



Adult Confirmation with Bishop Barber on February 18, 2017
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February 26, 2017 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26 de febrero de 2017 Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM
Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday/Lunes,
Martes, Jueves y Viernes: 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday/Martes, Miércoles y
Jueves: 6:30 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE

COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday & Friday/Lunes y Viernes: 6:30 AM
Wednesday/Miércoles: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.
This requires two months preparation. *En Español:*
Los Sábados
10:00 AM. *Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con*
un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere dos meses de
preparación.

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or
Deacon. This requires six months preparation.
Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un
Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de
preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para*
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.



As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

- Keep connected to our parish community
- Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ
- Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
- Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **FADING IN AND OUT WITH GOD**

Lent is a good time to fade back – in. I am always happy to visit with parishioners each week who are fading back-in. Sometimes they come because they want to experience “The Confession of their sins.” Sometimes they come because they are married outside the church and want to receive the Eucharist. Sometimes they come because they want to talk through the abortion that they had to have many years ago. Sometimes they come because they have awakened spiritually after letting God fade out of their lives, and after having stopped celebrating the Eucharist and Holy Communion for many years.

Both Fr. David and I welcome visiting with those who have faded back-in, because in every conversation there is so much guilt that hangs around deep in the soul, feelings of being unworthy and fears still about their relationships with God.

To you who may be friends or family members of those wanting to fade back-in, pass this word. **Use the Season of Lent to fade back-in with a positive, faith-reinforcing conversation. It will be the best hour you ever spent.**

All someone has to do is to call the Pastoral Office and ask for an appointment to visit with Fr. David or me. Either of us will call you right back ☎ 925-672-5800.

■ **DON'T GIVE UP SOMETHING FOR LENT**

That is the first thing that a Catholic thinks about. What am I going to give up for Lent?

Candy, alcohol, smoking or sex is not going to bring anyone closer to God. I lived with a priest once who gave up something every Lent, and he became more difficult and irritable during Lent because of it.

Yes, every Lent I keep harping on this because **Lent invites us to get closer to God.** How does giving up candy and smoking, etc. do that?

There are three pillars to Lenten practice.

1. Prayer – Make real time to spend with God everyday during Lent. Read prayerfully the daily meditations prepared for you. **If you want to give up something, give up 10-15 minutes of busyness and activity to spend time with God.**

2. Fasting – Fasting is more than cutting down on food intake or abstaining from meat on Fridays. **Fast from using the cellphone every minute of the day and begin to have conversations with real people.** This would be good for many adults and lots of teenagers. **The point of fasting is a reminder to intervene and stop “behaviors” that have no positive outcome.** Fasting from pornography, from gossiping about others, from comparing to others will bring a new purposefulness to life. **Fast from everything that is superficial.**

3. Alms – Money is our greatest investment in life. We love to earn it. We love to accumulate it. We are resisting sharing it. If we save every bit of it for a rainy day, we are not trusting God.

Operation Rice Bowl is an opportunity to use less for ourselves, simplify our life style, save many and give it to real needs of real people. There will be several opportunities during the “Season of Lent” to do alms. **Do it thoughtfully and intentionally and not begrudgingly.**

During the Season of Lent, we think about the dedication of Jesus and the sacrifice of his life for each one of us. To identify with Jesus is the goal of Lent. What does giving up candy or smoking have to do with that?

Instead, I suggest reflecting on how we can be a better servant, a more loving person and how we can acquire a little bit more of the spirit of Jesus.

■ **PARENTS’ ADVICE TO CHILDREN**

Encourage your children and teenagers “to do a practice” that adds to **harmony, working together, taking care of the environment, and, in general, to be more thoughtful.** And each week, it would be good as a family to remind and encourage each other. Before sending everyone to bed, encourage a family time of prayer.

Do what really means something and has a positive outcome. If you want to give up something, give up bad habits, bad thinking and not including God enough in your lives.

■ **DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS**

Many divorced and remarried Catholics have given up on the Catholic church because of its perceived hard-headed and hard-hearted rules and regulations around remarriage in the church.

Pope Francis has encouraged priests to make themselves available to get to know such Catholics, to hear their stories, and to accompany their spiritual desires for reunion in the full practice of their Catholic faith.

Both Fr. David and I would be happy to spend time with anyone interested in a path of spiritual discernment. Every situation is unique. It is the church’s goal to help all Catholics reach the fulfillment of their faith desires.

While the Catholic Church holds to the ideal of marriage as a Sacrament and to the great hope that such a union be indissoluble, the church also recognizes the reality and necessity sometimes of divorce, when marriages are not “true marriages” and when marriages “die.”

NEED A NEIGHBOR?

