
October 9 St. Bonaventure Faith Connections

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**St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
October 9, 2020****Bring a Flower to Honor Fr. Mat this Saturday**

This Saturday marks one year since Fr. Mathew Vellankal was tragically taken from us. As your pastor I can only imagine the jolting impact his death has had on you. Pastors grow so close to their parishioners. We become like family, and so the loss you all feel must be profound. Our faith tells us that death is not the end but rather a new beginning. This faith strengthens and unites us.

I encourage you to join me as we offer the Holy Mass for Fr. Mat at 5pm this Saturday outside. If you like, bring a flower to put near the altar as we collectively honor and celebrate our friend's birth into eternal life.

~ Fr. Lawrence



Please click [here](#) to visit Fr. Mat's memorial page on our website, leave a photo or memory, and register for the Mass on Saturday.

**This week's
news & events**

1.

Sunday Reflection



Reflection from Deacon Bill

This weekend our readings speak to us about a Heavenly Banquet that God has set for us if we are **willing** and **prepared** to accept the invitation. . . .

Accepting the invitation involves an openness on our part, a willingness to risk, to change and to trust in God.

(continued on our website)

2.

Liturgy News & Reminders

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

Daily Masses Return Inside the Church Monday October 12

We welcome our daily Mass attendees back inside the church on Monday, October 12. Daily Masses in English are held Monday through Friday at 9 am (livestreamed on Facebook) and Saturdays at 8 am. Spanish Masses are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm, followed by Adoration on Tuesdays. Attendees are limited to 100 and will be asked to follow health guidelines, including social distancing. No registration required.

Sunday Masses Return Inside the Church November 1

We plan to celebrate All Saints Day inside the Church on Sunday, November 1, returning to our traditional Sunday morning schedule. The 9 am Mass will continue to be livestreamed as well, and we hope to have an outside option for at least some time. Outdoor Communion will remain available in the afternoon as well. Please stay tuned for more details as we draw closer.

3.

Spiritual Warfare Series Concludes Monday



Join me this Monday October 12th at 7 pm on Facebook for the final episode in our Spiritual Warfare series. We'll be concluding as we began - talking about God's awesome plan of salvation, and what the signs of our times may be telling us about

what is coming next. Jesus' message to be observant and to stay vigilant will help guide us through this exciting climax to our series. I hope to see you then!

~Fr. Lawrence

4.

Faith in Action: How Are You Preparing to Vote?

Have You Received Your Ballot?

The presidential campaign may be dominating the headlines, but we have other federal, state, and local races and initiatives to consider. Now is the time to be seeking reliable information and continuing to form our consciences to vote responsibly as faithful Catholics and active citizens. Resources are available on our website. It's also the time to have civil and productive discussions with one another, modeling as Catholics that we can disagree and still be one body in Christ.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us to share that education and conversation in our "Voting with Faith" series. We invite you to join us for our final session this Wednesday, Oct. 14th, at 7 pm on Zoom, as we focus on how to put the principles we have discussed into practice. Please click the box below to register if you haven't already (no need to re-register). We look forward to seeing you!



**Voting Workshop
Registration**

5.

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.

Respect Life Rosary

Please join us for a Respect Life Rosary this Sunday, October 11th. We meet after 9am Mass in the outdoor chapel area of the garden the second Sunday of each month. For more information please contact Jane Walker at (925) 934-2129.

Prayer for Life

O Blessed Mother,
you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ,
your Son, with Faith and Trust.
Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.
Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities
places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need.
Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.
Mary, Mother of the Church,
graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love,
together with all people of good will,
to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of all life.
Amen

Ministry Notes

Parish Office Closed Monday

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 12 for the Columbus Day holiday. The 9 am Mass will continue as scheduled in the Church, and Father Lawrence's "Spiritual Warfare" series will stream its conclusion at 7 pm on Facebook.

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! We frequently see Anthony Arteaga, Director of Liturgy and Music, hard at work organizing our liturgies. This week learn about what Anthony likes to do for fun. To subscribe to receive weekly emails, click the box below.



**Click here to
subscribe to
Tuesday Tea Time**

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

St. Bonaventure Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Drive-In Mass:

(Attend in your car or on the lawn with your own chairs)

MORE INFORMATION HERE

- 7:30am (English, no music)
- 9:00am (English, with music)
- 10:30 am (Spanish, with music)

**Register Here for
Sunday Masses**

See you Sunday!



Please Register for Our Sunday Liturgies

Please remember to register in advance to make sure that we have room for everyone and enough liturgical ministers scheduled to assist. It also allows us to contact you if we need to cancel an outdoor Mass due to storms, air quality, or other weather conditions. Thank you so much for your help in making this process work!

Phone Registration for Mass

You also may sign up by calling the parish office (672-5800) between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Download Worship Aids for Sunday:



Saturday 5pm Mass
October 10 and Sunday 9
am Mass October 11



Domingo 10:30 am Misa 11
de octubre (Senor de los
Milagros)

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

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

Walk-Up Reception of Holy Communion

Sunday 12:00-1:00pm

Please park your car and then line up on the sidewalk in front of the church (approaching the steps), following the social distancing guides on the ground. Groups of six people at a time will be led in the Distribution of Holy Communion by a Eucharistic Minister. Please remember to wear your mask.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Classrooms A3 and B4 in the Ministry Center

Please wear your mask and maintain social distancing while waiting in line, using the lines on the floor of the walkway as a guide.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday in Spanish after the 7:00 pm Mass

Daily Mass in the Church

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

Saturday 8am, English

Spanish: Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 pm

Attendees are limited to 100 and will be asked to follow health guidelines, including social distancing. No registration required.

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 (Updated)

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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