventure for a short time, I learned a new term for funeral—'Celebration of Life'. I understand this isn't new for many Catholics, but it was for me. What is most significant in my experience here is the spirit that is brought to the entire movement at our parish—from receiving the first call, through planning, to the Mass, through Interment and beyond. It is a true celebration of love and remembrance—an expression of gratitude for the life of a loved one. Our parish is known for this charism.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, our entire community lived the fullness of this charism together. We received the call of Fr. Mat's passing on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. From the moment we communicated our loss, parishioners called, emailed and stopped in to ask how they could help. On Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, we were told the funeral was scheduled for Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We had less than 5 days to prepare to welcome over 1400 guests and parishioners to a church that holds about 900.

How was this to be done? It was done through love—love that expressed itself in uncountable ways by an uncountable number of people. But it's worth taking a moment to reflect on those ways, express appreciation for the selfless time and energy given, and acknowledge the amazingness of our parish community.

Thank you to all who innovated, labored, resourced, planned and created a most beautiful *celebration of life* that expressed the sense of welcome and love that Fr. Mat shared with each of us. I wish I could name each and every

one of you. Because of your effort large or small, one hour or 5 full days, our celebration of Fr. Mat's life overflowed with the bouquet of awesome joy that he planted here.



One special 'thank you' to Fr. Paulson Mundanmani, Pastor of Christ the King Church. Fr. Paulson cared for all of the burial and transportation details of his close friend, Fr. Mat, while he prepared to preside at the Vigil and assist us at three of our Sunday Masses before the funeral. Thank you for Fr. Paulson for bringing our friend and pastor home to his final resting place.



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

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
 | 7:00PM – 9:30PM  
**REBOOT!**

With internationally renowned speaker and author, CHRIS STEFANICK. 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](http://www.stbonaventure.net/reboot)

To register, go online to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot](http://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 COMMUNITY



It was one of Fr Mat's wishes to unite all the Filipino Community in our Parish by celebrating "Simbang Gabi" in St. Bonaventure, a Filipino tradition celebrating 9 days before Christmas. It is also known as "Misa de Aguinaldo", meaning the "Mass for the coming of the Gift." It was also his desire for the St Bonaventure Community to experience the richness of this tradition.

In honor of Fr Mat, this year we will bring "The Spirit of Simbang Gabi" in our Parish. We invite everyone to please come and celebrate with us every night at 7:30pm starting December 15<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As part of this tradition, we will have a simple get-together and partake of Filipino native treats. These include, but are not limited to, treats such as *puto bumbong*, *bibingka* and *hot chocolate*.

**We are looking for volunteers** who would like to be a part of the preparation for this event. It could be as simple as setting up and cleaning up OR be a part of the music ministry and be able to share your God-given talent.

*We are also looking for volunteers who could sponsor that special food treat for a night. You may either bring the food or give a monetary donation towards purchasing the food.*

*If you feel God is calling you to serve*, even though you still don't know where and how, please do not hesitate to call: Alex Cosas-925-408-0978 / Cocoy Capinpin-925-325-2320. **We will need YOUR help to make our 1st Simbang Gabi a success.** Call us. Our next meeting is coming up soon!

Please mark your calendar and plan to come and join us. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Together, with Mary, let us excitedly anticipate and celebrate the coming of Jesus, the ultimate manifestation of God's love for us.

### Giving Tree Has Begun!!!

If you would like to make Christmas merry for a needy person in our community, here's what you can do:

There are paper ornaments decorating Christmas trees in the foyer and near the side entrances to the Church. These paper ornaments have the gift wish for a specific person. Choose an ornament, and then purchase the gift indicated on the ornament. Wrap your gift, and attach the ornament to the **outside** of the gift. Return your gift to the Church by **Sunday, December 8th**. You can pick as many ornaments as you like, just be sure you can return all of the gifts by the due date—Please, don't overextend yourself or your budget at this busy time of year.

Thank you for your generosity. It is appreciated more than ever!

### LITURGY AND MUSIC

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### On The Road To Bethlehem

Family Event

Pancake Breakfast

Crafts and Activities for Children

Visit from Santa

**Saturday, December 7th**

**9AM to 11:30AM in the Large Hall**

Experience the magic and wonder of the Christmas Season as we prepare for the birth of Jesus!

St. Bonaventure's Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast.