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

We Offer:

- Assistance with transportation to the parish, the grocery store or doctor. *We can assist in finding regular rides to a specific Mass or parish offering
- Assistance with an errand or a light task
- Visiting the sick or homebound

For Assistance Leave a Message at 672-5800 x2238. We will pick up calls Monday-Friday. Every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of the call. Please note that the ministry is not designed for immediate or emergency needs. It can take a few days to locate a volunteer to meet the need.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD



■ ALL GOD'S PEOPLE – UNITED IN FAITH: 2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is an organized effort to give every Catholic family in the Diocese of Oakland the opportunity to make a gift to the best of their financial ability to support the ministries and services that no one parish can provide on its own. It gives each household a chance to help further the mission of the Diocesan Church, through sharing our gifts and our faith as responsible stewards as we, together, share God's Mercy.

What does the Bishop's Appeal Fund?

- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Religious Education & Formation
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need
- Safe Environment Programs
- Assisting Local Parishes

More information can be found in the Bishop's Appeal brochure found in church, or by going to www.oakdiocese.org/giving.

Is the Bishop's Appeal different than the "Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together" capital campaign?

Yes. The Bishop's Appeal funds completely different components than the capital campaign with the exception of priest's retirement. The money received from the Appeal will be applied to the components listed above and is completely separate from the capital campaign account

COMMITMENT WEEKEND
IS NEXT WEEKEND!

For more information on the 2017 Bishop's Appeal please visit www.oakdiocese.org/giving

LENENT PARISH MISSION

Why Lent? Because we forget that God loves us.

Why Lent? Because we are sometimes overwhelmed by the challenges of life.

Why Lent? Because God needs us to let the world know that Faith conquers doubt, Hope conquers despair and Love conquers hate.

Why Lent? Because we need a time to reflect, to renew and to recommit.

The Family of Saint Bonaventure invites you to join Fr. Leo Edgerly for a Parish Mission: March 13th, 14th and 15th (10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm) in the Church. Together we will answer the question: Why Lent?

■ **ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION**

Here at St. Bonaventure we pride ourselves on our dedication to the Catholic faith and how we can be the living example of the gospel. Through the Family-to-Family ministry we are able to reach out to our community and help those in need. We are able to provide assistance with housing, education and the search for employment through the work of our ministry members and the funds that are so graciously donated by the community. Your donations enable us to reach out to those in need and be the angels that many so desperately need in our community. In order to continue helping the family we have adopted, and also to work with those locally in our community, we need your donations to meet their needs. This Ash Wednesday, please keep us fresh in your minds and prayers as you open your hearts to give, which enables us to continue impacting positive change for those around us. To be a part of our ministry please contact Jenelle Abrams via email Jenelle.Abrams@yahoo.com. There are many ways to help, and all volunteers are welcome, as we all have our own unique gifts to contribute. Thank you.

■ **CELEBRATION OF FR. RICHARD MANGINI'S 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND RETIREMENT: Saturday, June 17, 2017**

So you have heard about the great festivities taking place on Saturday, June 17 and you want more details? Here they are:

Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.; tickets are \$75/person. You may also purchase tickets for a table of 10.*

**Individuals choosing to sit together at a table will be required to register at the same time to ensure requested seating accommodations. Sorry, no exceptions.*

Where: Hilton Hotel, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord

How and when may I purchase tickets?

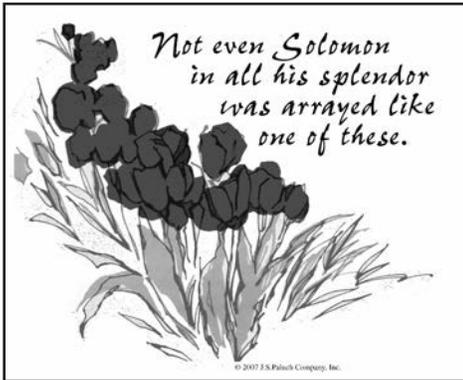
One can now purchase ticket(s) for this wonderful event in the following ways:

- If you want to purchase your tickets by credit card, you may do so through "Faith Direct" by going to the St. Bonaventure website: www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents
This is the online giving software used by our parish. It will enable you to purchase tickets by using a credit card. (Credit card is the only method you can use to make a purchase.) Even if you do not already have an account set up as your electronic method of contribution to the parish, you can still purchase tickets, using a credit card, at "Faith Direct" for this event.
- If you prefer to pay by Cash or Check, these purchases may take place in the church office during regular office hours.
Tickets will also be available after all Masses, April 23 to May 7 and May 21. For your convenience, you may access and complete the required registration form at St Bonaventure website: www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents

Necessary Information in order to purchase tickets:

- Name of each attendee
- Contact phone number
- Choice of one dinner entre (Pan Seared Salmon, Chicken Caprese, Filet Mignon, or Vegetarian.

Any questions please contact, Stephanie Pence, (925) 672-5016 or Marie Shockley, (925) 672-4129.



■ TAX LETTERS

Parishioner Tax Letters went out mid-January, 2017. However, it has come to the attention of the office that many parishioners have not yet received theirs. The post office works diligently to process all mails; but if you need your tax letter soon, please let the office know and a new one will be generated for you. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

■ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*St. Bonaventure 60th Anniversary—
Fr. Richard's 50th Ordination
Anniversary—Retirement*

There are a number of liturgical celebrations and events occurring this year to acknowledge the Retirement, Ordination Anniversary of our beloved Fr. Richard, and St Bonaventure's 60th Anniversary. Following is a listing for your information. Please check our website and bulletin for more detailed information as the events occur.

■ PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Good news — the second and final proof of our 2016 Parish Directory is back in the hands of Lifetouch. Lifetouch will do their magic and produce our beautiful hardback directory. Their turnaround time is 30 business days, so the estimated shipping time will be the first part of March. With that date in mind, our plan is to have the distribution after all Masses the weekend of March 18/19 and 25/26. The directories will also be available in the church office during regular hours. For those parishioners who are

✍️ Mark Your Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday, May 17	5:30pm	50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass	Parish Church
Saturday, June 10	6pm	Fil-Am Community Dinner with and for Fr. Richard *Following 5pm Mass	Parish Hall
Sunday, June 11	2pm	Hispanic Community Celebration *Following 12:45 Spanish Mass	Parish Grounds
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement	Concord Hilton
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

interested in purchasing a directory, a limited number of directories will be available and the cost will be \$10.00.

Thanks to all of you who were able to partake in the 2016 Parish Directory; the committee hopes you will be pleased with this edition. Special thanks go out to the committee and all the angels who helped with the hosting at the portrait sessions — we couldn't have done it without you.

■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Bonaventure with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Follow the link below to quickly enroll in eGiving to St. Bonaventure.

To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

LITURGY & MUSIC

■ 'ONE BODY' CDS AVAILABLE AT REDUCED PRICE!

If you have not purchased the 'One Body' CD, this is the time to do so. Take advantage of the reduced price. The cost is now only \$10. The CD includes performances by each of the St. Bonaventure choirs and features some of our favorite songs, including We Are One Body, In the Breaking of the Bread, and Go Make a Difference. All the proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Church.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: SIR 17:20-24; PS 32:1-2, 5-7; MK 10:17-27
 TUE: SIR 35:1-12; PS 50:5-8, 14, 23; MK 10:28-31
 WED: JL 2:12-18; PS 51:3-6AB, 12-14, 17; 2 COR 5:20 -- 6:2; MT 6:1-6, 16-18
 THU: DT 30:15-20; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 9:22-25
 FRI: IS 58:1-9A; PS 51:3-6AB, 18-19; MT 9:14-15
 SAT: IS 58:9B-14; PS 86:1-6; LK 5:27-32
 SUN: GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7; PS 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; ROM 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; MT 4:1-11

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

■ **BAPTISMS**

God's blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism

JANUARY 2017

Samantha Naysa Bersheid, daughter of Jason and Paultet

Samantha Marie Corral, daughter of Tony and Jessica

Emmanuelle Cherie Edora, daughter of Odelle and Rachelle

Mason Gabriel Martinez, son of Jessica

Andrew Christian McDermott, son of Matthew and Josie

Chance Villena Phetphadoung, daughter of Souly and Emma

Brody Phoenix Rosario, son of Hercules and Andrea

Roman Maverick Rosario, son of Hercules and Andrea

Elijah Xavier Shay-Alridge, son of Jonathan and Angela

Kaiden Armani Thompson, son of Donnell and Jackie

FEBRUARY 2017

Mia Nicole Kusanovich, daughter of Nick and Megan

Thomas Carter Re, son of Matthew and Samantha

Anna Frances Rothwell, daughter of Stephen and Christy

Katolika Lotu Failaulau Perry, son of Jenifer

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **NEW CONFIRMATION RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to those adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on February 18 with Bishop Barber:

Gabriela Arias

Darinka Cazares

Patricia Cerda

Deisi Chavez

Martha Fitzpatrick

Sarah Geraghty

Prashanthi Kuruneru

Jose Leal Huerta

Maria Carmen Luk

Shiley Perez

■ **2017 MEN'S RETREAT
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER:
 A Retreat with the Psalms**

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat, which will be March 3-5 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Our retreat master will be Fr. John Endres of the Jesuit School of Theology, who will focus on the psalms as resources for individual and communal prayer. For more information, call Peter Nixon (☎ 925-381-7853) or Matt Remington (☎ 925-672-4006). Registration forms are available online at www.stbonaventure.net (Parish Ministries – Men's Spiritual Network).

