



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

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**Congratulations to our Faith Formation Children (ages 7-13)
Baptized on March 7, 2020**

Third Sunday of Lent
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

March 15, 2020

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.

CONFECIONES Y ADORACION AL SANTISIMO/CONFESSIONS AND EUCCHARASTIC ADORATION

*En Español: Martes: 7:00-8:00PM (en la capilla)
In English: Tuesday: 7:00-8:00PM (in the chapel)*

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.

“Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again.”

—(John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42])

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. OSCAR ROJAS



Jesus Satisfies Our Thirst

We have reached the heart of this Lent. This coming week is the third week of Lent and we have been engaged in meditation, penance, fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These forty days are sacred days where we are called to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the way to the cross. There are moments when we do not know where we are going with our life. There are moments we are stuck with no clue as to what to do next. Therefore, Lent comes to remind us to refocus and redirect our thoughts to God. Are we willing to pursue our life goals? Do we know that Jesus is the fountain of living water?

Pursue the ultimate goal of our lives: an encounter with Jesus. Everyone comes up with a way to reach happiness, joy, and comfort. We commit ourselves to achieve big goals. In the first reading of the book of Exodus, the Israelite people were rescued by God, with the help of Moses, to begin a journey to the Promised Land. On the way, they were thirsty for water. When they could detect no water, they started to grumble against Moses. The lack of trust in God drew them into desperation and they lost the commitment to reach the Promised Land. However, God did not abandon them. They just did not see him. Moses cried out to God for help. God responded and gave instructions as to how to find water. It is noticeable that water becomes an indispensable element in human life.

On the other hand, in today's Gospel Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well. The Jewish people and Samaritans were

enemies. Jesus, tired of the journey, stopped at the well while the disciples went to get something to eat. While Jesus was at the well a Samaritan woman came and Jesus said to her **“Give me a drink.** It was a big surprise to her because she knew he was Jesus and how he was asking her to give him a drink. Then Jesus said to her **“If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink’, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”** She saw he did not have anything to get water from the well. The Samaritan woman wanted to drink water that would cause her to never be thirsty again. Jesus is the fountain of life.

Our life is a journey to encounter God. Day by day we perform the many duties of our daily life. We get tired after a long hard day of work. We would like to get more energy to do more things. Eventually we get to a point where we need something else that can fill our hearts again, because the fountain of joy, peace, hope and love has dried up; this affects our relationship with God. Without God, there is no enjoyment in living our life. Our frustrations guide us to grumble to God and complain of our lack of love to others. However, Jesus always remains with us in these harsh times. Let this Lent be a time to get into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Let it be a time to let Jesus speak to our hearts. Let it be a time to engage in conversation with Jesus and discover what he is offering us. Jesus is the fountain of living water. Do we want to drink this holy and living water to nourish our lives?



Care for our
Common Home

Have you wondered how we can use our Catholic faith to make a positive impact on the crisis of climate change? This year is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, On Care for Our Common Home. Discover how we can care for God's creation, as we look

at how Pope Francis encourages us to care for our common home.

- Monday, March 30, 7 -8 p.m. A presentation examining “Earth Day at 50/*Laudato Si'* at 5: An Urgent Appeal to Action.”
- Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m. to noon. A Green Lent Community Event. A Care for Creation hands-on experiential event. Activities include a trash audit, water-wise succulents, fun with worms, mulching the garden.

- Tuesday, April 21, 7-8 p.m. Another opportunity to attend the presentation examining “Earth Day at 50/*Laudato Si'* at 5: An Urgent Appeal to Action.”

eGiving Helps

With busy lives and active families, it's easy to skip a weekly gift to the parish when you are unable to attend Mass or are out of town. Your sharing the gifts that God has given you provides our parish the financial means to continue our work together.

This Lent, I want to invite you in joining others at St. Bonaventure in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. Getting started is easy! Visit faith.direct/CA725. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



LITURGY AND MUSIC

Consecration to the Holy Family

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles – and partly as a result of conquering them – families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Jesus Christ. To assist families, the Knights of Columbus offer a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We, the Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family on March 28, 2020, or at any time convenient for your family. The Knights of Columbus will be in the lobby after the Masses on March 21/22 to distribute the Prayer Card and brochure for this activity.

