



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

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- Chris Stefanick

January 15, 2020

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

November 17, 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

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 EUCHARISTIC 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.

“Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers.”

—(Luke 21:5-19)

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THOUGHTS FROM DEACON BILL GALL

Jesus is coming. Look busy



“Jesus is Coming... Look Busy”

In a recent poll, people were asked: if you had one question about anything that would be answered, what would it be? The majority of the people responding were interested in one thing... the future. “How long will I live?” “What happens to us

when we die?” “Am I ever going to be happy?” “Will this relationship last?” “Will I have enough money in retirement?”

And so, on this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time marking the end of the current Liturgical Year, through the readings, the Church focuses our attention on the future, the so-called “End Times” or “Last Things.” They warn us about the final days of the world, death and judgement, reward and punishment. It is called apocalyptic literature. The word “apocalypse” means an “unveiling” or a “revelation.” It uses visionary language, full of symbols, images, and religious allusions. Not a very inviting message on the surface, but believe it or not, it’s a message of hope. It’s not all doom and gloom. The readings intend to convey that something great is going to happen. This type of literature was generally used in times of trial and tribulation.

In the first reading, the prophet Malachi tells the people, the “Day of the Lord” will bring healing and reward for the

just, and punishment in fire for the “proud and all evil-doers.” In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his “Second Coming” is to keep working and doing one’s duties faithfully. In the Gospel, Luke tells us to persevere in faithfulness to the Lord and we will receive an eternal reward.

So, what does it mean for us today? The message is pretty much the same at it was over two thousand years ago. God has chosen us. We do our best to further the work of Jesus by helping to build the reign of God here on earth and one day, God will call us home. That’s certain. We can’t lose. We’re going to win, and one day something great is going to happen to us and we’re going to discover that it’s all been worth it beyond our wildest dreams.

World Day of the Poor

And finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention that Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter “Misericordia et Misera,” dated November 20, 2016 designated the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time “World Day of the Poor.” He wrote: “It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel and on the fact that as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as she perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.”

May Jesus bless each and every one of you.

NEED NOW: Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Food Pantry needs your help for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, we will be collecting donations, such as items listed below, starting this weekend, **November 16/17 – November 25**. Place the items in one of the bins in the church foyer, but please place turkey or chicken donations in the white freezer. **Items we would welcome:**

- turkeys, chickens, hams, stuffing, chicken broth
- cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, pie fillings
- celery, onions, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, eggs, corn starch, ready-crust for pies, cake mixes, pancake mix, hamburger helper, tuna helper, spaghetti, pastas
- rice, macaroni & cheese, beef stew, spam, cereal, peanut butter, green beans
- green peas, corn, carrots, spinach, olives, mushrooms, beans, fruit, fruit juices, fresh fruit, jello, puddings, biscuits, muffin mixes, salad oil, salad dressing, spices

- mayonnaise, jellies and jams, syrup, canned meats, tuna, tomato sauce, tomato paste, Rice-a-Roni, parmesan cheese, catsup, mustard, coffee, tea.

Cash donations can be made by placing your gift in the Sunday basket marked “Food Pantry.” Our Food Pantry has spent this year’s funds and expects a greater need this holiday season. Your gifts will help provide a Happy Thanksgiving to those in need.

Thank You From Vintage

For those of you who were able to attend our Praise & Worship evening on November 2 that was dedicated to Father Mat, we thank you so much. We also want to **thank you** for your Free-Will offerings. We received \$300.00 in contributions and, as promised, this money will be given to the Contra Costa Interfaith Housing in Father Mat’s name. We did live-stream the evening on Facebook. If you would like to view the evening on Facebook, please search for VINTAGE HARMONIC TRIO. Thank you again and may God bless you all!

PARISH COMMUNITY

Giving Tree

Giving Tree is here! 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. Please consider when buying a gift card that our local Kmart is closing. Your generosity is appreciated more than ever.

Reminders :

1. Please be very careful with your ornaments.

Each ornament is for a specific person, and we don't want anyone to be left out without a gift on Christmas.