■ **MOMS' GROUP**

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!). Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our next meeting will be March 1.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of February 18 & 19

Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$25,997

Over: \$ 557

Food for Family: 693 (2/14 & 2/21)

*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
 included in above figures*

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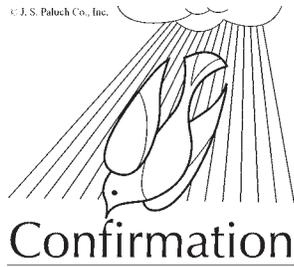
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■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Turn off your I-Pads, your I-Phones, and your I-Tunes and come experience a new way to look at your marriage through I-Marriage. In our monthly meetings, we will learn how Andy Stanley's three key teachings help you enrich your marriage and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." We will meet, **Tuesday, March 14**, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ ADULT CONFIRMATION

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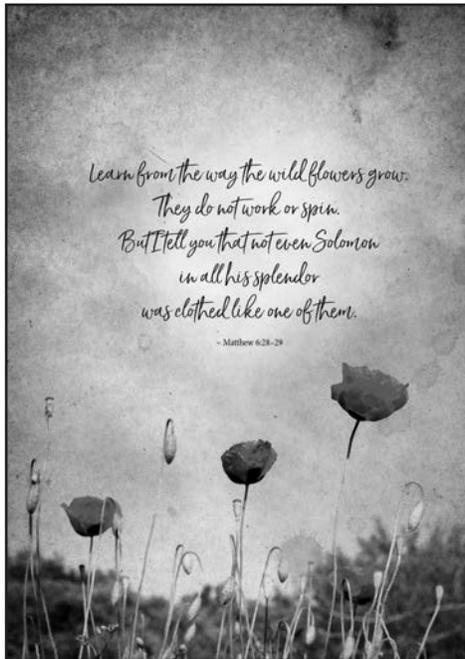
The parish celebration of Confirmation will be on May 13 with William Cardinal Levada. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested will begin **Monday, February 27**, from 7:00-8:30pm. Each candidate must:

- be over 18 years of age
- no longer be in high school
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received First Communion and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

If you are interested, please contact Eileen ☎ (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Registration requested by February 15.

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Christmas time is the time to celebrate the beautiful gift of God becoming man. Jesus was a great healer and teacher who taught us to pray. He suggests we go to our quiet space to pray. Spend some quiet time with God. Join us on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm in the Chapel.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ ADULT ACTIVITIES:

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

Come celebrate the great St. Patrick with a traditional Irish lunch provided by Ralph's Catering. We will enjoy corned beef and cabbage with red boiled potatoes and carrots. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday March 6 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on March 4 & 5. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **March 4 & 5**

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry.

After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we have wine, soda, cheese, cookies, and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

■ ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be presenting a traditional St. Patrick's Dinner of corned beef and cabbage on Saturday, March 11 in the Large Hall. There will be special entertainment along with the flavorful dinner. The Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses on February 18/19, February 25/26 and March 4/5. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office. Ticket price is \$20 each or two for \$35. Please join us for a festive, fun evening. Doors open at 6 PM; dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

■ BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Saturday, April 1 in the Large Hall from 10 AM to 4 PM. In order that the process be efficient and effective, we are asking that you schedule an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled at 15-minute intervals by calling 1-800-Red Cross (800-733-2767), by logging on to the RedCrossBlood.org website and entering Sponsor Code: St. Bonaventure, or by calling Denis Thomson at 925-673-0720. Drop-ins will be welcome that day, but there may be a wait while clients with an appointment are handled first. Every day in the U.S. roughly 44,000 pints of blood are needed. That means nearly every two seconds someone needs blood. Every donation may help save up to three lives. Won't you be part of this life-saving journey?

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THREE PILLARS OF LENT

During Lent, we are called to use the three elements the Gospel recommends for spiritual growth: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

On Ash Wednesday two years ago, Pope Francis gave a homily focused on a line from the prophet Joel: “Rend your hearts, not your garments.” The prophet, he said, “reminds us that conversion can’t be reduced to exterior forms or vague resolutions, but involves and transforms one’s entire existence, starting with the center of the person, the conscience.”

Prayer:

Prayer is where we turn down the volume of our own voice and the noise of the external world and open ourselves to the presence of God. This Lent, increase the quality, not just the quantity of prayer. Enhance time with God by “unplugging” from the TV, smartphone, iPod, computer, and the car radio.

If you are more comfortable with active or external prayer, try keeping a journal, reading the psalms aloud, or singing sacred music. Invite your body into prayer through walking meditation.

Fasting:

It is appealing to give up those actions and items that further us from our physical ideal. Giving up candy, alcohol, caffeine may enhance our physical health, but we need to ask: is our sacrifice enhancing our spiritual life? We want to answer yes. Perhaps, fasting on temptations that separate us from God such as anger, blame and entitlement will bring us to yes. Or feasting on forgiveness, affirmation and the common good is the answer this Lent.

Almsgiving:

Almsgiving is a powerful way of acknowledging our blessings. It is tempting to identify with what we don’t have and what our lives are missing. It is God who gives of all life, all gifts. That includes gifts that enable us to earn comfort, money, and security. We affirm this when we connect our almsgiving to our gratitude.

In the observance of Lent, we must never forget that following the rules and regulations is not an end to itself. As we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we must remember that our ultimate goal is deepening our relationship with Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 1, marks the beginning of Lent. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of both our mortality and our sinfulness and need for penance. We invite you to join us at one of our many liturgies this day.

Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 6:30am

Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 9:00am

Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes ~ 12:15pm

Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 4:00pm

Bi-Lingual Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 7:30pm

Between services, a blessing and distribution of ashes will be given in the church for those who cannot attend one of the above liturgies from 10:30-11:30am, 2-3pm, & 5:30-6:30pm

Please pray for our Catechumens and those preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church in these final days of their preparation:

Gary Boswell
Abdoul Fofana
Stewart Lehman
Christopher McFerran
Malik Rodriguez
Michael Rodriguez
Marco Sanchez
Kristen Spillner
Heather Zamora

Thank you to parishioner Mary Franceschini for writing our Lenten Reflections this year. Every week, there will be a center pullout in the bulletin with the reflections, events and other information that applies to the upcoming week and beyond. You can also sign up to receive the reflections every morning in your email. Go to the parish website: www.stbonaventure.net and sign up through the link on the front page.



March 1, Ash Wednesday

“Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God.” Joel 2: 12-18

Advent was the time of anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus, and with Lent we are now entering into the meaning of his birth. In a way, Lent is also a time of anticipation and preparation. We anticipate the joy of a renewed heart when we prepare ourselves to enter the mystery with our whole heart.

Let’s enter the journey into Lent with the perfect beginning—the sacrament of Reconciliation, accompanied by fasting, penance and almsgiving, each according to one’s situation. There are little extras that we can do, too. Let’s make an effort to refrain from words that bite, and thoughts that are negative. A big extra (and a true blessing for our sanity!) would be to “unplug” the TV and let our computers sleep for one day a week. We have a forty day journey ahead of us. Let’s begin!



March 2 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

“...The Son of Man must suffer greatly...” Lk 9: 22

How many times did Jesus think of what he had to face? Even if he was the Son of God, he was still God made man and therefore had human feelings and emotions. He also says that after his sufferings and death, on the third day he would be raised. Did he ever dwell on this thought? Jesus came to do the will of his Father even in the face of derision by many of his people. Doing the will of the Father was all that he lived for.

In our day-to-day difficulties, what do we do? We may not be asked to give our life like Jesus, but we do have our choices. We can choose to exercise patience when we don’t feel patient, use kinder words when the urge to “attack” is stronger than we are. We aren’t perfect, but if we strive to do the will of the Father, we align ourselves with Jesus and that’s all that he wants.



March 3 Friday after Ash Wednesday

“This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those unbound justly, untying the thongs of the yoke;...” Is 58: 1-9a

The prophet Isaiah is called to tell the people that they are wicked. They wonder why the Lord God doesn’t heed their wishes. They fast, they afflict themselves and still God isn’t moved towards granting favors. Why doesn’t he? Could it be that their external actions to please God don’t come from the heart? That it’s all superficial?

This is something for us to think about, too. If all the sacrifices that we do for Lent don’t come from the heart, we might as well not do them. It’s of no use to give up a favorite treat or a favorite activity and then snap at those around us. Now, more than ever, we can really do something that will please the Lord. Let’s fight for justice, for the oppressed. The opportunities are there.



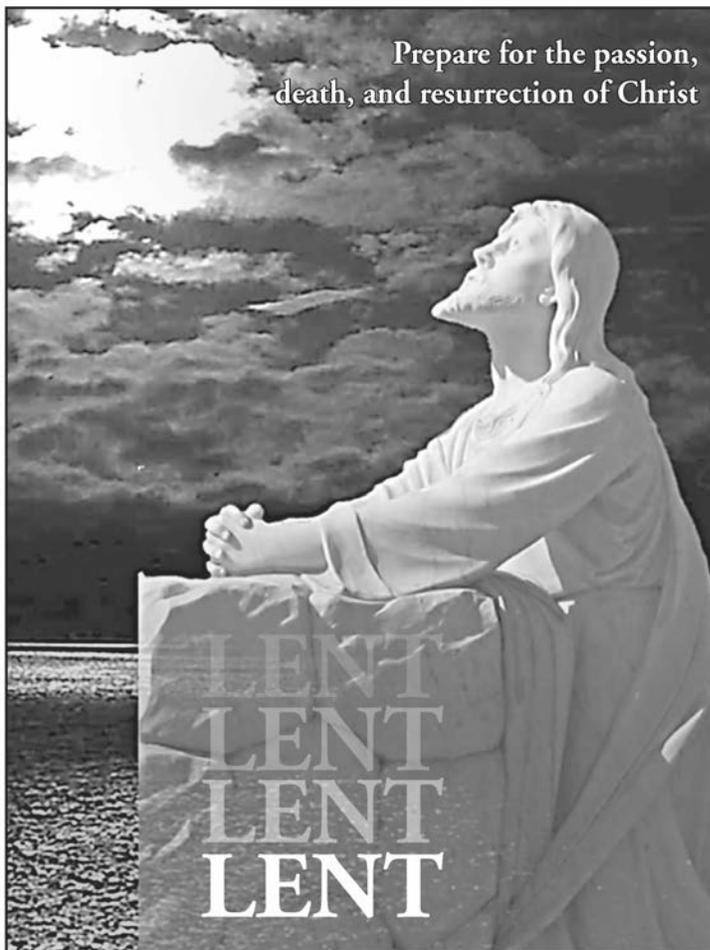
**March 4 Saturday after Ash
Wednesday**

