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## April 29 Faith Connections

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### **St. Bonaventure Catholic Community** **April 22, 2021**

I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit  
~John 15:5

## This week's news & events

### 1.

#### **Sunday Reflection**



**Deacon Dominic**

Easter season and Pentecost are my favorite times of the year. For our first reading we read from the Acts of the Apostles. We might more accurately describe it as the acts of Jesus Christ through the love of the Holy Spirit, moving followers in such a way that they would even be willing to be martyred for the cause.

In this Sunday's Gospel of John, Jesus is inviting us, his followers, to be co-gardeners with the Holy Spirit in his vineyard. So, what does Jesus mean when he says you must bear fruit to remain in me?

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

## 2. Liturgy Notes

### **First Saturday Mass May 1st at 8am**

Join us Saturday at 8am for our monthly First Saturday Mass. This Saturday will conclude our "First Five Saturdays" devotion. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the devotion.

### **New Weekend Liturgical Changes Coming Soon**

We have changes coming to our weekend schedule in May. Please see our [website](#) for more details. As a reminder, [registration](#) is required for the indoor Saturday Vigil Mass and all indoor Sunday Masses in the church.

#### **Saturday, May 8:**

- Reconciliation moves from classrooms to Church (at 2:30 pm)

#### **Sunday, May 9:**

- Walk-Up Holy Communion moves to 10:15-10:45am
- 11 am outdoor Mass begins on lawn area stage (bring own seating, please; no registration required)
- Sunday Spanish Mass returns to 12:45 pm (in the Church)

#### **Saturday, May 22**

- Reconciliation returns to 3:30 pm (in the Church)
- Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 5:00 pm (in the Church)

## 3. Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

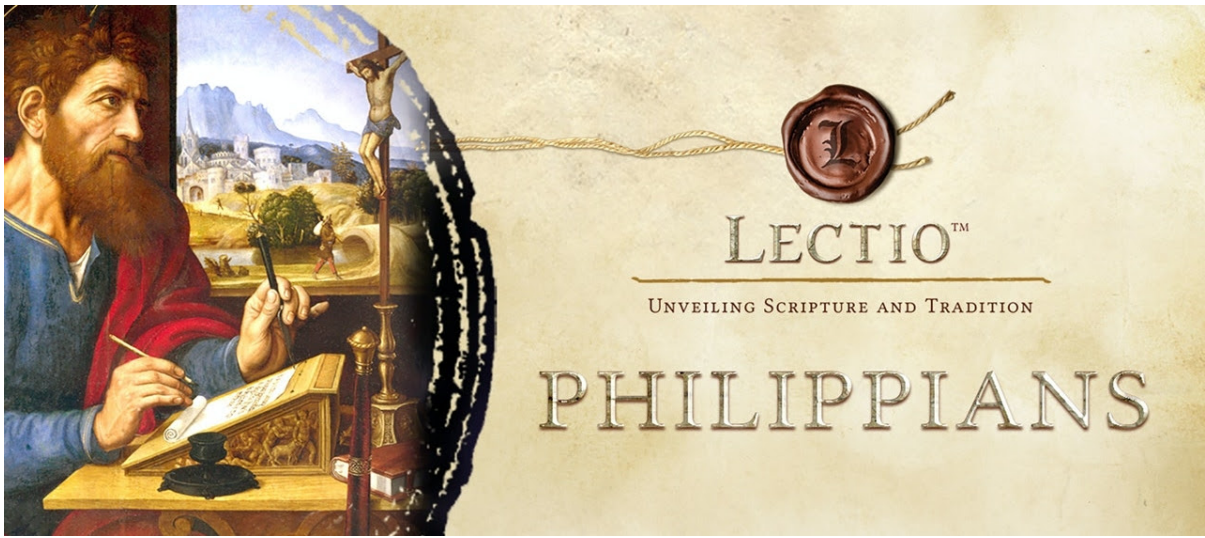
Thank you to Deacon Dave Holland for visiting us at Mass last weekend and sharing about Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS), a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland. To learn more about CFCS, please click [HERE](#).



