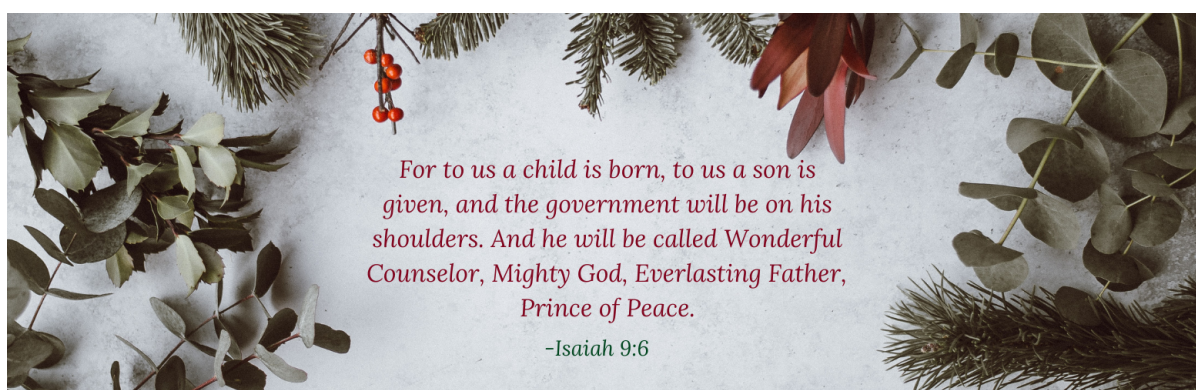




St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
December 23, 2020



**This week's
news & events**

1.
Liturgy News & Updates



December 24: Christmas Eve Outdoor Masses
1:00pm
3:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm (En Español)

December 25: Christmas Day Outdoor Masses
9:00am
10:30am (En Español)
Walk-Up Communion from 10:00-11:00am (Near Rectory Garage)

Please join us via drive-in or bring your own seating!
Click here for more information.

(The Christmas Eve 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm and the Christmas Day 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook.)

New: Christmas Day Walk-Up Holy Communion

December 25, 10-11 am

Next to the rectory (park in rectory parking lot)



Christmas Worship Aid (English)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021

Outdoor Masses at 10:00am (English) and 12:45pm (Spanish).

Church plaza (bring your own chairs; no drive-in)

First Saturdays Devotion

Begins Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 8:00 am Mass

For more information, please click [here](#)

For the full liturgical schedule and most up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Thank you for helping us to worship safely.



St. Bonaventure Rain Plan

Parish Office Closed

In celebration of the Christmas holiday, the parish office will be closed from December 24 through January 3. For pastoral emergencies please call our office number at (925) 672-5800 and select option 5. Masses will continue as scheduled.

2.

Bishop Barber's Christmas Message



3.

Consecration to the Holy Family

This Sunday, December 27th--the Feast of the Holy Family--our Knights of Columbus council invites families to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.

Families who participate will pray a special prayer of consecration at the close of the Masses on that weekend. The KofC parking attendants will have copies of the prayer cards available if you did not receive one last Sunday (or click and print below). For more information about the meaning of consecration and resources for families please click [here](#).



Prayer Card

4.

Discernment for New Deacons



The Oakland Diocese is preparing to welcome a new class of men for discernment to become permanent deacons. A series of information meetings to acquaint men with the qualifications and requirements for diaconate formation is being held online via Zoom in January. Any man who thinks he might be called to become a permanent deacon is encouraged to attend one of the sessions. If married, wives are encouraged to attend too. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

(Many men find their vocation through the encouragement of others. If you know someone you think might be called to the diaconate, please share this information with him.)

5. Respect Life Ministry



Yes, the 2021 Walk for Life West Coast is happening! On January 23, 2021, the 17th Annual Walk for Life West Coast will begin with a Mass at the Plaza of St. Mary's Cathedral, and an abbreviated rally will be held at Civic Center Plaza, followed by the Walk down Market Street to the Ferry Building. Due to possible changes during this time of uncertainty, visit walkforlifewc.com and sign up for the newsletter to receive important updates.

Meet the St. Bonaventure Respect Life Ministry at the Concord BART station at 10 am that morning to ride in together and walk as a group. For more information please contact Jane Walker at (925) 934-2129.