“I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.” Lk 5: 27-32

In this gospel from Luke, Jesus has called Levi to follow him. This caused much rising of eyebrows. Why? Levi was a despised tax collector whom Jesus called to follow him. What happened afterwards, according to the Pharisees, was worse. Levi had given a banquet for Jesus and invited other tax collectors and other people who were sinners. What did Jesus do? He attended the banquet and

sat down with these despised persons. Jesus doesn't mince words. The healthy don't need a physician, but the sick do.

Do we raise our eyebrows when someone performs a good deed towards a person whom we think undeserving of it? Do we look down upon those who seem bent on continuing on living a life that not only harms themselves but others, too? All we have to do is to read the newspapers or watch the news. Yet, somehow, in some way, the light of Jesus reaches one of these. Instead of dwelling on who the reformed person was, let's rejoice as to what the person has become. Jesus won't have it any other way!



March 5 First Sunday of Lent

“...just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.” Rom 5: 12-19

With the fall of Adam and Eve, as Saint Paul says, we were all condemned. Man had revolted against God, his Creator. He had put his interests ahead of everything else, completely ignoring the beauty that God lay before him to enjoy. With the passing of the ages, God realized that something had to be done; someone had to make up for the evil committed then and through time. That someone was his Beloved Son, Jesus.

Do we believe that “life came to all” through Jesus? We have entered the Lenten journey and we have numerous opportunities to have this life reach others. We can do good to people who are downtrodden, that no matter how much they try to lift themselves up from a situation, it's a losing battle. Maybe we are the ones, “through one righteous act” to restore life to those people. Shall we try?

**PARISH MISSION
with Father Leo Edgerly**

Why Lent?

March 13-14-15

10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm

Church

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR A MEAL DURING LENT

O God of mercy and compassion, with humility of heart we ask your blessing on the meal we are about to share. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may we be inspired to share our gifts with the needy. May the sharing of this meal urge us on to work tirelessly to bring your word of comfort to all who seek meaning and direction in their lives. Bless us, the food we are about to receive, those who prepared it, and the friendships we share. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) RICE BOWL



For more than 40 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been a Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Children/teens in faith formation and Edge will be getting bowls to bring home for Lent this year.

Extras are available in the foyer of the church and we encourage all families, no matter size of household or age of inhabitants, to join in. Growing up, I remember the bowls that sat in the center of our kitchen table. One meal a week, would be a “simpler meal” and the money saved would be put in the bowl. On Palm Sunday, we’d bring the bowl back to church and see the pile stack up. Stewardship is more than talent and time. It also includes treasure. Together, we can make a difference in our community and in our world. **Twenty-five percent of everything collected is kept in the diocese for programs where we live. Our own St. Vincent de Paul chapter has been a recent recipient.** Give up one latte a week and put the extra change in the rice bowl – lead your children by your own good example.

LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Ash Wednesday is forty-six days before Easter, but Lent is considered forty days long because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent. Fasting is considered inappropriate on Sunday, the day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.

Friday Lenten Prayer Offerings

On Friday evenings we are providing a variety of Prayer Opportunities; some traditional, some with a more contemporary feel. We invite you to join us to experience God’s invitation in a different manner each week.

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple Soup dinner on the Fridays in Lent (except March 17) in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 3 @ 7:30 PM: Creighton University Stations of the Cross

Join together as we pray the Stations of the Cross as prepared by Creighton University.

March 10 @ 7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross in Times of Conflict

March 17 @ 7:30 PM: Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

March 24 @ 7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross on the Path of Ecological Conversion

March 31 @ 7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross Against Violence

April 7 @ 7:30 PM: The Scriptural Way of the Cross w/ the Resurrection Choir & Friends



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■ **ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY CAMPING AT TAHOE - 2017**

The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: **Sunday, August 6th through Sunday, August 13th**, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe. The cost will be **\$130** for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year's fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso ☎ 864-4748 or Kathy Riso ☎ 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.

■ **CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE**

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.