## 4. Scripture Study

Register now for a new Scripture Study beginning in May! Our Scripture Study group will offer a short six-week study of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, using the *Lectio Bible Study* on FORMED. It will run from May 20-June 24, Thursdays at 10 am on Zoom. Contact Greg Gamache at [bonaventurebible@astound.net](mailto:bonaventurebible@astound.net) for more information.

*(Please note that there will NOT be a 7pm session for this study.)*



## 5. "Winter Nights" Is Coming

It may feel like spring outside, but the Winter Nights Family Shelter still needs your help. The United Concord Methodist Church (UCMC) will host Winter Nights at their campus from May 17 through June 14. St. Bonaventure is scheduled to help from May 24 to May 28. There will be 4 families in 4 tents, with up to 16 to 18 people staying 4 weeks, 24/7.

For details on St. Bonaventure's ministry with Winter Nights, please click [HERE](#). Please contact Anne Sparks to volunteer to drop off food or with any questions at 925-676-5146 or [tosparks-40@astound.net](mailto:tosparks-40@astound.net).

If you wish to make a monetary donation you can drop off a check at the parish made out to St Bonaventure. Please write "Winter Nights" on the envelope and check memo line. Thank you for your ongoing support of Winter Nights!

# Ministry Notes

## More news and events:

- **Respect Life Ministry:** Please join us for a Respect Life Living Rosary on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 3 pm – honoring our Mother Mary! We especially need volunteers to form the Living Rosary. Please bring one rose, a Rosary and meet at the Church at 2:30 pm. If you would like to be in the Living Rosary, please contact: Jane Walker, 916-759-3674 or Sandy Mazza, 925-890-3749.

- **FORMED:** Enjoy St. Bonaventure's subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **Opus Dei Men's Evening of Recollection:** Fathers of children age 13 or younger are invited to a men's monthly recollection in the church on the first Thursday of the month, beginning May 6, from 7:15 to 9:00 pm. For information please contact Gian Paolo Machado at [gian.p.machado@gmail.com](mailto:gian.p.machado@gmail.com) or (707) 548-4038.

- **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](mailto:fuzyfrank@aol.com).*

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

- Bring your marriage to its fullest by participating in a virtual **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. Go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) to find the next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience that works for your schedule from the comfort of your own home!

### **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**

Join Randy Thomas as he walks us through some of the improvements made to our facilities during the COVID shutdown in today's Tea Time. Sign up below to continue receiving the Tea Time videos.



**Join Tuesday Tea  
Time**

**Ongoing  
schedule & activities**

### **LITURGY AND PRAYER**

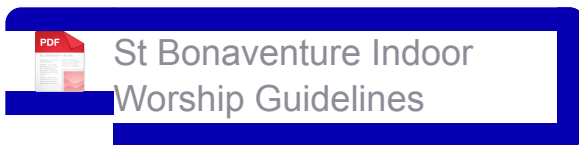
Please visit our website at [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net) for the most up-to-date liturgy information.

**All of our liturgies have returned inside unless otherwise indicated.** Saturday Vigil (4pm) and Sunday indoor Masses require **advance registration** on our [website](#) or by calling the parish office at (925) 672-5800 weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (Fridays before 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](#). (See above for changes beginning May 8/9.)

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. We encourage all parishioners to receive the COVID vaccine as soon as they are eligible. 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](#)

### **Friday Adoration & Holy Hour:**

We offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9am Mass on Fridays until 3pm. The Holy Hour beginning at 2pm includes the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and concludes with Benediction at 3pm.

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

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

**Word on Fire Videos on Flocknote:** Details [here](#)

*(Take advantage of Bishop Barron's great videos! 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.

The office has reopened for walk-up visits, Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1pm, and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm. Staff are also 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.

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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](mailto:info@stbonaventure.net). ***The St. Bonaventure Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 8:30-10:00 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](mailto: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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