
Feb. 4 Faith Connections

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St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
February 4, 2021

**This week's
news & events**

1.

Sunday Reflection



Thoughts from Deacon Dominic

Wow, it seems like Lent got here fast this year! With only a few days left before it starts, it is time to think about how we can make this year's Lent special. What can I do to prepare for these upcoming 40 days of Lent? How can I be open to the greatest impact on my relationship to our God?

As for me this year..... once again, I'm not abstaining for Lent. Although I know that is spiritually meaningful for many people, this Lent I am adding activities to help deepen my relationship with God and continue to try to know him better and make him better known.

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2.

Liturgy News and Notes

World Day of the Sick: Saturday, February 6

The World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope Saint John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J.

Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers, and healthcare providers, to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from throughout the diocese through live-streamed Mass on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00am here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CathedralofChristtheLight>

As part of this effort, and in joining with the Cathedral and other parishes throughout the diocese, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered here at St. Bonaventure that same day, Saturday, February 6th, from 12:00-1:00pm outdoors in front of the church.

Ash Wednesday: February 17

On Ash Wednesday we will have several liturgical offerings, all including the distribution of ashes. Ashes will only be distributed at the liturgical times listed below:

9:00am Mass (English)

Bring your own chair and sit on the church plaza, drive-in and participate in your vehicle via FM radio, or watch on our Facebook live-stream.

12:15pm Liturgy of the Word (English)

2:00pm Liturgy of the Word (English)

4:00pm Liturgy of the Word (English)

Bring your own chair and sit on the church plaza.

6:00pm Mass (English)

Bring your own chair and sit on the church plaza.

7:00pm Mass (Spanish)

Bring your own chair and sit on the church plaza or watch our Facebook live-stream.

Recycle Last Year's Palms

You may bring in last year's palms to be recycled into the ashes used on Ash Wednesday by dropping them off in the basket in front of the parish office.

Thursday Reconciliation During Lent

Beginning on Thursday, February 18 and continuing during the Lenten Season, we will be adding an additional day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursdays at 3:30pm

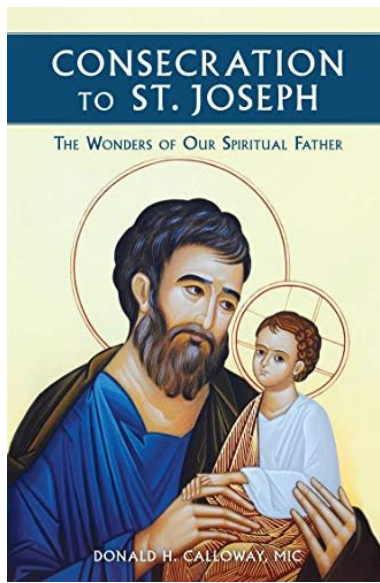
Health Reminders

Please join us for our liturgies through Facebook if you have tested positive for COVID in the past 14 days, if you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, if you were exposed to COVID in the past 14 days, or if you feel actively sick. Thank you for helping us keep St. Bonaventure a safe, welcoming place for all.

For the full liturgical schedule and most up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.stbonaventure.net.

3.

Consecration to St. Joseph



Celebrate the “Year of St. Joseph” with the Women’s Christian Fellowship.

WCF invites you to participate in a special 33-Day preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph. Begin with an opening Mass on Saturday, February 13 at 8am, continue with weekly small group preparation sessions on Zoom, and conclude with the Consecration Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19 at 9 am. Small group space is limited, so please register early.

You may also attend the Masses and prepare for the Consecration on your own, using the book ***Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*** by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. For more details and to register, please [Click Here](#).

4. 40 Days for Life



You can protect mothers & children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray & fast for an end to abortion!



Download this flyer for full details on how you can participate!

5.

Alpha Is Coming!

Everyone has questions.

Exploring is good. We're built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with Alpha.

Alpha



For many people, the pandemic has raised new questions of faith. For others, it has offered an invitation to explore God's role in our lives more deeply. Do you know someone looking for a place to continue that exploration? Are you that person?

Mark your calendar for [Alpha](#) on Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 25 in Spanish and March 4 in English. "Zoom" your way to an evening with laughter, a film with different questions about faith and life, and small group discussions where you can say or ask anything.

Alpha. Who will you invite?

Ministry Notes

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events:

- Our Bishop, along with the California Conference of Bishops, has recently released an important statement on **COVID-19 Vaccines**. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- Next **Faith in Action** ministry meeting on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 pm.
- **Adult Confirmation** preparation sessions begin this February for Confirmation in May. English classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm beginning February 16. Spanish classes will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm beginning February 24. Please [click here](#) for more information and the registration form.
- **Save the Date for Our Lenten Mission Mondays!** Join us Mondays at 7pm in Lent for "Come Back to Me with All Your Heart: Lent in a Time of COVID." Live on Facebook. Stay tuned for more details on this and other Lenten offerings in next week's Faith Connections and on our website.
- **Marriage Encounter** Virtual Weekend, February 19-21 ([register now](#))
- **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive** on Saturday, February 20 from 10 am to 4 pm Stay tuned for more details!
- Our **St. Vincent de Paul Ministry** is available for those in need, especially during this time of pandemic. Volunteers and Financial Support are always welcome as well. Please [click here](#) for details.

Resources for Coping During the Pandemic

[Click here](#) for spiritual, parenting, emotional, and mental health resources for coping during the pandemic.

Tea Time Video

For this week we take a little departure from our usual Tea Time as we share a video Fr. Lawrence recently filmed for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services Oakland in which he shares a personal story of Spiritual Healing.



Sign up for
Tuesday Tea Time
videos here!

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

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

No registration is needed for our outdoor Masses. Please bring your own chair if you plan to join us on the lawn or sidewalk.

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

Download Worship Aids for Sunday:



Sunday, February 7

Look for the Spanish worship aid 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 2:30 pm.

The office has had to close 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.

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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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