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 9-day *Novena for Life* from March 27 to April 4th, 2020. We know prayer strengthens and sustains our efforts to defend the sanctity of life. The *Novena for Life* is a multifaceted approach offered for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day we will send you an email with a different intention accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information for your private prayer and meditation. Sign up to receive the daily emails by sending your name and email address with the message “Sign me up for the Novena for Life” to gb3mjb@att.net.

Liturgical Changes Due To Flu Season and Coronavirus Concerns

As we continue to monitor both the continuing flu season and coronavirus concerns, here are some precautions, based on both CDC and diocesan recommendations, that we are taking at our Masses. **First and foremost, a reminder to please stay home if**

you are sick with any cold or flu-like symptoms. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not extend to those who are ill, especially those who are experiencing a contagious disease. Moving forward, we will continue to offer Holy Communion only under the Body of Christ until further notice. Please remember that the fullness of the Eucharist is contained in just receiving the Body of Christ. We ask that the community temporarily refrain from holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer. There is no assigned posture of the hands during the Lord’s Prayer; holding hands is something that organically took root in some local Catholic communities over the years and, while not something “wrong,” it is also not something that is required or even expected. Finally, during the Sign of Peace, we invite you to refrain from shaking hands. Perhaps offer simple gesture, such as a peace sigh or bow of the head to acknowledge the passing of God’s peace from one another. Finally, we have removed the holy water from the fonts by the doors to guard against contamination. Please keep in mind that all of these changes are temporary, with the hope of limiting the spread of germs. We are also putting extra effort into sanitizing surfaces regularly, especially door handles. We will continue to monitor the situation and implement further CDC or diocesan recommendations as they are made known to us. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Need A Prayer?

Drive-thru Prayer is back on our full schedule, Monday thru Friday from 5:00 – 6:00 PM, except holidays, and weather permitting. Drive into the church parking lot next to the rectory and follow the signs to our prayer volunteers in yellow vests, who are eager to pray for your intentions or for someone you know. All are welcome!

Did you know... “that this is the 5-year anniversary of *Laudato Si’*?”
—Caring for our Creation

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30



Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Congratulations to our Faith Formation children (ages 7-13) Baptized on March 7, 2020

Katie Aparicio Soto
Salvador Arreola
Natalia Arreola
Giancarlos Diaz
Ivan Gonzalez Prado
Kimberly Marin
Maximillion Morrison
Ashley Padilla
Jefry Perdomo-Lizano

2020 CYO Track & Field Registration is now OPEN!

St. Bonaventure CYO Track & Field is a fun program designed for runners of all levels in grades 2-8 who want to learn proper technique and learn to enjoy the many events of track and field. Athletes can train and participate in running events including the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and the mile; relays and field events such as the long jump, high jump, softball throw and shot put.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



**RAFAEL ALVARADO
LACAYO**

March 14—March 20

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR



**FIND A CURE FOR
CORONAVIRUS**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Respect for Life Corner:

Have you heard of "Unplanned"? "Unplanned" is a true story of hope, mercy and forgiveness. It is the conversion story of Abby Johnson, former Director of a Planned Parenthood clinic and now an ardent voice for the rights of the unborn. The movie has been shown at parishes in the Diocese, state and around the country.

Just like "The Passion of Christ," this is an R-rated movie recommended for those 17 and older.

Saturday, March 28, at 7pm in the Large Hall. Sponsored by the Respect for Life Ministry, Knights of Columbus and Women's Christian Fellowship. www.stbonaventure.net/unplanned-movie.

Respect Life Baby Shower & Tea

Save the date! Enjoy a delicious tea while showering new mothers and their babies with a great beginning. Watch for more details to come. Saturday, May 9 at 2 pm in the Large Hall.

