



## St. Bonaventure Catholic Community

### November 13, 2020

#### Thoughts from Deacon Bill



*"Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master."  
(Matthew 25:21)*

This weekend we celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we approach the end of the current liturgical year, the church, as in every year, chooses readings that remind us of the so-called "Last Things," the end of all things as we know it and what we must do to prepare ourselves for it in order to make our way into Heaven.

(continued on our website)

## This week's news & events

1.  
**Special Invitation to Watch  
"The Chosen"**



### **Invitation from Father Lawrence:**

I am so excited to offer you and your family a special event this holiday season. “The Chosen” is an extraordinary series on the life of Jesus. It has a rating of 9.8/10 from IMDb. We have been given special permission to bring you “The Chosen” one-time only (no saved videos will be available after the broadcast). The series begins Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm and continues each Monday night through the holidays. Look for a new link for each week on our website and here in Faith Connections.

I’m a big fan, but here are a few words from Phil Morrill, a member of our Parish Council about “The Chosen”:

*When I saw the first episode I was immediately hooked. “The Chosen” is a unique video series that brings the life of Christ to us as a story. The producers, writers and actors have taken what we know in the Gospels and imagined what it was like to live in them real time with all the problems and confusion the participants may have had. We see very normal people, some secure, some apathetic, and some distressed, meeting Jesus and being forever changed. The love, patience, and joy of God show through the series and I think demonstrates the Gospel “good news” to both the head and the heart. I highly recommend this eight-episode series to anyone who is even slightly curious about what it might have been like to watch Jesus in action. Your friend, Phil Morrill*

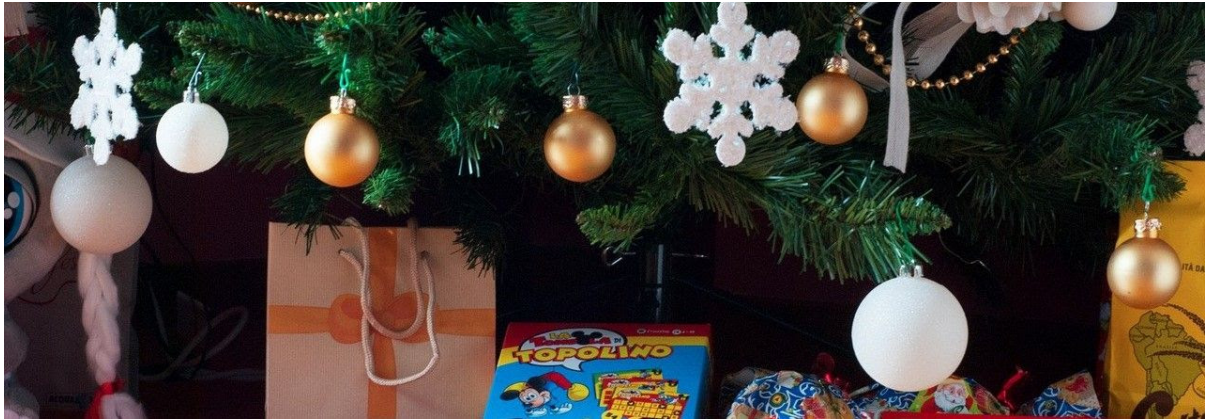
## **2.**

### **Help Us Share Christmas This Year**

We need **your** help with this year's Giving Tree Program. While we can't offer our Christmas Giving Tree Program in the traditional format due to health concerns, we still have families in need of our generosity and love. Can you help?

This year, our Giving Tree will be a gathering and sharing of Gift Cards. We would love your donations of gift cards: \$25 grocery store (Lucky, Safeway, Save for Less) AND for local gift shopping (Target & Walmart). We also invite you to personalize a Christmas card to our recipients. Please share a wish or expression of care and sign it: your brothers and sisters from St. Bonaventure Catholic Parish (or other anonymous signature). Please do NOT seal the greeting card as we will be placing the gift cards in them, then sealing them.

You can place your greeting cards and gift cards in the marked box in the Church foyer OR you can drop it at the parish office in the mail slot to the right of the main office door by November 29.



