
Feb. 18 Faith Connections: Lent Schedule & More!

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St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
February 18, 2021

**This week's
news & events**

1.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill



“Repent and believe in the
Gospel”
(Mk 1:15)

As we begin this holy season of Lent to prepare ourselves for Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday, we are reminded of the three Lenten pillars of our Christian faith: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**, the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

Many of us will decide to “give up” something during Lent, which reminded me of a short piece written by the Rev. Craig Gates of Jackson, Mississippi, giving us an interesting and challenging list of things we **should** do. He writes:

"GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, 'In everything give thanks.'"

(continued on our [website](#).)

2.

Lent at St. Bonaventure



Reconciliation

Thursdays 3:30pm and Saturdays 2:30 pm

Friday Stations of the Cross

6pm Spanish Mass & Stations in the Church

7pm English Stations of the Cross, New YouTube Premiere each week

(Friday, February 19: Click [HERE](#) for YouTube link and [HERE](#) for downloadable worship aid)

“Come Back to Me with All Your Heart: Lent in a Time of COVID”

Monday Mission Evenings, Feb. 22-Mar.22 at 7pm

Lenten series livestreamed on Facebook

Alpha

Invite, explore, discover!

Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 25 in Spanish and March 4 in English

Consecration to St. Joseph

Consecration Mass will be on St. Joseph's feast day, March 19

Daily Reflections

Lenten reflections by parishioner Mary Franceschini on our website or by email

Please join us! Click [HERE](#) for more information on our Lenten offerings. To receive the Lenten reflections by email, please click the button below.

**Yes! Please sign me up for
daily Lenten reflections.**

3.

Support the Bishop's Appeal



Dear St. Bonaventure Community,

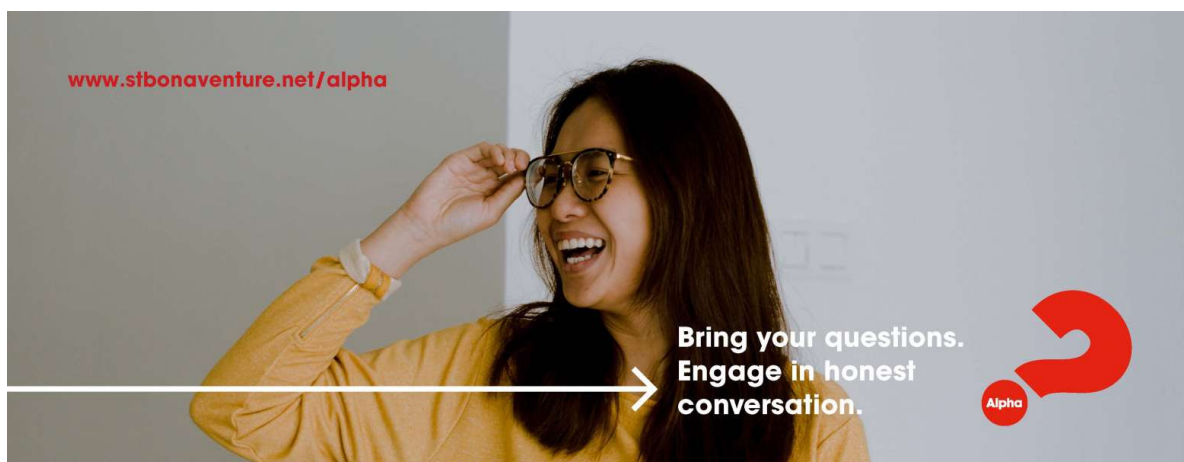
Our faith is a worldwide movement to bring people to Jesus. In this sense, our parish is part of something universal. Our diocese is an essential part of this movement. The diocese is a collection of all 84 parishes and it provides us all with essential services which support this worldwide movement. As parishes we are invited each year to support important works of the diocese which benefit each parish. Works such as serving the needy, educating our people in our faith, supporting our future priests, taking care of our retired priests, working for a more just diocese and world and more.

Please join me in financially supporting the 2021 Bishop's Appeal to help further our efforts to bring more people to Jesus, and please pray for the Appeal, our Bishop Michael Barber and our diocese as a whole. Thank you!

Fr. Lawrence

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Bishop's Appeal.

4. Alpha Is Coming Soon!



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?

Lent is an invitation to go deeper in our spiritual journeys. Alpha offers companionship on the journey. It makes sharing your faith easier – something as simple as sharing your faith with someone, and inviting them to try Alpha, can have a huge impact

Sign up now 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. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Alpha. Who will you invite?

5. Respect Life Ministry / 40 Days for Life

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



February 17 - March 28
40 DAYS FOR LIFE®



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

Ministry Notes

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events:

- **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive** this Saturday, February 20 from 10 am to 4 pm in the Large Hall. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

- **Nourish for Caregivers** 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.

Read more about Nourish in this week's **Catholic Voice!**

Resources for Coping During the Pandemic

Feeling overwhelmed? You're not alone. Click [HERE](#) for spiritual, parenting,

emotional, and mental health resources for coping during the pandemic.

Tea Time Video

Jacob shares some Lenten tips in today's Tea Time.



Sign up for
Tuesday Tea Time
videos here!

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

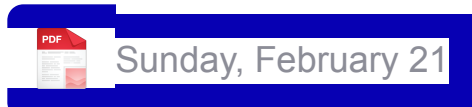
Please visit our website at www.stbonaventure.net for the most up-to-date liturgy information.

All of our liturgies have returned inside unless otherwise indicated. Saturday Vigil (4pm) and Sunday Masses require **advance registration** on our [website](#) or by calling the parish office at (925) 672-5800 weekdays between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm. There is no registration required for daily Masses. (Registration will open Mondays at 10 am, Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday.)

We continue to livestream the Sunday 9 am (English) and 10:30 am (Spanish) Masses and offer walk-up Holy Communion from noon to 1 pm. For our full Mass schedule, please click [HERE](#).

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

Download Worship Aids for Sunday:



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

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.

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!

The "Conversion" series is perfect for Lent. Remember, you must have a Flocknote account with a password to access these 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, and during Lent we've added a second opportunity on Thursdays at 3:30 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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