Save the Date: WCF May Dinner

Father Richard M. McAlear, OMI, a gifted teacher and healing priest, will be the guest speaker for the annual Women's Christian Fellowship May Dinner in honor of the Blessed Mother. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 pm in the Large Hall. Reservations will begin in April. Watch the bulletin and parish website for more information.

Stewardship
of Treasure

Weekend of Mar. 7 & 8 Collection

Budget	\$27,924
Actual	\$22,914
Deficit	\$5,010

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures

Food for Family: 323

Upcoming Special Collection

Mar 21/22—Catholic Relief Services
April 10—Holy Land (Good Friday)

Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like spring: a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Jul 10-12 and Nov 20-22 in Danville, CA. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

OUTSIDE OF PARISH

Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 21st - 9:30 -12:30

Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive,
Concord, CA

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker Cindy Rippee as she shares with us her testimony. A religious educator and bible study teacher, Kathy will share with us how the Life in the Spirit seminars have changed her life and the life of her family.

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after March 14th. For more information: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek>; Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

 Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, March 14

8:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 John Walsh
Brendan Cannon
Connie Molino
Julia Wright

Sunday, March 15

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Joey Mangini
Luz de Guzman
Brendan Cannon
John McFadden
11:00 Children receiving First
Communion
12:45 Alexis Martinez
Soledad Espinoza Lopez
Carlos Arturo Rojas
Catalina Montes
5:00 Leila Cruz
Pepe Cruz
Oscar Lagman
Lourdes Lagman

Monday, March 16

9:00 Rita Apolo
Joe & Ray Enea

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 Patricio Pongol
Antonio B. Posadas
Eufracia Valencia

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 St. Bonaventure Staff
9:00 For all Candidates & Elect
Fr. Thomas Martin

Thursday, March 19

9:00 The Perry family
Michel W. Schnick, Jr.

Friday, March 20

9:00 Fr. David Lawrence
Fr. Mathew Vellankal

Saturday, March 21

8:00 Marian & Kunjipali Parecadan
5:00 Connie Molino
Brendan Cannon
Sharon Awand
Ray Belec

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Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Friday Stations Of The Cross & Lenten Prayer Opportunities

Throughout Lent we are providing a variety of Prayer Opportunities. We invite you to join us to experience God's invitation in a different manner each week.

Lenten Friday Soup Suppers

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple Soup dinner on the Fridays in Lent in the Large Hall. Dinner will be from 6:00pm to 6:45pm and precede the Friday Stations of the Cross/Prayer Service. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.



March 20 @ 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross on the Care of Creation

Join the Faith in Action ministry in taking up the care for creation themes in Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* - reflecting on Jesus' own suffering made manifest in the suffering of marginalized people and in the disruption of the life-support systems of Earth: the twin cry of poor people and Earth itself. We invite you to prayerful reflection, conversion of heart, solidarity and reconciliation as we strive to follow Jesus in the way of the cross: making things right amongst God, humanity, and our common home.

March 27 @ 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross for Vocations

We will come together to reflect on Christ's Passion in the fourteen Stations of the Cross and pray that more men and women hear God's call to live out their vocation.

March 29 @ 7:00 PM

XLT

XLT is a special experience of Eucharistic Adoration for the whole community. This is a night of powerful praise and worship and will include a personal testimony from one of our young adult leaders. This event was originally planned for our youth but we have opened it up to the whole community in hopes that we can worship together as one St. Bonaventure family. Jacob Perry and Ethan Urbina will provide the praise and worship for the night.

April 3 @ 7:00 PM

The Way of the Cross w/ the Resurrection Choir & Friends

Since of the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, only eight have clear scriptural foundation, Pope St. John Paul II introduced a new form, the Scriptural Way of the Cross on Good Friday 1991. We will commemorate the passion and death of Christ biblically as our late Holy Father envisioned. Music will be provided by our Resurrection Choir.



Stations of the Cross will be held every Lenten Friday in Spanish at 8:00pm in the church.



