



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
December 11, 2020

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord.'"
~John 1:23*

Join us for

Waiting in Joyful Hope: An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 pm

Livestreamed on Facebook

**This week's
news & events**

1.

Liturgy News & Updates

**Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

Saturday, Dec. 12 Noon

Mañanitas (Spanish)

1pm Mass (Bilingual)

7pm Mass (Spanish)

*All events will take place in the church
plaza (no drive-in). Please bring your
own seating.*

Pope Francis offers the possibility of a plenary indulgence for those who celebrate the feast online with the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. [Click here for more information.](#)



Here Comes the Rain Again!

As we thank God for the blessing of rain on our parched earth, we also announce the attached Inclement Weather Plan for weekend Masses.

If it is raining, or a strong forecast of rain, Mass will not take place outdoors. Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am (Spanish) Masses would be live-streamed from inside the church without a congregation present. Walk-up Holy Communion would take place, starting 30 minutes early, from 11:30am-1:00pm. If it is raining on Saturday, Confessions will still take place from 2:30-3:30 in the Classrooms. If it is raining on Saturday afternoon but not Sunday, only the Saturday Mass would be canceled, and vice-versa.

Weekday Masses will continue as scheduled under the overhang in case of rain, unless conditions are very bad. Please check the weather and website before you come and be safe.



Inclement Weather Plan

Christmas Novena of Masses (Spanish)

Journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem

December 15-23, 7 pm

Church plaza (bring your own chairs)

St. Bonaventure Christmas Schedule

[Christmas Eve, December 24](#)

1 pm, 3 pm (livestreamed) and 5 pm, English

7 pm, Spanish

[Christmas Day, December 25](#)

9 am (English), 10:30 am (Spanish), both livestreamed

(No registration required; bring your own seating or remain in your vehicle)

For the full liturgical schedule and most up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Thank you for helping us to worship safely.

2.

Advent Resources & Events



Waiting in Joyful Hope: An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 pm

Livestreamed on Facebook

Come together in prayer, reflection, and music as we contemplate the good news of Jesus Christ born among us.

“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.

The Lord never lets us down.”

— Pope Francis

The Chosen Film Series Continues Monday

Celebrate Advent by immersing yourself in the life of Jesus. Our special showing of “The Chosen” series on the life of Jesus continues Monday at 7:30pm and each Monday night through the holidays. A new link for each episode will be posted here and on our Faith Connections email in advance.

The link for Episode 4, Monday, December 14, is <https://youtu.be/JyUtAd8eb7c>. It will begin promptly at 7:30pm, so don't be late! For more information, visit our website here.

Advent Reconciliation

This year we are offering the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation twice a week during Advent:

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm and Saturdays at 2:30 pm

Classrooms A3 & B4

We encourage you to prepare in advance by choosing one of the Examinations of Conscience available online [HERE](#).

“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Click [here](#) for our website resource page to sign up for an online daily Advent retreat with Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa & speaker and author Chris Stefanick, reflections from Bishop Robert Barron, and more!

3.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Entrust Yourself to the Holy Family: Understanding Consecration

If there was ever a time when families need more support, it's now. The COVID pandemic has increased the amount of stress--spiritual, economic, physical, and

mental--that families are under. Our parish has responded to these needs in a variety of ways.

On Sunday, December 27th--the Feast of the Holy Family--our Knights of Columbus council is inviting families to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. Families who participate will pray a special prayer of consecration at the close of the Masses on that weekend.

But what does it mean to be “consecrated?” *(continued on our webpage)*



Preparing for Consecration



Consecration Prayer Card

4.

Respect Life Ministry

Please join us for a Respect Life Rosary after 9am Mass this Sunday. We meet in the outdoor chapel area of the garden on the second Sunday of each month. Enter the garden by the pathway next to the church by the rectory. For more information please contact Jane Walker at (925) 934-2129.

Plan to join the Respect Life Ministry for the 17th annual Walk for Life on Saturday, **January 23rd** in San Francisco. Stay tuned for more details or contact Jane Walker at (925) 934-2129.

5.

The Lord Is My Refuge

With so much going on, it's very normal to feel stretched and stressed and even anxious or depressed.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our two online discussions aimed at helping us draw strength from our faith, manage stress and strengthen healthy coping skills. We are hoping to continue the discussion with future events. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net with suggestions for future topics or if you would be interested in possible small group gatherings.

In the meantime, please visit our website for links to resources to help us strengthen our spiritual, mental, and emotional health. We are continuing to add resources' please email Gina with suggestions.

Ministry Notes

Nourish for Caregivers

Are you caring for an aging parent, spouse or other family member, in town or at a distance? You are not alone. **Nourish** provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experience. 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.

Tuesday Tea Time: Did you get your Tea Time video this week? These short videos help keep us connected and get to know our parish in a new way. This week, we explore some of the consequences of coping with the pandemic and its impact in our lives. To subscribe to receive weekly emails, click the box below.



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

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

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

Reminder: No registration needed for our outdoor Masses.

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

Readings for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12: [Click here](#)

Download Worship Aids for Sunday:



Sunday December 13

The Spanish worship aid will be available on our website.

The 9am and 10:30 pm Sunday Masses are livestreamed on Facebook; [click here](#) for more information

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

Prayer, Spirituality and Formation:

Prayers for Those Who Have Died: Please join us in praying for members of our community who have died. You may find their names on our website. May they rest in peace.

Daily Mass Readings: [Click here](#)

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

Mass Intentions, Online Prayer Vine & Drive-thru Prayer Information:
[Details here](#)

Online Spiritual Communion Service: [Details here](#)

Christian Centering Prayer Group: [Details here](#)

Word on Fire Videos on Flocknote: [Details here](#)
(Staying at home more? Take advantage of Bishop Barron's great videos!)

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 has had to close again 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 unable to hold regular meetings at the parish. We are able to schedule outdoor gatherings 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 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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