Walk for Life West Coast Flyer

Ministry Notes

The Chosen Film Series Continues Monday

Celebrate Advent by immersing yourself in the life of Jesus. Our special showing of "The Chosen" series on the life of Jesus continues Monday at 7:30pm and each Monday night through the holidays. A new link for each episode will be posted here and on our Faith Connections email in advance.

The link for Episode 6, Monday, December 28, is <https://youtu.be/EgYH1BOu4es>. It will begin promptly at 7:30pm, so don't be late! For more information, visit our website here.

Resources for Coping During the Pandemic

Click here for spiritual, parenting, emotional, and mental health resources for coping during the pandemic.

Marriage Encounter

Married couples: still searching for that perfect Christmas gift? A worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience could be the best gift you ever give your spouse! Enrich your marriage from the comfort of your own home! Join us for a Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Feb. 19-21, 2021. Please go to oaklandwwme.org or call 916-806-4601 for more information.

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. Meetings every other Tuesday from 2-3 pm on Zoom. *For more information, email Helene Billeci at fuzyfrank@aol.com.*

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

Tuesday Tea Time: For our last Tea Time video of the year, our staff and clergy wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank you for all that you have done during this year. We truly are an amazing parish.



Click here to
subscribe to
Tuesday Tea Time

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

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

Reminder: No registration needed for our outdoor Masses.

Readings for Christmas: [Click here](#)

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

Download Worship Aids for Sunday:



Sunday December 27 /
Feast of the Holy Family

*Please check our website for Spanish
worship aid.*

The 9am and 10:30 pm Sunday Masses are livestreamed on Facebook; click [here](#) for more information

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

Prayer, Spirituality and Formation:

Prayers for Those Who Have Died: Please join us in praying for members of our community who have died. You may find their names on our website. May they rest in peace.

Daily Mass Readings: Click here

St. Bonaventure Domestic Church tips and links: Click here

Mass Intentions, Online Prayer Vine & Drive-thru Prayer Information:
Details here

Online Spiritual Communion Service: Details here

Christian Centering Prayer Group: Details here

Word on Fire Videos on Flocknote: Details here
(Staying at home more? Take advantage of Bishop Barron's great videos!)

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.

The office has had to close again for walk-up visits, but staff are available by appointment. Please call the main office number or call or email the staffperson directly. As our staff are working from both the office and home, it is often easier to reach people by email. However, we are monitoring phones and voice mail, and will return messages as soon as possible.

Under current health regulations our ministries are unable to hold regular meetings at the parish. We are able to schedule outdoor gatherings for prayer and worship. Please contact your staff liaison if you are interested in scheduling a prayer gathering.

(Please note that the parish office will be closed from December 24 through January 3 for the Christmas holiday.)

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Parish Connections Thank you to everyone in our parish community who is working to reach out and keep in touch. If you need assistance, or would like to volunteer to help others by running errands, picking up groceries, etc., please email info@stbonaventure.net. ***The St. Bonaventure Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am in the parish parking lot. See our website for more information.***
(Note: The Food Pantry thanks you for your continuing donations of food and other items, but is no longer requesting bags -- they have a sufficient supply.)

Thank you for the many ways you continue to support our community!

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Your Gifts Are Keeping Us Open

We want to say THANK YOU to our parishioners and those who are not members yet but have sent us their donations to help in this unprecedented time.

We are so grateful to many who are now sending their donations through mail, online and collection box methods. Your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated and are helping us continue to live our mission as a community of faith.

To learn more about online giving or other options, please click [here](#). If you attend the drive-in Mass or walk-up Holy Communion this Sunday, you may drop off your gift personally.

May God bless all of you and reward you abundantly for your support of your parish.

NOTE: *If you are new to Faith Connections, the way to join the conversation and comment is by using the blue reply button below, not your usual email reply button. You will have the option of replying to others' comments or starting a new thread. Check back during the week to view or add new comments. If you know someone who is not getting this email, please forward it to them and ask them to email gcattalini@stbonaventure.net to subscribe. If they have subscribed and are not receiving the email, it may be landing in their spam or junk folder. The best solutions are to find one of the emails and mark it as not spam or junk and to add "mail@flocknote.com" to their address book. (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.***

For More Information:
www.stbonaventure.net
[Facebook](#)
[YouTube](#)
[Instagram](#)

Merry Christmas!



Sent by Gina Cattalini

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