### 3.

## Liturgy News & Reminders

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

### **Healing Mass Wednesday**

Please join us this Wednesday, November 18, at 9am for Mass followed followed by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Although you do not usually need to register for weekday Masses, we do ask that you register for special Masses, such as our new quarterly Healing Masses. Please register [HERE](#).

### **Mark Your Calendars for Thanksgiving**

- Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service Online: Sunday, Nov. 22, 4:00 pm
- Mass at St. Bonaventure: Thursday, November 26, 9:00 am

*More details next week*

### **Funeral Sacristans Needed**

We need more volunteers to assist as Funeral Sacristans. Responsibilities include setting up for the Funeral Liturgy and assisting the priest during the Mass. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Anthony, Director of Liturgy & Music, at [aarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aarteaga@stbonaventure.net) or by calling the parish office.

### 4.

## Knights of Columbus Need Your Help

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Since our founding in 1882, the first principle of our order has been Charity through which we actively assist the Church and our neighbors in need. St. Bonaventure Council 6038 has undertaken many charitable activities that benefit the parish and our community, such as the distribution of over 900 Coats for Kids to underprivileged children and coordinating the funding of 14 ultrasound machines for local Pregnancy Resource Centers, and many spiritual activities, such as the hosting of the Family Rosary on the four 5th Sundays of the year and serving as Sacristans, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers.



St. Bonaventure Council 6038 will be conducting a membership drive after the Masses on November 15, 2020. For more information about what we do stop by our table outside the main entrance or contact Tony Latini at 510-292-6516 or [tony@berkforge.com](mailto:tony@berkforge.com). Our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020. In commemoration of his beatification you can sign-up for free at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) with the promotion code MCGIVNEY2020.



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**5.**

**A Year with St. Vincent de Paul**

**Summary Report for SVdP fiscal year 2019-2020**

St Vincent de Paul has been very busy feeding the hungry, responding to our neighbors in need, and, more importantly, helping neighbors affected by COVID-19 with bills that keep them in their apartments, help with utilities, transportation and to stay connected by phone and internet. Avoiding hunger and homelessness is our top financial priority. Growing in holiness together in prayer, reflection and action is our spiritual goal.

Our fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Last year 45 Vincentians gave 8,792 hours to help 1058 men, women and children right here in Concord and Clayton. Parishioners donated \$25,948.00 last fiscal year. \$9,837.00 of your generous gifts plus \$15,000.00 from Hope Conference, our charitable sister, and \$28,000.00 from Catholic Charities, Seasons of Sharing and Shelter INC. kept families in their apartments for the time being. With our partnership with Trader Joe's we were able to prepare and give away 1,134 boxes of food to the families we serve. In addition, we spent \$14,697.00 from your generosity to help neighbors with expenses for food, utilities, car, gas, bus tickets, phone and internet.

More importantly, Vincentians serve as Christ's heart and hands in our interactions with our neighbors.

Thank You St Bonaventure for your generous support of St Vincent de Paul.  
Together we make Christ's love real to our neighbors in need.



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
*of Contra Costa County*

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**Thank You from the Blanket Drive**

Thank you to everyone who helped our parishioner Kaley Urias with a wonderfully successful blanket drive for foster care children in Contra Costa County. Kaley exceeded her goal and collected 60 new blankets with your help. Your generosity will help these children feel warm and loved. Way to go, Kaley!



# Ministry Notes

### Nourish for Caregivers

Are you caring for an aging parent, spouse or other family member, in town or at a distance? You are not alone. **Nourish** provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another. Be nourished. 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.

### Marriage Encounter

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be a virtual weekend **Nov 20-22, 2020**. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit the website at [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org) or contact Ray & Roberta at [applications@oaklandwwme.org](mailto:applications@oaklandwwme.org) or 916-806-4601.

**Tuesday Tea Time:** Did you get your Tea Time video this week? These short videos aim to keep us connected and to get to know our parish in a new way. Join parishioner and Knights of Columbus member John Edwards as he tells us about some of the great things the Knights of Columbus do at our parish. To subscribe to receive weekly emails, click the box below.