Cost is \$7 per person. Tickets are available in the Church Office. Deadline for ticket sales is Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

Contact Eileen Limberg if you have any questions - 672-5800, Ext. 2204  
e-mail: elimberg@stbonventure.net

**There will be a special visit from Santa!**

## SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



**MARILYN & JIM  
CALLAGHAN & FAMILY**  
Nov. 9 to Nov. 15

## JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



**KINCADE  
FIRE VICTIMS**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Surviving the Holidays While Grieving**

Healing the Heart is offering a one-evening Grief Workshop on December 3rd, at 7:30 pm, Classroom B1, focusing on "Holiday Survival." All holidays and celebrations can be stressful and it is harder when it seems like everyone around is in the holiday mood! We will meet to share experiences and some things that people find helpful.

Feel free to bring a friend – just let us know if you are coming, because we want to be sure to have enough cookies! Call Helene at (925) 681-8105.

**Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat**

Ladies, rooms are filling fast for the 26th annual WCF Retreat, so get your reservations in soon!

The theme of the retreat is from Psalm 46:10: "Be Still and Know that I Am God." Father Richard Mangini, our former pastor, will direct the retreat through contemplative prayer experiences that invite us to "be" in the presence of God and draw us closer to His loving heart.

The retreat will be held at St. Clare's Retreat Center in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains near the city of Soquel, the weekend of January 31-February 2, 2020.

Registration forms can be found in the brochures available at the parish office, in the church foyer, and on the St. Bonaventure website.

Stewardship  
of Treasure

## Weekend of Nov. 2 &amp; 3 Collection

Budget	\$28,735
Actual	\$29,982
Over	\$1,247

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

Food for Family: 197

**Upcoming Special Collection:**

Nov. 23/24—Campaign for Human Development

**Respect Life Ministry Meeting**

The Respect Life Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 pm in Room A1. This month's speaker is Graham Wiseman, youth suicide prevention specialist from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The ministry works to promote a renewed respect for human life – in all its stages—and to live out that witness through prayer, action, walks and legislative advocacy. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Jane Walker, 916-759-3674 or Sandy Mazza, 925-890-3749.

**Are You Getting the News?**

We have sent out several parish-wide emails in the past few weeks, sharing the news of Father Mat's death, his funeral information, and Father Oscar's appointment as Interim Parochial Administrator. If you did not receive these emails, either we don't have your correct email address or your spam blocker is preventing them from getting through. If it's your spam blocker, please check your spam folder and add mail@flocknote.com to your approved contact list.

If you're not on our email list at all, please sign up by clicking on the little sheep at the top right corner of our website. This will connect you to Flocknote, our email portal. While you're there be sure to sign up for the Adult Faith Formation Newsletter. For questions or more help, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or (925) 672-5800 x2217. (If you haven't regis-



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK
**Saturday, November 9**

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
5:00 Adalberto Colon  
Bill Hopkins  
Mik Traeger  
Michael Mitchell

**Sunday, November 10**

7:30 Emidio Busuttli  
Joe Buckheit  
Gertrude Ruiz  
Violet Narvaez  
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
11:00 Gloria Maliwanag  
Dario Vazquez  
Tirso de Guzman  
Jacob Arevalo  
12:45 Salvador Diaz  
Isabel Hagerty  
Ana Maria Pecol  
Hermandad de San Martin de Porres  
5:00 Joseph Lorenzo  
Teresa Santiago  
Elizabeth Gonzalez Valdes  
Fr. Joseph Parekkatt

**Monday, November 11**

9:00 Marie Moore  
Jimmy Javier  
Gaby Cosschi  
Thelma Hernandez

**Tuesday, November 12**

9:00 Arturo Estrada  
Luis Saul Villalba  
Denis & Donna Johnson  
Tony Falzon

**Wednesday, November 13**

6:30 St. Bonaventure Community  
9:00 Angel Mamosca

**Thursday, November 14**

9:00 Sergio Avila

**Friday, November 15**

9:00 Rosario Uy  
Onofre Samson

**Saturday, November 16**

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
5:00 Jacob Arevalo  
Bill Hopkins  
Elvira Victorino  
Erik Yarberry

tered as a parishioner yet, you can pick up a form in the church foyer or under the "About" section of our website.)

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

@St. Bonaventure Catholic  
Community



**“Aquellos que son dignos de llegar a la edad futura son hijos de Dios.”**

—(Lucas 20:27-38) [27, 34-38]

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## PENSAMIENTOS DE CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

### UNA CELEBRACIÓN Y AGRADECIMIENTO



Quando vine a trabajar a nuestra parroquia hace algunos años en el 2002, había asistido a varios funerales a lo largo de mi vida. Por lo general, eran invitaciones a un entierro, servicio o Misa funeraria.