Please be very careful with your ornament and keep it in a safe place! You may want to take a picture of the ornament on your cellphone so you have it with you when you shop.

2. Please return your gifts no later than **Sunday, December 8th**.

3. Please be sure to securely tape the paper ornament to the **outside** of your wrapped gift so that we can make sure it gets to the right person.

4. You are invited to join us for "Sort Night" on Sunday, December 8th after the 5 o'clock mass. It is truly a beautiful sight to behold the **huge** stack of gifts and the festive atmosphere as parishioners bustle about organizing presents in the Church. Each gift sparkles with the love that God has for all of us, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus!

5. **Cash Donations.** You might have noticed requests for cash donations on our trees. The cash we collect through



It was one of Fr Mat's wishes to unite all the Filipino Community in our Parish by celebrating "Simbang Gabi" in St. Bonaventure. This is a Filipino tradition celebrating the 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*" into our Parish. We invite everyone to please come and celebrate with us every night at 7:30pm from December 15th to 23rd.

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

Giving Tree does *not* go directly to anyone. Every year, we have some ornaments that are left on the trees, or which are not returned. Volunteers for Giving Tree use the cash donations to go and buy those missing gifts, so everyone we put on our tree gets a gift! (We have some very savvy shoppers on our committee, who can really stretch a dollar!) As in years past, your generosity and compassion are greatly appreciated, and will allow St. Bonaventure to provide Christmas gifts to hundreds of families, children, and seniors in our community.

Thank you for supporting the Giving Tree Ministry!!

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.

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



**THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY FOR
DEACON BILL AND
SYLVIA GALL
Nov. 16—Nov. 22**

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



**SAFETY OF ALL
FIREFIGHTERS**

LITURGY AND MUSIC

**Come Join "VINTAGE" For Their
16TH Annual Christmas Concert**

*December 14, 2019 at 7:30pm in
the Church*

Admission Free!

There will be a "free will offering" and all of the proceeds will once again be used to buy presents for the children who come to the Food Pantry with their parents.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



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Community

Stewardship
of Treasure

Weekend of Nov. 9 & 10 Collection

Budget	\$28,735
Actual	\$25,746
Deficit	(\$2,989)

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

Food for Family: 407

Upcoming Special Collection:

Nov. 23/24—Campaign for Human
Development

Altar Linens Help Needed,
Especially For The Chapel

We need a few more people to help clean our altar linens, particularly our chapel linens, since the volunteer who tended to them every week recently moved away. Responsibilities include cleaning, ironing, and folding the linens (purificators, hand towels, corporals, and sometimes altar cloths). Instructions and training are provided. Please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office if you are willing to help.

OUTSIDE OF PARISH

Thanksgiving Multi-Faith
Celebration & Service

Join a community gathering with faith leaders from across the county and a volunteer multi-faith choir. Sunday, November 24 at 3:30 p.m. (Interested choir singers come at 2:00 for practice.) Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton.

*Find Inspiration – Share Gratitude for
Abundance – Commit to Confronting
Poverty*

For more information contact the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition at contactmfac@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Kendra Gives
Back Party!

Kendra Scott + St. Agnes School
Sips, Sweet + Jewels

Tuesday, 11/19/19 6:00 - 8:00 pm

 Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17

7:30 Emidio Busuttill
Fr. David Lawrence
Louis Talarico
Steven Dewhurst
9:00 Joey Mangini
Tirso and Luz de Guzman
Cherney Sangalang
Henry Alumia
11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
12:45 Exiquia Almanza
Catalina Montes
Macario Rivera
5:00 Frank Verello
Rafael and Juanita Sison
Souls in Purgatory
Go Family

Monday, November 18

9:00 Fr. Mat Vellankal
Doris Tamburello
Fr. David Lawrence
John Muscat
Rodolfo Jeturan

Tuesday, November 19

9:00 Fr. Mat Vellankal
Neno Davi
George Souza
Concepcion Tanada

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Glenda de Guzman
Felisa Crusit
Grace Ebarvia
Jacob Cameron Tolentino

Thursday, November 21

9:00 Joy Camarillo

Friday, November 22

9:00 Archbishop Dominic Jala
Fr. Joseph Parekkat
Thanksgiving for
Theodore Reynolds

Saturday, November 23

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 Cecil Palma
Mercy Fajardo
Tom & Pat O'Brien
Bryant Vincent Sin

Kendra Scott - Broadway Plaza, 91
Broadway Lane Walnut Creek, CA
94596. 20% of the proceeds will be
donated back to St. Agnes School.

