



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

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUPER BOWL CRAB FEED EVENT**
Saturday, January 25, 2020
at 6pm
*Fun evening of delicious food, live
and silent auction, door prizes*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph *La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José*

December 29, 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 / Miercoles: 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.

“Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.”

— Colossians 3:14

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. THOMAS MARTIN

Feast of the Holy Family

As I reflect on the feast of the Holy Family, I'd like to focus on its significance from the perspective of the meaning of human life in the family context. Understanding human life as a journey, as distinct from an excursion, should help our reflection.

An excursion is when somebody else takes responsibility for us. A journey is radically different in the sense that one takes responsibility for oneself, which is more challenging and exciting, albeit more demanding.

The fullness of life in the journey from birth to death is to take responsibility, not only for ourselves but also to exhibit compassion for all. To embrace this journey is to be both holy and family, whether that be nuclear family, parish family or the human family.

Let's talk about holy. Unfortunately, it's daunting to think of ourselves as innately holy. The word has negative emotional baggage for some reason, so that we think only others, supposedly better than us, are holy. But why, when it's demonstrably not true? We naturally want to be good, but few aspire to be holy or better to say, relaxed about being holy. Again why?

Perhaps it's because we don't believe we have the resources to be holy. It turns out to be evidence-based that we believe such resources are innate and don't need to be acquired or developed. We just need to push back from our endemic fear of intimacy of relationship with them, combined with audacity and curiosity to tap into the holi-

ness of their beneficial potency. Recognition of who we truly are is holy.

As Catholics we have an advantage due to the richness of our ritual practices. It is a given that ritual gives exquisite meaning to human life. It empowers us and evokes awareness that being holy is innate, and by extension to be exemplary as family.

One last thing about today's Gospel without going too deep: it might help to pay attention to the dreams, seeing them as a reflection of another part of who we are, and also innate and holy and gratuitously endowed as a function of being fully human.

An eye-catching title of a book on dreams is, "Where People Fly and Water Runs Uphill," by a Bay Area author and Unitarian Minister, Jeremy Taylor. I'm sure the spooey title resonates with anyone who has ever remembered a dream. Scholars postulate that dreams reveal more than they conceal and guide us if we pay attention. As we saw in the Gospel, this was borne out in practice in Joseph's experience.

No pun intended but maybe, just maybe, dreams teach us that there is more to us than we usually let ourselves dream. And whatever that is, it has no need to develop over time. The gift of who we truly are is always right there, right now with its beneficial potency if we embrace, rather than avoid, relationship with whatever is there.

Happy feast day to all. BLJMJ. (Be Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

E-Mail Scam

Please be aware of an ongoing phishing scam that involves emails purportedly from Father Robert Rien. An actual sample is shown below. These are not from Father Robert and he is in no way associated with this email. Note the sender's email address is a gmail.com account. Father does not have a gmail.com account and would never ask you to email him so that he could ask you for a favor. It appears that the sender is phishing for valid email addresses and if you respond, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance. In at least one instance, a request was made for gift cards. It's truly unfortunate that cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. There are common-sense ways to avoid being scammed. If an e-mail contains an unusual request, contact the company (in this case, Father Robert or the parish office) directly. **Do not use any phone number provided in the e-mail or**

click on any links in the email. In many, but not all cases, grammatical errors are present. For more information on phishing scams and email security, you can google (or search for) **"RECOGNIZING PHISHING EMAILS."** The FBI website address to file online Internet crime complaint: <https://www.ic3.gov>

Fr. Robert Rien <frroberrien@gmail.com>

To: [your email address]

Feb 19 at 3:26 PM

Hi, how are you doing?

I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.

God Bless,

Fr. Robert Rien

PARISH COMMUNITY



Because of Jesus Christ, we believe in the Communion of Saints. As we celebrate Christmas and bless each other with grace, love and gifts, we honor living family members; and we remember those who have preceded us to the New Life by our Christmas Church decorations and flowers.

