
Welcome Back : Returning to Indoor Worship (10/29 Faith Connections)

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**St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
October 29, 2020****We're Coming Back into Church this Weekend!****Also, Special Announcement on Eucharistic Adoration.**

Way back in March 2020 our county health officials ordered that we shelter in place to protect us from the coronavirus. These efforts have helped a lot as we see the Bay Area doing better than most major metropolitan areas in new cases and coronavirus deaths by population. Contra Costa county officials have been relaxing restrictions and now are allowing 50% of seating capacity or up to 200 people inside churches for worship. This weekend we will have Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:45pm in Spanish in the church. Hooray! Due to the limited capacity, preregistration is required on our website. For those not quite ready to come inside yet we are livestreaming the 9:00 am Mass and offering Holy Communion in front of the ministry center from noon to 12:30pm. The Spanish Mass at 12:45 pm will also be livestreamed.

I want to thank everyone who has helped us provide Mass online and outside during these many months. God bless you! A very special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who helped direct traffic each Sunday for our outdoor Masses. God bless you!

To be on safe side we are limiting registration to 150 parishioners per Mass in the church. Important: Article continued on our website ([Click Here](#))



Please read the full version of this update from Fr. Lawrence on our website by [clicking here](#).

This week's news & events

1.

Liturgy News & Reminders

Please visit our website at www.stbonaventure.net for the most up-to-date information and to register for all Masses.

Join Us Inside for Mass this Sunday, November 1! (Registration Required)

We are so excited to welcome you back into our newly renovated church this Sunday! A reminder that due to limited capacity preregistration is required and will be verified as you arrive. Masses take place indoors at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 12:45pm (Spanish). We will continue to live-stream the 9:00am and 12:45pm Masses on our Facebook page.

November 2: All Souls Day Masses: 9:00am and 7:30pm (Registration Required)

All those who have been buried from our parish during the past year will be honored with a special reading of their names at all of the Masses during the Prayer of the Faithful. In addition, those who register to attend are welcome to bring a photograph or memento of a deceased loved one and place it on one of the memorial tables in the sanctuary during the Mass you attend on November 2nd.

First Friday 24 Hour Adoration begins November 6th

As mentioned in Fr. Lawrence's update, we are beginning 24 Hours of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration on the first Friday of each month beginning on Friday, November 6th. We need at minimum one or two people to be with the Blessed Sacrament at all hours. Please sign up to spend some time with our Lord by clicking [here](#).



Church Reopening October 27, 2020

2.

The Parish Office is Reopening!

On Monday, November 2, we will be reopening the office for in person assistance. No appointment necessary from 9:30am to Noon, Monday thru Thursday. We are here and ready to help. You need only to ring the bell at the Office Front Door and we will scurry out to see you and help in anyway we can.

We ask that you greet us 6 feet away with a mask covering your nose and mouth. And we will do the same.

If that time doesn't work for you, please give us a call during those hours or email our Office Manager, Gladys deGuzman, to make an appointment. Or, you can email any of the other staff if they can be more helpful. They will set up an appointment to meet with you. You'll find their email addresses [HERE](#) on our web site.

3.

Faith in Action: Voting and Ministry Meeting

Voting

As we enter the final days before the national and local elections, may our political engagement be guided by our Catholic faith. For those still discerning, resources to form our consciences and seek reliable information to vote responsibly as faithful Catholics and active citizens are available on our website.

Next Faith in Action Ministry Meeting

Join us for the next Faith in Action ministry meeting Monday Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Now that our election series and related activities have been completed, it's time to pivot to next steps, including Black Catholic History Month in November.

Please join us for a short meeting of prayer and discussion. All ideas are welcome! We will end by 7:25 for those who would like to participate in the Interfaith Election Healing Service hosted by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County (see below).

To RSVP for the Zoom link for or more information, please contact Laura Nakamura at lmnakamura610@gmail.com.

4.

Interfaith Election Healing Services

Join St. Bonaventure and other members of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa for nightly interfaith prayers for our country during our election season.

November 2nd to November 6th

Monday through Friday

7:30 to 8:00 pm online

Each evening will be hosted by leaders from different congregations from around the county. Please see the flyer below for more information and to register.



Interfaith Election Healing Services

5.

Modified Giving Tree Begins November 8

In these challenging times we want to remember our parish's charisms of charity and generosity. With the current restrictions, we cannot offer our Christmas Giving Tree Program in the traditional format. The request for items to be shared with others could put others at risk. But we want to do something.

This year, our Giving Tree will be a gathering and sharing of Gift Cards. We would love your donations of gift cards: \$25 grocery store (Lucky, Safeway, Save for Less) AND for local gift shopping (Target & Walmart). We also invite you to personalize a Christmas card to our recipients. Sharing wish or expression of care and you can

sign it: Your brothers and sisters from St. Bonaventure Catholic Parish (or some anonymous signature). Please do NOT seal the greeting card as we will be placing the gift cards in them, then sealing them.

You can place your greeting cards and gift cards in the marked box in the Church foyer OR you can drop it at the parish office in the mail slot to the right of the main office door beginning November 8.

6.

Respect Life Ministry: Celebrating Respect Life Month

Join us in celebrating Respect Life Month. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Find more resources for education and action on our Respect Life Ministry webpage and from the U.S. bishops.

40 Days for Life

Join the St. Bonaventure Respect Life Ministry in supporting 40 Days for Life from September 23 to November 1. Click here for more information about our local campaigns in Walnut Creek and Concord.

Ministry Notes

Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, spouse or other family member, in town or at a distance. **Nourish** provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another. Be nourished.