Click here to  
subscribe to  
Tuesday Tea Time

### Rosary Walk

Queen of Heaven Cemetery and Funeral Home in Lafayette invites you to join in a rosary walk on Fridays in November at 3pm. Each week a different priest will lead us

in prayer. Please walk with us through the cemetery, remembering those we have lost, and praying the rosary for them.

# Ongoing schedule & activities

## LITURGY AND PRAYER

### St. Bonaventure Liturgy Schedule

#### Sunday Mass Indoors:

- 7:30am
- 9:00am (livestreamed on Facebook)
- 11:00am
- 12:45 am (Spanish; livestreamed on Facebook)

Register Here for  
Sunday Masses



### **Please Register for Our Sunday Liturgies**

A reminder that for Sunday indoor Masses and other special Masses, registration is mandatory due to limited capacity. Thank you so much for your help in making this process work! Online registration goes "live" each week at 10 am Monday morning.

### **Phone Help Registration for Mass**

If you need help registering for Mass, please call the parish office (672-5800) between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. (Registration begins at 10 am on Monday morning.)

*Update: Though Contra Costa County remains in the Orange Tier, the local health order has been updated to allow a maximum of 100 people for indoor worship due to an increase in COVID-19 cases. Therefore, Sunday Masses currently have a maximum capacity of 85 in the congregation. The other 15 spots cover the priest, deacon, liturgical ministers, and support staff.*

*Download Worship Aids for Sunday:*



Sunday November 15th  
English



Domingo 15 de noviembre

The 9am and 12:45 pm Sunday Masses are livestreamed on Facebook; [click here](#) for more information

*Sunday readings: [Click here](#)*

### **Walk-Up Reception of Holy Communion**

Sunday 12:00-12:30pm, in front of the Church

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Classrooms A3 and B4 in the Ministry Center

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in the Church)**

Fridays after the 9am Mass, Benediction at 3pm

Tuesdays before the 7:00 pm Spanish Mass

First Friday 24-hour Adoration: begins after the 9 am Mass on Friday and concludes with Benediction at 7:30 am on Saturday

### **Daily Mass in the Church**

Monday-Friday at 9am, English (also live-streamed on Facebook Live)

Saturday 8am, English

Spanish: Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Attendees are limited to 150 and will be asked to follow health guidelines, including social distancing. No registration is required for Daily Mass (except for special Masses).

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

### **Prayer, Spirituality and Formation:**

**Daily Mass Readings:** [Click here](#)

**St. Bonaventure Domestic Church tips and links:** [Click here](#)

**Online Prayer Vine:** Our prayer warriors are hard at work. If you have a prayer request, you may submit it confidentially on our website [HERE](#).

**Drive-Thru Prayer:** Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the church parking lot (except for holidays, rainy days, and very hot days) [Details HERE](#)

**Online Spiritual Communion Service:** The presiders for the 6:30 a.m. Communion Service offer a Spiritual Communion Service online at 7:00 a.m. each weekday. To join the service online by Zoom, email Greg Colley at [ghcolley@gmail.com](mailto:ghcolley@gmail.com).

**Christian Centering Prayer Group:** Beginners and experienced participants are welcome. Saturdays at 4:30 pm on Zoom. Please contact Greg Colley at [ghcolley@gmail.com](mailto:ghcolley@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Word on Fire Videos on Flocknote**

Enjoy inspirational and educational videos on topics fundamental to our Catholic faith with Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Engage videos on Flocknote. If you don't already have a Flocknote log-in, just click the little sheep at top right corner of our website, [stbonaventure.net](http://stbonaventure.net), to reach our Flocknote site. If you haven't checked out the site yet, now is a great time to do so.



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 3:30.

Our parish office is now open from 9:30am to noon, Monday thru Thursday, for in person assistance. No appointment necessary; just ring the bell at the office front door. Please wear a mask covering your nose and mouth and help us in maintaining a six-feet distance as we talk.

If that time doesn't work for you, please call during those hours or email our Office Manager, Gladys deGuzman, to make an appointment. Or, you can email any of the other staff if they can be more helpful. They will set up an appointment to meet with you. You'll find their email addresses [HERE](#) on our web site.

Under current health regulations our ministries are still unable to hold regular meetings at the parish. However, we are able to schedule 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](mailto: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 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. (This seems to be especially common with Comcast customers.)*

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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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