The Alejandro Family	Bernhard & Mildred Helling
The Ambriz Family	Ted Hoag
The Anelli Family	Verna Lalli
Nancy Anne Angeles	Fr. David Lawrence
Cosimo Arena	Elva Leary
Robert Arena	The Leehy Family
Sergio Avila	William Leigh
The Arteaga Family	The Limberg Family
Michael Basarich	Virginia Lovelace
Bill Baas	Irene & Bill Macario
Ernest Baas	Fr. Richard Mangini
Mae Baas	Jennifer Marks
Vivian Balch	Fr. Thomas Martin
The Billeci Family	The Maxwell & Deren Family
Marilyn Callaghan	Agustin Mendoza
The Cattalini-Nixon Family	Estrella & Vicente Mercader
Hok & Chiu Chan	Zeira Muñoz
Beloved friends & family of the Cherepy's	Ketty Nemitz
Bruce Cocotis	Julia Olvarado
Jane Colaco & Family	The Ouimet Family
Dennis M. Connors	Modesto Ovando
Margaret Conway	Howard & Josephine Payne
RM Conway	The Perry Family
Lisa Cossen	Joan Purcell
Jovita Cristobal	Rita & Francis Raymond
Jeanann & Don Davis	Fr. Oscar Rojas
The Dell'Isola Family	Roger Salcedo
The De Guzman Family	The Sangalang Family
Dominador & Eliza de Guzman	The Schnick Family
Maria Gisela de Guzman	The Smario Family
Tirso de Guzman	The Sorenson Family
The Diaz Family	Joseph Stanko
U. J. and Loretta Eichten	Mary Stanko
Shirley Elsberry	Pauline Stanko
The Ely & Fairfield Families	Sharon Stanko
The Estrada Family	Daniel Sullivan
The Esver Family	Anna Mae Talarico
The Feliciano Family	LeRoy Talarico
Robert Fenn	Lou Talarico
Evelyn Freeman	Pearl Talarico
The Gall Family	Diana Tegge
Jim Grundman	The Teran Family
Kathy Geddes	Lillian Tompkins
The Gugliermo Family	Fr. Mathew Vellankal
Conchita Guzman	Mary Verna
Dave Jackson	The Villalba Family
Craig Johnson	Pat Walsh
Jennifer Johnson	All Souls in Purgatory
Jane & Fred Harlan	St. Bonaventure Community

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

Wednesday, January 15th |
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
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

Filipino Santo Niño Festival

St. Bonaventure Church

2:00pm Mass in English

Dinner "open to all" follows

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 11, 2020** at 2:00pm and join the Filipino Community of St. Bonaventure's as we celebrate the annual Fiesta of the "Santo Niño," The Holy



Child. Santo Niño is the principal Christmas feast celebrating the divine and human nature of Jesus. The principal Basilica and national celebration takes place every third Sunday of January in Cebu, Philippines, where millions gather for masses and processions.

One of the special moments of the feast's celebration is the procession of individuals and families carrying their Santo Niño in procession. The Santo Niño is the European "Infant of Prague." The history of the devotion centers on local tribal leaders, the finding of a burned statue of the Santo Niño, and faith-inspired miracles/healings dating to the early 16th century.

Each child who comes will receive a special blessing for good health and divine protection.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



JOHN PAYNE
Dec. 29—Jan. 3

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



**ALL PRIESTS
AND
SEMINARIANS**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Grief Group Begins

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 from 7:30 until 9:00 pm, from January 21st to February 25th, 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.

Stewardship
of Treasure

Weekend of Dec. 14 & 15 Collection

Budget	\$28,735
Actual	\$24,372
Deficit	(\$4,363)

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

Food for Family: 276

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 January in both English (Jan. 29) and Spanish (Jan. 26) for Confirmation at St. Bonaventure May 2.

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.

Walk for Life

Please join us for the 16th annual 'Walk for Life West Coast' in San Francisco on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Buses will leave the St. Bonaventure parking lot at 9 am. The cost of the round-trip from St. Bonaventure to San Francisco and back, plus a Walk for Life T-Shirt, will be \$25.00 - payable to the Knights of Columbus.

Sign up in the foyer on the weekends of January 11/12 and 18/19.

Let's show awesome support as we walk for the littlest among us, who have no voice.

 Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 John Wolfe
Stephen Dewhurst
Louis Talarico
Melanie Cooper

Sunday, December 29

7:30 Colovito Family
Gugliemo Family
Mary Lou Austria
9:00 Estrella Mercader
Claire Sullivan
Florina Monje
Calixto Monje
11:00 Esteban Mercado
Jacob Arevalo
Eufrosina & Giuseppe Tonda
Wedding Anniversary
Rosann Halick
12:45 Maria Colocho
Luz Maria Menchaca
José Luis Zaragoza Cruz
Maria Eugenia Colocho
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

Monday, December 30

9:00 Bruce Ely
Georgiev Family
Olivia Edwards
Fr. David Lawrence

Tuesday, December 31

9:00 Rogelio Toledo
Vidal Crescencio
Aidita Crescencio

Wednesday, January 1-New Year

10:00 Marcelino Ponce
Filomena Estrada
Felix Adolfo Flores
Ramon and Fely Crusit

Thursday, January 2

9:00 Austria Family
Dom Sales

Friday, January 3

9:00 Betty Murray

Saturday, January 4

8:00 Fr. Mathew Vellankal
5:00 Tom & Pat O'Brien
Bill Hopkins
Justina Lusiana
Craig Johnson

For more info, contact Chuck Cooper 925-849-5466, or Jane Walker 925-934-2129.

Pregnant? Need Help?



1-800-910-0191,
The Gabriel Project

“Y sobre todas estas virtudes, tengan amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión.” — Colosenses 3:14

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE THOMAS MARTIN

Fiesta De La Santa Familia

Al reflexionar sobre la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, me gustaría centrarme en su importancia desde la perspectiva del significado de la vida humana en el contexto familiar. Entender la vida humana como un viaje distinto de una excursión debería ayudar a nuestra reflexión.

Una excursión es cuando alguien más se hace responsable de nosotros. Un viaje es radicalmente diferente en el sentido de que uno se hace responsable de uno mismo, lo que es más desafiante y emocionante, aunque más exigente.