Lenten Reflections

Third Week of Lent

(By Mary Franceschini)



15 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“I do not have a husband.” Jn 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

An embarrassing truth

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well, from which she has come to draw water, at the warmest time of the day. In their exchange, the woman feels that there is something here that she can't quite grasp. When she asks for the “water” that will quench her thirst, Jesus asks her to call her husband. She doesn't have one. His answer is almost a quip, because he tells her she's right. She's had five and is living with one who isn't even her husband. Can we imagine what the woman felt like? It's in that moment, that she recognizes that Jesus is a prophet who knows everything about her. She will proclaim who Jesus is and, in the end, many will come to believe.

16 Mon Lenten Weekday

And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” Lk 4: 24-30

Who accepts Jesus?

Jesus had just finished reading a passage from Isaiah, the prophet, and ended it by saying that the scripture was “fulfilled in your hearing.” This was the beginning of the time of fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy. For a moment, his listeners were amazed at “his gracious words,” but he was the son of Joseph, a carpenter. Jesus recognizes that he will not be accepted “in his own native place.” He doesn't mince words and recalls the times of Elijah and Elisha, where those who were the least received God's favor. Our hearts can be considered his “native place.” Are we willing to accept him?

17 Tues Lenten Weekday (Saint Patrick, Bishop)

“But with contrite heart and humble spirit, let us be received.” Dn 3: 25, 34-43

A time of contrition and humility

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were in the flaming furnace, but the flames didn't touch them. Azariah blesses the Lord God, and invokes his help for the judgment that has come upon Jerusalem and its people. They have no prince, prophet, or leader. As we read Azariah's invocation, can we see that our time is not much different than the time he lived in? Azariah's invocation should be ours, too. In this Lent, let's have a “contrite heart and humble spirit” to be received by the Lord.

18 Wed Lenten Weekday (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church) *“For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us...?” Dt 4:1, 5-9*

Fortunate are we!

In the plains of Moab, Moses seeks to enforce in his people their obedience, loyalty and love to the Lord God.



Lenten Reflections

Third Week of Lent

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God has done wondrous things for them. They have been given statutes and decrees to live by, and these should be passed on to their descendants. He says one particular thing that really stands out, be it then, as well as in our time. The Lord God was close to them. That same Lord God is close to us, also every time we attend Mass, do a Holy Hour, or pray in the silence of our home. What a privilege we have.

19 Thu SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“Joseph her husband...decided to divorce her quietly.” Mt. 1: 16,18-21, 24

A heart-rending decision

Joseph loved Mary dearly. Their betrothal was the first part of marriage as husband and wife. Some months later they would move into his home and begin normal married life. Any infidelity before this last phase was considered adultery. We can picture Joseph's heartbreak upon being told that she was with child. To spare her the agony of stoning, he decides to divorce her quietly. Only when he falls into a deep sleep is the truth revealed. Mary is carrying the Son of God. Joseph takes her into his home where she, and later, Jesus, will live in his loving protection. Small wonder that Joseph has become an example for husbands and fathers.

20 Fri Lenten Weekday

“...a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard.” Mk 12: 28-34

She anoints a king

This woman dared to do what no woman would. She not only broke the rules of approaching men, but she dared to pour a costly oil on the head of Jesus. Some rebuked her for sure for her audacity, but also for the oil gone to ruin that could have been sold and the money given to the poor. But did the oil really go to ruin? Jesus doesn't think so. Whether she knew it or not, she did two things-she anointed a king, and she “anticipated anointing my body for burial.” This woman's courageous act would be recorded through time. We don't have costly oils and we most certainly don't have the privilege as she did of anointing the head of Jesus, but we have our hearts. This will please Jesus more than anything.

21 Sat Lenten Weekday

“Let us know, let us strive to know the Lord;” Hos 6: 1-6

Our goal

Hosea says it so well. This should be what we live for in our spiritual life. Our lives take twists and turns; there are hills and valleys to cross. No one lives a life free of problems. Sometimes, what is an ordinary day turns into a nightmare, when the unexpected hits us. Fear sets in. We are shaken to the core and ask hard questions of God. It's just in these moments that we have to hang on for dear life to the Lord. We can know his love, his compassion. He lets us vent our anger, our indignation and “He will heal us,” “bind our wounds.” No matter how very difficult it is, we must look to him. He is our only hope.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE**Tuesday, March 31 @ 7:00 PM**

We gather together because we are confident and grateful that God is merciful. Lent is the time when the entire Church enters into the period of purification and enlightenment as we journey along with our elect and catechumens who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. You are invited and encouraged to join us and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare this Lent.