■ **PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project



OUTSIDE PARISH

■ **JOIN US FOR PASTA DINNER NIGHTS**

When: March 19, May 21, August 20, October 15, November 19, and December 17; 4:30pm – 6:30pm; San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr. Danville; \$15 (Adults); \$10 (Children 12 & under)

Menu: Spaghetti (with meat and vegetarian sauces), salad, garlic and French Bread, dessert and beverage

Purchase tickets: sandamiano.org
 ☎ (925) 837-9141



Mass Intentions For The Week 

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
- 5:00 Pat O'Brien
 Marcelino Domingo
 Florence Novicky
 Souls in Purgatory
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
- 7:30 Bud Brinkerhoff
 Kenneth Davies
 John Davies
 Patrick Hart
 - 9:00 Joe Mangini
 Emily Crescencio
 Modesta Ovando
 Ernesto Martinez, Jr.
 - 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 - 5:00 Tom Walsh
 Norma Evaristo & Family
 Cathleen Fracasso Muscarella & Family
 Marcelino Domingo & Family
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
- 6:30 Communion Service
 - 9:00 Lyle Wetherford
 Catalina Quezon
 Jackie Gumina
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**
- 6:30 All priests and seminarians
 - 9:00 Matthew Mc Arrigan
 Sharon Awand
- ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**
- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Volunteers
 - 9:00 Elizabeth Wetherford
 - 7:30 All priests and seminarians
- THURSDAY, MARCH 2**
- 6:30 All victims of calamities
 - 9:00 St. Bonaventure Pastoral Staff
- FRIDAY, MARCH 3**
- 6:30 Communion Service
 - 9:00 Ah Mah
 Catalina Quezon
- SATURDAY, MARCH 4**
- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community



Earthquake Victims in the Philippines

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR RANCES FAMILY
 February 25 to March 3, 2017



■ DESAPARECER DE LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS

La Cuaresma es un buen momento para reaparecer en la presencia de Dios. Cada semana yo siempre estoy feliz de visitar a los feligreses que se desaparecen. A veces vienen porque quieren experimentar «La confesión de sus pecados.» A veces vienen porque están casados fuera de la iglesia y quiere recibir la Eucaristía. A veces, vienen porque quieren hablar del aborto que tuvieron hace muchos años. A veces, vienen porque han despertado espiritualmente después de dejar que Dios se desaloje fuera de sus vidas y han parado de celebrar la Eucaristía y la Sagrada Comunión por muchos años.

Tanto el padre David como yo damos la bienvenida aquellos que se han desaparecido, en todas las conversaciones nos damos cuenta que llevan mucha culpa en el alma, sentimientos de ser indignos y temores todavía sobre sus relaciones con Dios.

Tú pasa la palabra a los que puedan ser tus amigos o familiares de aquellos que se han desaparecido. Utiliza la temporada de Cuaresma para entablar una conversación positiva y reforzar la fe. Será la mejor hora que tu hayas pasado.

Todo lo que alguien tiene que hacer es llamar a la oficina Pastoral al teléfono: (925) 672-5800 y pedir una cita para visitar al padre David o a mí. Cualquiera de los dos les devolverá la llamada.

■ NO RENUNCIAR A ALGO PARA LA CUARESMA

Eso es lo primero que piensa un católico. ¿Qué voy a sacrificar para la Cuaresma?

Dulces, alcohol, tabaco o el sexo no va a traer a nadie más cerca a Dios. Yo viví con un sacerdote una vez que dio algo en cada Cuaresma y esto lo hizo a él más difícil e irritable durante la Cuaresma.

Sí, en cada Cuaresma yo sigo insistiendo en esto porque La Cuaresma nos invita acercarnos más a Dios. ¿Cómo logramos esto con sacrificar los dulces y tabaco, etc.?

■ HAY TRES PILARES EN LA PRACTICA CUARESMAL

1. **La Oración** – Hacer un tiempo real para pasar cada día con Dios durante la Cuaresma. Leer con devoción las meditaciones diarias preparadas para usted. Si usted quiere dar algo, deja 10-15 minutos de actividad y ocupaciones para pasar un tiempo con Dios.
2. **Ayuno:** El ayuno es más que reducir la ingestión de alimentos o de no comer carne los viernes. Deja de usar el teléfono móvil cada minuto del día y empieza a tener conversaciones con personas reales. Esto sería bueno para muchos adolescentes y adultos. Lo del ayuno es un recordatorio para intervenir y detener la “conducta” que no tiene ningún resultado positivo.

Ayuno de pornografía, de chismes sobre los demás, comparando a otros traerá un nuevo propósito a la vida. Ayuna de todo lo que es superficial.

3. **Limosna** –El dinero es nuestra inversión más grande en la vida. Nos gusta ganarlo. Nos gusta acumularlo. Estamos resistiendo para compartirlo. Si ahorramos cada pedacito de ello para un día lluvioso, no estamos confiando en Dios. **Operación Plato de Arroz** es una oportunidad para utilizar menos para nosotros mismos, simplificar nuestro estilo de vida, salvar a muchos y dar a las necesidades de personas reales. Habrá varias oportunidades durante la “temporada de Cuaresma” para dar limosna. Hazlo cuidadosamente y deliberadamente y no de mala gana.

Durante la temporada de Cuaresma, pensamos en la dedicación de Jesús y el sacrificio de su vida por cada uno de nosotros. Identificarnos con Jesús es la meta de la Cuaresma. ¿El renunciar a caramelo o tabaco no tiene que ver con eso?

En cambio, sugiero reflexionar sobre cómo podemos ser un mejor siervo, una persona más amorosa y cómo podemos adquirir un poco más del espíritu de Jesús.

■ CONSEJOS DE LOS PADRES A LOS HIJOS

Fomenten a sus niños y adolescentes “y hacerlo una práctica” que tengan más armonía, trabajen juntos, tomando el cuidado del medio ambiente y en general, a ser más reflexivos. Y cada semana, sería bueno como familia recordar y animar unos a otros. Antes que todos vayan a la cama, pasen un tiempo de oración en familia. Hacer lo que realmente tenga un resultado positivo. Si desea renunciar a algo, abandone los malos hábitos, malos pensamiento y el no incluir a Dios lo suficiente en sus vidas.

■ CATÓLICOS DIVORCIADOS Y VUELTOS A CASAR

Muchos se divorcian y vuelven a casar, los católicos han dejado la iglesia católica debido a su percibida cabeza dura e insensible reglamentos alrededor de volver a casarse por la iglesia.

El Papa Francisco ha alentado a los sacerdotes a estar disponibles para conocer a tales católicos, para escuchar sus historias, acompañar sus deseos espirituales para reunirse en la práctica completa de su fe católica.

El padre David y yo estaríamos encantados de pasar un tiempo con los interesados en un camino de discernimiento espiritual. Cada situación es única. Es la meta de la iglesia ayudar a todos los católicos alcanzar el cumplimiento de sus deseos de fe.

El ideal de la iglesia católica es cumplir con el Sacramento del Matrimonio que haya esperanza y que la unión sea indisoluble. La iglesia también reconoce la realidad y la necesidad de los problemas en las parejas. A veces no son “verdaderos matrimonios” y por eso el matrimonio no existe.

Escriba en su Calendario

FECHA	HORA	EVENTO	LUGAR
Miércoles, Mayo 17	5:30pm	Misa del 50th Aniversario de Ordenación	En la Iglesia
Sábado, Junio 10	6pm	Cena de la Comunidad Filipina Con y para el Padre Ricardo <i>*Después de la Misa de 5pm</i>	Salón Parroquial
Domingo, Junio 11	2pm	Celebración de la Comunidad Hispana <i>*Después de la Misa de 12:45pm</i>	Jardines de la Parroquia
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia <i>Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación Del Padre Ricardo</i>	Concord Hilton
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción <i>Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia</i>	Iglesia

BAUTIZOS 2017

LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1

ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102

****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****

FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 03/25	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/08	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/24	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/20	12:00 p.m.	Fri 05/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/27	12:00 p.m.	Fri 05/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/10	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/02	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/17	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/30	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/07	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/28	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/19	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/11	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/26	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/09	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/20	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.

■ ES TIEMPO DE RECICLAR LAS PALMAS DEL AÑO PASADO

Según se acerca la Cuaresma, ustedes están invitados a reunir todas las palmas viejas para que puedan ser quemadas el día antes del Miércoles de Ceniza, que es a veces se llamado Martes de Carnaval. Las cenizas de estas palmas se utilizarán el Miércoles de Ceniza. Las palmas pueden ser llevadas a la oficina durante la semana o colocadas en la cesta que se encuentra en el vestíbulo cuando venga a Misa.

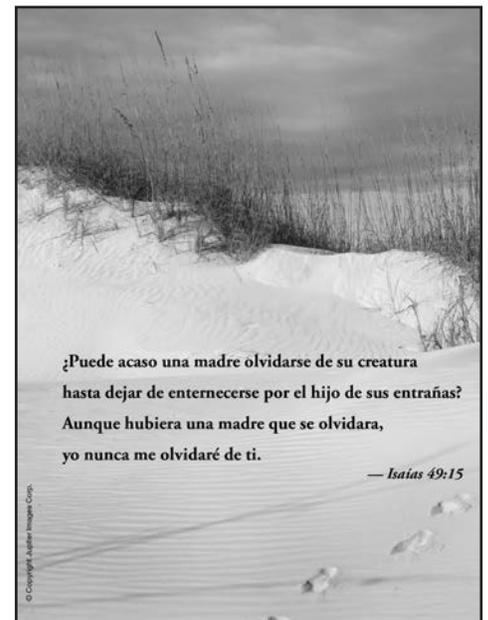


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■ 1 DE MARZO: HORARIO PARA MIERCOLES DE CENIZA

- 6:30 AM Misa
- 9:00 AM Misa
- 12:15 PM Servicio de Comunión con Distribución de Ceniza
- 4:00 PM Liturgia de La Palabra con Distribución de Ceniza
- 7:30 PM Misa Bilingüe

Entre los servicios, habrá bendición y distribución de cenizas en la iglesia para las personas que no pueden atender una de las liturgias de 10:30-11:30am, 2-3pm, y 5:30-6:30pm.



¿Puede acaso una madre olvidarse de su criatura hasta dejar de enternecerse por el hijo de sus entrañas? Aunque hubiera una madre que se olvidara, yo nunca me olvidaré de ti.

— Isaías 49:15