Después de trabajar en St. Bonaventure por un corto tiempo, aprendí un

nuevo término para el funeral: Celebración de vida. Entiendo que esto no es nuevo para muchos católicos, pero para mí lo fue. Lo que es más significativo en mi experiencia aquí, es el espíritu que lleva todo el movimiento en nuestra parroquia, desde recibir la primera llamada, a través de la planificación, hasta la Misa, el entierro y más allá. Es una verdadera celebración de recuerdo y amor, una expresión de gratitud por la vida de un ser querido. Nuestra parroquia es conocida por este carisma.

El 21 de octubre, toda nuestra comunidad vivimos juntos la plenitud de este carisma. Recibimos la llamada del fallecimiento del Padre Mat el viernes 11 de octubre. Desde el momento en que comunicamos nuestra pérdida, los feligreses llamaron, enviaron un correo electrónico y se detuvieron para preguntar cómo podían ayudar. El miércoles 16 de octubre, nos dijeron que el funeral estaba programado para el lunes 21 de octubre. Tuvimos menos de 5 días para prepararnos para recibir a más de 1400 invitados y feligreses en una Iglesia que alberga cerca de 900 feligreses.

¿Cómo iba a hacerse esto? Fue hecho a través del amor, amor que se expresó de innumerables maneras por un número incontable de personas. Pero vale la pena tomarse un momento para reflexionar sobre esas formas, expresar su agradecimiento por el tiempo desinteresado y la energía dada y reconocer lo sorprendente de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Gracias a todos los que innovaron, trabajaron, financiaron, planificaron y crearon la celebración de vida más bella, que expresó el sentido de bienvenida y amor que el Padre Mat

compartió con cada uno de nosotros. Desearía poder nombrar a cada uno de ustedes. Gracias a su esfuerzo grande o pequeño, una hora o 5 días completos, nuestra Celebración de vida del Padre Mat se desbordó con el ramo de alegría increíble que él plantó aquí.



Un agradecimiento especial al Padre Paulson Mundanmani, Pastor de la Iglesia de Cristo Rey. El Padre Paulson se preocupó por todos los detalles del entierro y transporte de su amigo cercano, el Padre Mat, mientras se preparaba para presidir la Vigilia y ayudarnos en tres de nuestras Misas dominicales antes del funeral. Gracias Padre Paulson por traer a nuestro amigo y Pastor a casa, a su lugar de descanso final.

**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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## FAITH DIRECT: Parish eGiving



Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: CA725  
Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



## “Christmas Presence”

**A Gathering of Hope, Peace and Love  
by Pepper Choplin**

**Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 pm in the  
Church**

**Presented by**

The Resurrection Choir, Friends and  
Chamber Orchestra

With special guest: The Heavenly Harmony Children’s Choir

Dedicated in memory of Fr. Mathew Vellankal

This beautiful musical telling of the Christmas story will inspire you to dwell on the important and profound way that Christmas brings us together, through the joy of Christ’s birth. Your enjoyment will be enhanced by listening to our 30-plus-voice ecumenical choir and orchestra, and joining them on favorite carols.

Be sure to extend an invitation to your family and friends.

A freewill offering will be collected to help support our ministry throughout the year and defray the cost of the concert. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

A reception will immediately follow the concert, in the Hospitality Room.

## Monthly Luncheon

For this month we’re planning a traditional Thanksgiving feast with all the fixings prepared by Chef Greg. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Large Hall beginning at 11:30 AM. 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, November 9<sup>th</sup> and/or after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. **The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.** Please come and join us.

## Children’s Christmas Pageants

We are already planning our two children’s Christmas Pageants that will be held on Christmas Eve: the Early

Childhood Christmas Pageant will be at the 3PM Mass and the Elementary School Pageant will be at the 5:30PM Mass.

The **Early Childhood Christmas Pageant** will feature children in pre-school-age 4 and Kindergarten, as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus. Please contact Rosa Rico by November 15<sup>th</sup> to register your child for the pageant. Rosa is the Early Childhood Pageant coordinator and can be reached at 383-3066. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in Classroom B-5 after the 9AM Mass.

The **Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant** will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Eileen Limberg at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at [elimberg@stbonaventure.net](mailto:elimberg@stbonaventure.net) to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Church.