*Last Opportunity for Individual Confession:
Saturday, April 4 @ 3:30 PM*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**April 4/5 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ English

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm

Spanish ~12:45pm

April 9 ~ Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30pm, Bilingual

April 10 ~ Good Friday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Stations of the Cross ~ 11:00am ~ Church

Ecumenical Service ~ 12:15pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 3:00pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in Spanish ~ 6:30pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 7:30pm ~ Parish Hall

April 11 ~ Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Easter Vigil ~ 7:30pm ~ Bilingual

April 12 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Masses in English: Church
7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am*

*Masses in English: Parish Hall
9:15am, 11:15am*

*Mass in Spanish: Church
12:45pm*

THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

“El agua que yo les daré se convierte en el manantial de vida eterna.”

—(Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b- 26, 39, 40-42])

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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



JESÚS SATISFACE NUESTRA SED

Hemos llegado al corazón de esta Cuaresma. La próxima semana es la tercera semana de Cuaresma en la que hemos estado caminando en meditación, penitencia, ayuno, oración y limosna. Estos cuarenta días son días sagrados en los que hemos sido llamados a acompañar a Jesús en su sufrimiento en el camino a la cruz. Nuestra vida es una forma de encontrar el amor de Dios. Hay momentos que no sabemos a dónde vamos con nuestra vida, hay momentos en los que estamos atrapados sin tener idea de qué hacer a continuación. Por lo tanto, la Cuaresma viene a recordarnos que debemos reenfocarnos y redirigir nuestra vista a Dios. ¿Estamos dispuestos a perseguir nuestra meta de la vida? ¿Sabía que Jesús es la fuente del agua viva?

Persigue el objetivo de la vida: un encuentro con Jesús. Todos seguimos una forma de alcanzar la felicidad, la alegría y la comodidad. Nos proponemos lograr grandes objetivos a lo largo de nuestra vida. En la primera lectura del libro del Éxodo, el pueblo Israelita fue rescatado por Dios con la ayuda de Moisés para comenzar un viaje a la tierra prometida. En el camino, tenían sed de agua. Cuando no encontraron agua en el desierto, comenzaron a quejarse contra Moisés. La falta de confianza en Dios los llevó a la desesperación y perdieron de vista la tierra prometida. Dios no los abandonó, simplemente no lo vieron. Moisés clamó a Dios para pedir su ayuda. Dios respondió a Moisés y le indicó qué hacer para darles a beber agua. Es notable que el agua se convierte en un elemento indispensable en la vida humana. Por otro lado, en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se encuentra con una mu-

jer samaritana en el pozo. Los judíos y los samaritanos eran enemigos. Jesús se detiene a el pozo mientras los discípulos fueron a buscar algo de comer. Mientras Jesús estaba en el pozo, vino una mujer samaritana a quien Jesús le dijo: “Dame de beber”. Fue una gran sorpresa para ella que un judío le hablara y le pidiera que le diera de beber. Entonces Jesús le dijo: **“Si supieras el don de Dios y quién te dice: “Dame de beber”, le hubieras preguntado y él te habría dado agua viva”**. Ella vio que no tenía nada para sacar agua del pozo. La mujer samaritana se interesó en beber del agua que no le daría más sed. Jesús es la fuente de la vida.