“Jesús predice la destrucción de Jerusalén, la persecución y el odio hacia sus seguidores.” —(Lucas 21:5-19)

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL DÍACANO BILL GALL

JESÚS VIENE. APARENTA ESTAR OCUPADO



"Jesús viene... aparenta estar ocupado"

En una encuesta reciente, se le preguntó a la gente: si tuviera una pregunta, sobre cualquier cosa que podría ser respondida, ¿cuál sería? La mayoría de las personas que respondieron estaban interesadas en una cosa ... el futuro:

"¿Cuánto tiempo viviré?" "¿Qué nos sucede cuando morimos?" "¿Alguna vez voy a ser feliz?" "¿Durará esta relación?" "¿Tendré suficiente dinero en la jubilación?"

Y así, en este 33° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario que marca el final del Año Litúrgico actual, a través de las lecturas, la Iglesia enfoca nuestra atención en el futuro, los llamados "Fin del Tiempo" o "Últimas Cosas". Nos advierten sobre los últimos días del mundo, muerte y juicio, recompensa y castigo. Se llama literatura apocalíptica. La palabra "apocalipsis" significa una "descubrimiento" o una "revelación". Utiliza un lenguaje visionario, lleno de símbolos, imágenes y alusiones religiosas. No es un mensaje muy atractivo en la superficie, pero lo creas o no, es un mensaje de esperanza. No todo es pesimismo. Las lecturas pretenden transmitir que algo grandioso va a suceder. Este tipo de literatura se usó generalmente en tiempos de prueba y tribulación.

En la primera lectura, el profeta Malaquías le dice a la gente que el "Día del Señor" traerá sanidad y recompensa a los

justos y castigará en el fuego a los "orgullosos y malvados". En la segunda lectura, San Pablo dice los Tesalonicenses que la mejor preparación para dar la bienvenida a Jesús en su "Segunda Venida" es seguir trabajando y cumpliendo con sus deberes fielmente. En el Evangelio, Lucas nos dice que perseveremos en la fidelidad al Señor y recibiremos una recompensa eterna.

Entonces, ¿qué significa para nosotros hoy? El mensaje es más o menos el mismo que hace más de dos mil años. Dios nos ha elegido. Hacemos nuestro mejor esfuerzo para promover el trabajo de Jesús al ayudar a construir el reino de Dios aquí en la tierra y un día, Dios nos llamará a casa. Eso es seguro No podemos perder. Vamos a ganar y un día nos sucederá algo grandioso y descubriremos que todo ha valido la pena más allá de nuestros inesperados sueños.

Día mundial de los pobres

Y finalmente, sería negligente si no mencionara que el Papa Francisco, en su Carta Apostólica, Misericordia et Misera, fechada el 20 de noviembre de 2016, designó el trigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario "Día Mundial de los Pobres". Escribió : "Será un día que ayudará a las comunidades y a cada persona bautizada a reflexionar sobre cómo la pobreza está en el corazón del Evangelio y sobre el hecho de que mientras Lázaro se encuentre a las puertas de nuestros hogares no puede haber justicia o paz social. Este día representará una forma genuina de nueva evangelización que puede renovar el rostro de la Iglesia mientras persevera en su actividad perenne de conversión pastoral y testigo de la misericordia".

Que Jesús bendiga a todos y cada uno de ustedes.



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 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.
Sat 04/04	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/20	7-9:30 p.m.

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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.

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 15th 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 17th 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 to register your child for this pageant.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 4pm in the Church.

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@stbonaventure.net
There will be a special visit from Santa!

Pregnant? Need Help?



1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project