Meetings every other Tuesday from 2-3 pm on Zoom. *For more information, email Helene Billeci at fuzyfrank@aol.com.*

Nourish offers meetings in Spanish too! For more information, please contact Biviane Ochoa at itsbiviane@gmail.com or (650) 278-6462.

Marriage Encounter

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be a virtual weekend **Nov 20-22, 2020**. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit the website at oaklandwwme.org or contact Ray & Roberta at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 916-806-4601.

Tuesday Tea Time: Did you get your Tea Time video this week? Our hope is that these short videos will help keep you connected and allow you to get to know our parish in a new way! Get to know our bookkeeper Marion a bit better in this week's Tea Time! To subscribe to receive weekly emails, click the box below.

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Tuesday Tea Time

Blanket Drive for Foster Kids Information

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

St. Bonaventure Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass Indoors:

- 7:30am
- 9:00am
- 11:00am
- 12:45 am (Spanish)

New indoor schedule begins Nov. 1

Register Here for Sunday Masses

Please Register for Our Sunday Liturgies

A reminder that for Sunday indoor Masses and other special Masses, registration is mandatory due to limited capacity. Thank you so much for your help in making this process work!

Phone Help Registration for Mass

If you need help registering for Mass, please call the parish office (672-5800) between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Download Worship Aids for Sunday:



Sunday English



Domingo Español

Sunday Mass is livestreamed on Facebook; [click here](#) for more information

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

Walk-Up Reception of Holy Communion

Sunday 12:00-12:30pm, in front of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Classrooms A3 and B4 in the Ministry Center

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in the Church)

Fridays after the 9am Mass, Benediction at 3pm

Tuesdays before the 7:00 pm Spanish Mass

Daily Mass in the Church

Monday-Friday at 9am, English (also live-streamed on Facebook Live)

Saturday 8am, English

Spanish: Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Attendees are limited to 150 and will be asked to follow health guidelines, including social distancing. No registration is required for Daily Mass.

If you need help with watching a liturgy or other event live-streamed on Facebook, please [click here](#).

Prayer, Spirituality and Formation:

Daily Mass Readings: [Click here](#)

St. Bonaventure Domestic Church tips and links: [Click here](#)

Online Prayer Vine: Our prayer warriors are hard at work. If you have a prayer request, you may submit it confidentially on our website [HERE](#).

Drive-Thru Prayer: Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the church parking lot (except for holidays, rainy days, and very hot days) [Details HERE](#)

Online Spiritual Communion Service: The presiders for the 6:30 a.m. Communion Service offer a Spiritual Communion Service online at 7:00 a.m. each weekday. To join the service online by Zoom, email Greg Colley at ghcolley@gmail.com.

Christian Centering Prayer Group: Beginners and experienced participants are welcome. Saturdays at 4:30 pm on Zoom. Please contact Greg Colley at ghcolley@gmail.com for more information.

Word on Fire Videos on Flocknote

Enjoy inspirational and educational videos on topics fundamental to our Catholic faith with Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Engage videos on Flocknote. If you don't already have a Flocknote log-in, just click the little sheep at top right corner of our website, stbonaventure.net, to reach our Flocknote site. If you haven't checked out the site yet, now is a great time to do so.

STAYING CONNECTED

Sacraments, Pastoral Counseling, and Staff Support

We're here for you! Our clergy and pastoral staff continue to be available to you during this pandemic. We can offer pastoral counseling by appointment, over the phone or by videocall, and **the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available in person** when needed. Please call the parish office at (925) 672-580 to make an appointment. We offer **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** in the classrooms on Saturdays at 3:30.

The office remains closed for walk-up visits, but staff are available by appointment. Please call the main office number or call or email the staffperson directly. As our staff are working from both the office and home, it is often easier to reach people by email. However, we are monitoring phones and voice mail, and will return messages as soon as possible.

Under current health regulations our ministries are still unable to hold regular meetings at the parish. However, we are able to schedule gatherings outside for prayer and worship. Please contact your staff liaison if you are interested in scheduling a prayer gathering.

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Parish Connections Thank you to everyone in our parish community who is working to reach out and keep in touch. If you need assistance, or would like to volunteer to help others by running errands, picking up groceries, etc., please email info@stbonaventure.net. ***The St. Bonaventure Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am in the parish parking lot. See our website for more information.*** (Note: *The Food Pantry thanks you for your continuing donations of food and other items, but is no longer requesting bags -- they have a sufficient supply.*)

Thank you for the many ways you continue to support our community!

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Your Gifts Are Keeping Us Open

We want to say THANK YOU to our parishioners and those who are not members yet but have sent us their donations to help in this unprecedented time.

We are so grateful to many who are now sending their donations through mail, online and collection box methods. Your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated and are helping us continue to live our mission as a community of faith.

To learn more about online giving or other options, please [click here](#). If you attend the the drive-in Mass or walk-up Holy Communion this Sunday, you may drop off your gift personally.

May God bless all of you and reward you abundantly for your support of your parish.

NOTE: *If you are new to Faith Connections, the way to join the conversation and comment is by using the blue reply button below, not your usual email reply button. You will have the option of replying to others' comments or starting a new thread. Check back during the week to view or add new comments. If you know someone who is not getting this email, please forward it to them and ask them to email*

gcattalini@stbonaventure.net to subscribe. If they have subscribed and are not receiving the email, it may be landing in their spam or junk folder. The best solutions are to find one of the emails and mark it as not spam or junk and to add "mail@flocknote.com" to their address book. (This seems to be especially common with Comcast customers.)

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***May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.***

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