La plenitud de la vida en el viaje desde el nacimiento hasta la muerte es asumir la responsabilidad, no solo de nosotros mismos, sino también de mostrar compasión por todos.

Abrazar este viaje es ser santo y familiar, ya sea una familia nuclear, parroquial o humana.

Hablemos de santo. Desafortunadamente, es desalentador pensar en nosotros mismos como innatamente santos. La palabra tiene una carga emocional negativa por alguna razón, por lo que pensamos que solo otros, supuestamente mejores que nosotros, son santos. ¿Pero por qué, cuando es demostrablemente no es cierto? Naturalmente queremos ser buenos, pero pocos aspiran a ser santos o mejor dicho, relajados acerca de ser santos. Otra vez porqué?

Quizás sea porque no creemos que tengamos los recursos para ser santos. Resulta ser evidencia basada en que dichos recursos son innatos y no necesitan ser adquiridos o desarrollados. Solo necesitamos alejarnos de nuestro miedo endémico a la intimidad de la relación con ellos combinado con la audacia y la curiosidad para aprovechar la santidad de su po-

tencia beneficiosa. El reconocimiento de quienes somos realmente es santo.

Como católicos tenemos una ventaja debido a la riqueza de nuestras prácticas rituales. Es un hecho que el ritual da un significado exquisito a la vida humana. Nos da poder y evoca la conciencia de que ser santo es innato y, por extensión, ser ejemplar como familia.

Una última cosa sobre el Evangelio de hoy sin profundizar demasiado, podría ayudar prestar atención a los sueños viéndolos como un reflejo de otra parte de lo que somos y también innatos y santos y dotados gratuitamente en función de ser completamente humanos.

Un título llamativo de un libro sobre sueños es, "Donde la gente vuela y el agua corre cuesta arriba", por un autor del Área de la Bahía y el ministro unitario, Jeremy Taylor. Estoy seguro de que el título resuena con cualquiera que haya recordado un sueño. Los eruditos postulan que los sueños revelan más de lo que ocultan y nos guían si prestamos atención. Como vimos en el Evangelio, esto se confirmó en la práctica en la experiencia de José.

Sin juego de palabras, pero tal vez, solo tal vez, los sueños nos enseñan que hay más de lo que solemos soñar. Y sea lo que sea, no tiene necesidad de desarrollarse con el tiempo. El don de lo que realmente somos siempre está ahí, en este momento con su potencia beneficiosa si adoptamos, en lugar de evitar, la relación con lo que sea que esté allí.

Feliz día de fiesta para todos. BLJMJ. (Sé cómo Jesús, María y José)

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.

Monument Impact

2699 Monument Blvd. Concord, CA 94520

Curso Avanzado

Martes y Jueves, 9:00am a 2:00pm – Enero 7 a Junio 4, 2020

Curso Básico

Lunes y Viernes, 12:00m a 2:00pm – Enero 6 a Marzo 13

Curso Intermedio

Lunes y Viernes, 9:00m a 11:00am – Enero 6 a Marzo 13

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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.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

@St. Bonaventure Catholic
Community



Caged Nativity

Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees and asylum seekers. For their Nativity display this year, a California church imagined the Holy Family separated and locked in cages at the border. How do you react to this image? The St Bonaventure Justice Ministry Faith in Action invites you to join in a brief reflection and discussion after the 5pm Mass on Saturday Dec. 28 or the 9am or 5pm Mass on Sunday Dec. 29, in Room A1.



Christmas Taizé Prayer

Celebrate the birth of our Lord with *Taizé* prayer before the manger, on Tuesday, January 7, at 7pm in the church. Give yourself the gift this

Christmas season of a peaceful evening of music and chant, readings, and both communal and silent prayer. Music will be led by the combined St. Bonaventure choir directors.

Who Is Jesus?

Got Questions? Try Alpha

At Christmas we celebrate the coming of God as man in Jesus Christ. This simple statement raises as many questions as it answers. Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? If you or someone you know wants to explore the important questions of life, Alpha may be just the place. Interested in connecting with people from our community and beyond? Mark your calendar for our kick-off party on Monday, February 24. Alpha is coming. Whom will you invite? www.stbonaventure.net/alpha



Super Bowl Crab Feed Party!

Saturday, January 25th 2020, doors open at 6pm

Welcome in the New Year with friends and family at the Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Crab Feed Party!

A casual evening, in your favorite team's apparel, filled with great fun! There will be a live-silent auc-



tion of incredible items and fabulous door prizes. And, of course, delicious crab, pasta, wine and more. Last year we sold out very quickly, so **don't miss out!!** Tickets go on sale next weekend in the foyer or in the church office during the week. \$55 per person or \$50 per person when you purchase a table of eight or more before Jan. 13th. Contact Mike Farnham with any questions or to reserve your table, at 925-766-2864. Come help us, help others and enjoy a fun evening!

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors Group—New Date

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 reflect the power of God's healing grace.

Due to the holidays, our next meeting will be Thursday, January 9 at 7pm in the front Rectory meeting 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.

Funeral Announcements

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

stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals