

St. Bonaventure Catholic Community Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura

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Twenty-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes: 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

In English: Friday after the 9 AM Mass with closing prayer at 3:15 PM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process. This requires two months preparation

En Español: Llame a la oficina para solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo 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 solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo seis meses de preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACÍON

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment

Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita con el Sacerdote

CONFESIONES Y ADDRACION AL SANTISIMO CONFESSIONS AND EUCHARISTIC ADDRATION

En Español: Martes 7:00-8:00 PM (en la capilla)

October 28, 2018

Mission

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 DEACON BILL GALL

This weekend we conclude our series on Catholic Social Teaching. Over the past few weeks our homilists have presented and encouraged us to enter into a dialogue where people are acting both as speakers and as listeners and "there is an exchange of messages that make possible common understandings, judgements, decisions, and actions."

We've talked about *Rights and Responsibilities* in the Catholic tradition wherein every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. We've talked about the *Preferential Option for the Poor*, which instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

This week we turn our attention to the *Life* and *Dignity of the Human Person*. The U.S. Bishops have reminded us that "human life is a precious gift from God. Each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others. Society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence."

Pope St. John Paul II has said "in our present social context, marked by a dramatic struggle between the "culture of life" and the "culture of death", there is need to develop a deep critical sense, capable of discerning true values and authentic needs."

"Opposing abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence, and injustice. Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing and health care." (Living the Gospel of Life, #23) To this list we can add human trafficking and immigration, especially the separation of families at border crossings.

Where do we begin? In today's Gospel we have the powerful story of Bartimaeus, the



blind beggar who appeals to Jesus along the roadside while Jesus is passing as he is leaving Jericho. Bartimaeus cries out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Jesus responds to his request by saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied, "Master, I want to see."

Might that be our request of Jesus today should he ask us that very same question? Not so much as to "see" in a physical sense but in a spiritual sense. What can we do to try and alleviate some of the suffering and restore dignity to those burdened by such afflictions?

The Bishops have called on the entire church to give more attention in four major areas:

- 1. "Public Information and Education to deepen understanding of the sanctity of human life.
- 2. **Pastoral Care** for women with problems related to pregnancy, for all those who are disabled, sick and dying, for their families and caregivers, to those who have lost loved ones to violent crime, and for those in prison sentenced to death.
- 3. **Public Policy** efforts directed to restoring legal protection to the lives of unborn children and those vulnerable to pressures to end their lives by assisted suicide.
- 4. **Prayer and Worship** directed to participation in the sacramental life of the church and in programs of communal and individual prayer, that the culture of death that surrounds us today will be replaced by a culture of life and love."

May Jesus bless each and every one of you.

PILGRIMAGE TO SWITZERLAND AND A EUROPEAN CRUISE

Fr. Mat invites you to join him for a Pilgrimage to Switzerland and 7-Night European Cruise from June 5 – 18, 2019. We will be visiting parts of 5 countries such as Switzerland, Italy, Montenegro, Greece and Croatia. The total cost for the trip is \$4,299. You can get the brochure and registration form at the parish office. For more information contact Fr. Mat: mvellankal@stbonaventure.net or by calling (925) 672-5800 ext.2203.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

STAFF CHANGES IN FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

With sad hearts, we say good-bye to our friend Frank Palmeri. Frank retired on October 19 and as you read this, he is enjoying much deserved relaxation with his wife.

The leadership team evaluated our resources and needs and made the decision not to fill the Director of Maintenance vacancy. This decision was driven by our continued process of evaluating expenses and aligning them with our financial resources. With a smaller staff, we will be limited in our ability to support ministries in their set-up and tear-downs as we have under Frank's direction. We ask that everyone join our volunteer maintenance team as they use the facilities, and look to set up and clean up for their own needs as they are able.

We are dividing the responsibilities into three roles:

The first role is a Maintenance Lead Person. The main responsibilities include: facility appearance, maintenance and repair. Alfredo Diaz is taking on these responsibilities. Alfredo will be the person you contact for the majority of issues or needs which you contacted Frank for.

The second role is responsible for the higher-level administrative responsibilities. This job title is Facilities Safety & Requirements Administrator. Debbie Schnick will be taking on these responsibilities. Her essential role includes ensuring security (i.e. alarms),



safety (staff safety meetings and requirements, binders and accident review). She will also be the person who orders maintenance and facilities supplies.

The third position will be a part-time position — two to three days a week. Fred Directo and Danny Sullivan will continue to be important members of this team. The additional person will be here to help with custodial work and event support. We are looking to fill this position. If you know anyone who has a flexible schedule, please encourage them to apply. The job posting is in this week's bulletin and on our website.

LITURGY & PRAYER

VINTAGE PRESENTS: AN EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC

VINTAGE invites you to an evening of Praise & Worship music on *Saturday, November 10* at 7:30pm in the church. Come sing with us and give thanks for all of God's blessings!

SAVE THE DATE: RESURRECTION CHOIR & ORCHESTRA'S ANNUAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday, Dec. 8, at 8:00 PM in the Church

Experience the mystery, awe and palpable excitement of the night of the birth of Christ!

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

We are already planning our two children's Christmas Pageants that will be held on Christmas Eve: the Early Childhood Christmas Pageant will be at the 3PM Mass and the Elementary School Pageant will be at the 5:30PM Mass.

The Early Childhood Christmas Pageant will feature children in pre-school-age 4 and Kindergarten, as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus. Please contact Rosa Rico by November 11 to register your child for the pageant. Rosa is the Early Childhood

Pageant coordinator and can be reached at 383-3066. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 18 in Classroom A-3 after the 9AM Mass.

The Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Eileen Limberg at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at elimberg@ stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Thursday, November 29 at 4pm in the Church.

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM: A FAMILY EVENT

Pancake Breakfast; Crafts and Activities for Children; and a Visit from Santa!

Saturday, December 1; 9AM to 11:30AM in the Large Hall

Experience the magic and wonder of the Christmas Season as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! St. Bonaventure's Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast. Cost is \$7 per person. Tickets are available in the Church Office. Deadline for ticket sales is **Wednesday, November 28**. Contact Eileen Limberg if you have any questions - 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or e-mail: elimberg@stbonventure.net

There will be a special visit from Santa!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

VOTING AS A CATHOLIC

How do we bring our faith into the voting booth? Join us for a discussion on "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." There are so many important issues facing us at the local, state, and national levels. We're not going to tell you how to vote. But as Catholics, we know that how we vote matters. Pope Francis's advice is to "Study the proposals well, pray, and choose in conscience." How does our conscience guide us in voting? Come explore these questions with

us. Tuesday, October 30, 7pm, in Room Al. For more information please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800.

BIBLE BASICS, PART 2

How do Catholics read the Bible? If you've wanted to start reading the Bible or join a Bible study but didn't know where to begin, this is the session for you. Session 2 focuses on the four Gospels. Why do we have four different stories of the life of Jesus? Wednesday, November 14 at 10am or 7pm, in Room A2. Bring a Bible if you have one, or we will have extras available. For more information, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217.

WALKING THROUGH THE DOOR: AN INVITATION FOR SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

How have the ongoing disclosures of sexual abuse and cover-ups in the Church affected our faith and our trust? How can we help and support each other during this time? On October 1st we held our first meeting for sexual abuse survivors, family, and friends. Although everyone agreed it was extremely difficult to gather the courage to walk in the door, the meeting was a wonderful testimony to the power of God's healing grace. Younger and older, male and female, with different experiences of assaults, and abusers who included clergy, family, acquaintances and strangers —yet the commonalities outweighed these differences. For many people it was their first opportunity to meet other survivors and share whatever felt comfortable in a group setting.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 7 at 7pm in the Rectory Conference Room. All survivors, family, and friends are welcome. This group may continue as a series of occasional gatherings, or this may be the beginning of a ministry. Come and see where the Spirit leads us. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure. net or 672-5800 x2217 for more information, or if it might be helpful to talk in person before walking in the door.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY **BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN**

Friday, November 9: Evening Gala, 6:00 pm

Please join us in the Large and Small Halls for a fun-filled evening. We will have wine. appetizers, Silent Auction, raffles, Wine Pull and Boutique items for purchase. There will be hundreds of beautiful handmade items by our St. Bonaventure Classy Crafters. Our Country Kitchen will be filled with wonderful homemade goodies for you to choose from: baked goods, jam, etc.

Saturday, November 10: Boutique, 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Please join us in the Large and Small Halls continuing our Boutique and Country Kitchen. Beautiful handmade items, seasonal decorations, baked goods, jam, etc. for you to choose from. Raffle prizes galore of all kinds. The raffle drawing will be held at 2:00 pm. You do not need to be present to win.

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASSES: **NOVEMBER 3 AND 4**

In addition to a wonderful Silent Auction at our Holiday Boutique, we will be conducting Raffle Drawings for superb gifts. The Raffle Drawing will take place on Saturday, November 10 at 2:00 pm. Winners need not be present to win.

To give you a head-start in filling out your name and phone number on the raffle tickets, we will be conducting pre-sale of tickets after masses on November 3 and 4. This will allow you more time to bid on silent auction items and more opportunity to browse and choose your purchases Friday evening and Saturday.

All purchases can be made by cash/check/ credit card. Be sure to bring your tickets with you to deposit into the raffle drawing bags. Good luck!!



Weekend of October 20 & 21 Collection

Goal: \$28,735 Actual: \$25,379 Deficit: (\$3,356)1

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

> Food for Family: 180 **2nd Collection**

World Mission Sunday: \$2,648.75

Upcoming Special Collection

Nov. 17/18: Human Development

ATTENTION!!! HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE **COUNTRY KITCHEN: NOVEMBER 9** AND 10

All bakers, pastry chefs and candy makers!!! The ladies working in the COUNTRY KITCHEN are asking if you would share some of your cooking and baking talents by donating some goodies to be sold that weekend, benefiting our Food Pantry. We have been spoiled in the past by your delicious sweet treats and we are salivating again this year with unquenchable hunger for them soon. Please consider our needs at the Country Kitchen. If you have any questions contact Donna Trana (734-474-7618) or Madeleine Zywicki (925-383-7775). All homemade items can be brought any time on Thursday, November 8 or before noon on Friday **November 9** to the Small Hall or the office. Please price your items before delivery. We are looking forward to your tasty sweet treats and breads. Thank you very much!



SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



FRANCISCO, JUANA and JOEL CUENCO October 27 - November 2, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:00 Leonida Palma Brian Smith, Jr. Paz & Ben Marquez Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:30 Peter Aliotti William Ahern Sean McNuttu Teresa Lucero Webb 9:00 Joe Mangini Joan & William Weightman Sophia Lozipone Michael Gois 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community 5:00 Joan & Helen Parackal

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 Brauden Sinkau 9:00 Charmaine & Mario Falcao

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:30 Carlota Talavera 9:00 Angelo Gardella Amparito Borromeo Joan Marshall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30 Jovita Cristobal 9:00 Marybeth Perez John Maes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

Lawrence Tadeo Brigido & Severina Lao Efren & Mamerto Lao **Emiliana Crescencio** 9:00 Crisanto Mariano Francisco, Juana & Joel Cuenco Patti Baas Araceli & Patricio Pongol 7-30 Juan Merchan **Charlotte Simmons** Dinh Tran & Mai Nguyen

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS DAY

Vidal Crescencio, Sr. Vidal Crescencio, Jr. Placida & Maria Melvih Crescencio Brigido, Severino, Efren & Mamerto Lao Lawrence Tadeo 9:00 William & Julia Jordan

Jaime R. Diaz Adelina & Alberto Metica Grant Crawford, Sr. 7:30 Juan L. Bondoc Ana & Antonio Guzman

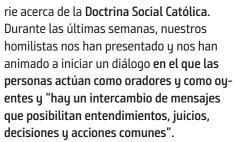
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:00 All souls in Purgatory Pat Svitenko John Muscat Joseph Novicky



PENSAMIENTOS DEL DIÁCONO BILL GALL

Este fin de semana concluimos nuestra se-



Hemos hablado acerca de los *derechos y responsabilidades* en la tradición católica, en donde cada persona tiene un derecho fundamental a la vida y un derecho a las cosas requeridas para vivir dignamente. Hemos hablado sobre la *Opción Preferencial por los Pobres* que nos instruye a poner las necesidades de los pobres y vulnerables primero.

Esta semana dirigimos nuestra atención a la *Vida y Dignidad de la Persona Humana*. Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos nos han recordado que "la vida humana es un precioso regalo de Dios. Cada persona que recibe este regalo tiene responsabilidades para con Dios, para con uno mismo y con los demás. La sociedad, a través de sus leyes e instituciones sociales, debe proteger y nutrir la vida humana en cada etapa de su existencia".

El Papa Juan Pablo II dijo: "en nuestro contexto social actual, marcado por una lucha dramática entre la" cultura de la vida "y la" cultura de la muerte ", es necesario desarrollar un sentido crítico profundo, capaz de discernir los valores verdaderos y las auténticas necesidades".

"Oponerse a el aborto y la eutanasia no justifica la indiferencia hacia quienes sufren pobreza, violencia e injusticia.
Cualquier política de la vida humana debe trabajar para resistir la violencia de la guerra y el escándalo de la pena capital. Toda política de dignidad humana debe abordar

seriamente temas como el racismo, la pobreza, el hambre, el empleo, la educación, la vivienda y la atención médica ". (Viviendo el Evangelio n. 23). A esta lista podemos sumarle el tráfico humano y la inmigración, especialmente la separación de familias en los cruces fronterizos.

¿Por dónde empezamos? En el Evangelio de hoy, tenemos la poderosa historia de Bartimeo, el mendigo ciego que apela a Jesús a lo largo de la carretera mientras Jesús pasa a su paso cuando abandona Jericó, . Bartimeo grita: "¡Jesús, hijo de David, ten piedad de mí!". Jesús responde a su petición diciendo: "¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?" El ciego respondió: "Maestro, quiero ver".

¿Podría ser nuestra petición a Jesús hoy, si nos hiciera esa misma pregunta? No tanto como "ver" en un sentido físico, sino en un sentido espiritual. ¿Qué podemos hacer para tratar de aliviar algunos de los sufrimientos y restaurar la dignidad de quienes sufren esas aflicciones?

Los obispos han pedido a toda la Iglesia que preste más atención en cuatro áreas principales:

- 1. "**Información y educación** pública para comprender profundamente la santidad de la vida humana.
- 2. **Atención pastoral** a mujeres con problemas relacionados con el embarazo; para todos los discapacitados, enfermos y moribundos, para sus familias y cuidadores; a los que han perdido a sus seres queridos por delitos violentos; y para los condenados a muerte.
- 3. Reforzar las **Políticas públicas** dirigidas a restaurar la protección legal de las vidas de los niños no nacidos y aquellos vulnerables a las presiones para terminar con sus vidas con el suicidio asistido.

4. **Oración y adoración** dirigida a la participación en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia y en los programas de oración comunitaria e individual, para que la cultura de muerte que nos rodea hoy, sea reemplazada por una cultura de vida y amor." Que Jesús los bendiga a todos y cada uno de ustedes.



LA HERMANDAD DE SAN MARTIN DE PORRES TE INVITA A LA CELEBRACION DE SU SANTO PATRONO.

SAN MARTIN DE PORRES EL SANTO DE LA ESCOBA FESTIVIDAD 2018



ROSARIO, SABADO 3 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 7:00 P.M. 2018

MISA SOLEMNE, DOMINGO 4 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 12:45 P.M. 2018

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Inf. Doris 925-787-8729 Oscar 925-323-5772

BAUTIZOS 2018 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 12/15 10:00 a.m. Fri 12/14 7-9:30 p.m.

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HORARIO DE OFICINA PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

Teléfono (925) 844-9015 Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm Viernes: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HELP WANTED

Do you love to tinker? Are you a person of all trades? Ready to lend a hand wherever needed?

We are looking for help on our maintenance team. This is a part-time job with flexible hours (scheduled as needed for our parish life) and that can include nights and weekends, since we are the parish that never sleeps.

The responsibilities will include custodial work, event support (setting up and cleaning up for events) and some light maintenance, as your skills allow. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Christa Fairfield at 925-844-9005 or cfairfield@stbonayenture.net.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: THURSDAY, NOV 1

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Thursday, November 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate three special Masses in the church honoring the Saints: 6:30am, 9:00am, 8 7:30pm.

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ALL SOULS' DAY: MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE: FRIDAY, NOV 2

We will celebrate All Souls' Day with three Masses of Remembrance in the church on Friday, November 2: 6:30am, 9:00am, 8 7:30pm (Bilingual).

All those who have been buried from our parish during the past year will be honored with a special reading of their names, at all of the Masses during the Prayers of the Faithful. In addition, you are welcome to bring a photograph or memento of a deceased loved one and place it on one of the memorial tables in the sanctuary, during the Mass you attend on November 2.

ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we remember all of our loved ones who have passed on. You may remember your loved ones in a special way by picking up an All Souls' envelope, writing their names, placing your gift to the parish inside, and then returning the envelope either to the parish office or by placing it in the collection basket. These envelopes, along with the Book of the Names of the Dead, will placed in a prominent place in the church sanctuary throughout November so that those who have died may be remembered in a special way during the month. Envelopes may be found on the back tables at the side doors and on the table in the fouer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUND-RAISER

Every October the Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraising effort for local facilities that support and care for the intellectually disabled. St. Bonaventure Council 6038 supports the We Care Center, Special Olympics and the Respite Inn. This year we will be conducting our effort on the weekend of *October 27 & 28* here at St. Bonaventure, after all the masses that weekend. Please consider a generous donation as you meet us that weekend. We will be prominent in our bright yellow vests, touting our support for the intellectually disabled.