Nuestra vida por este mundo es un viaje a la tierra prometida por Dios: vida eterna. De la misma manera que el pueblo Israelita caminaba por el desierto a la tierra prometida, también, nosotros peregrinamos día tras día por el desierto del mundo que nos consume el deseo de vivir cerca de Dios. Nos alejamos de la fuente de vida que es Dios porque vamos persiguiendo nuestros propios objetivos y no el de Dios. El desierto del mundo nos lleva a la muerte y la desesperación de culpar a Dios por sufrir las consecuencias de nuestras malas decisiones. Sin embargo, el Evangelio de hoy nos viene a iluminar la vida con el encuentro de Jesús y la samaritana en el pozo. Una mujer que va en búsqueda del vital líquido de vida: agua. Jesús le ofrece agua viva que le quitará la sed para siempre. Jesús dice que el que tome de esa agua correrá un manantial en su vida. ¿Cuántas veces hemos encontrado a Jesús en el pozo de nuestra vida? ¿Cuántas veces Jesús nos ha ofrecido el agua de la vida? Hoy en este tiempo de Cuaresma Jesús nos está ofreciendo el agua de la vida a través de la oración, penitencia, ayuno y ofrenda. Acércate a Jesús y bebe del agua que saciará toda nuestra sed.

Bautizos 2020

Lugar del Bautizo: Iglesia

Lugar de la clase: B-1

Encargado de la Clase: Gregorio Menchaca

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Fecha de Bautizo	Hora de Bautizo	Fecha de Clase	Hora de Clase
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 4/04	12:00 p.m.	Fri 3/20	7-9:30 p.m.

GRUPOS DE DUELO POR LA MUERTE DE UN SER QUERIDO

Grupos en español en Brentwood y Concord

Servicio gratis proveído por el Contra Costa Crisis

Center. Regístrate hoy llamando al 2-1-1 o 1-800-833.



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Finance Council Thanks Tony Russo

Thank you, Tony! After 35 years of dedicated service, Tony Russo recently decided to step down from serving on the Church's Finance Council. Tony was an original member of our Finance Council when it was formed in 1985. During this time, Tony has helped St Bonaventure navigate our financial future as our Church has grown significantly in both the number of parishioners and physical Church facilities. He was also an active volunteer at the Battered Women's Shelter for over 20 years, among many other volunteer activities. Tony continues to volunteer as Head Minister of Hospitality at the Sunday 11AM Masses, so please give him a big "Thank you!" when you see him.

Spend Lent with Word on Fire Engage on Flocknote

Catch up on your spiritual viewing with theologian and evangelist Bishop Robert Barron. Enjoy his online content on *Word on Fire Engage* on Flocknote through the month of March. It's a great way to spend some quiet time this Lent. Just click the little sheep on the top right corner of our website, stbonaventure.net, to reach our Flocknote site. After March 31, many of the videos will still be available to borrow from our Adult Faith Formation office, but they will no longer be online through Flocknote. For more information contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net.



Blood Drive

Every day in the U.S. roughly 44,000 pints of blood are needed. That means nearly every two seconds someone needs blood. Every donation may help save up to three lives. Won't you be part of this life-saving journey?



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Saturday, March 21, 2020 in the Large Hall

from 10 AM to 4 PM. So that the process will be efficient and effective we are asking that you schedule an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled for every 15 minutes by calling 1-800-Red Cross (800-733-2767), by logging onto the redcrossblood.org website and entering Sponsor Code: St. Bonaventure, or by calling Denis Thomson at 925-673-0720. Denis will be taking appointments after the Masses on March 14 & 15. Drop-ins will be welcome that day, but there may be a wait while clients with an appointment are handled first.

Annual Parish Family Camping At Tahoe - 2020

The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: Sun, **August 2nd through Sunday, August 9th**, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe. The cost will be **\$130** for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year's fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso at (925)864-4748 or Kathy Riso at (925)212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.



Welcome New Parishioners

Francisco & Olga Alvarez
Eric & Rosalyn Amongo & Family
Gail Byrnes
Mary Frances Crabtree
Andrew & Victoria Hansen
Tom & Lenna Hockel & Family
Ernest & Naomi Holt
Andrew & Erika Hovanes
Rita Jaurequi & Family
Julius & Rhodora Jervoso
Edgar & Irene Martin
Antonio & Philomena Mascarenhas
Roger & Joan Miller
Jesus & Biviane Ochoa & Family
Randall & Phi Poblete & Family
Armando & Paula Serrano & Family

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.