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**March 12 Faith Connections: Pews and More News**

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**St. Bonaventure Catholic Community**  
**March 12, 2021**

**This week's  
news & events**

**1.**

**Pews Are Going Fast**



***16 Pews Remaining***

Our recent Pew and Chair Campaign has been a great success. The funds raised to date combined with previous gifts have allowed us to make some wonderful improvements to the interior of our church building over the last months. If you haven't been in the church, you may not realize we have replaced the flooring in the church, refinished and reupholstered the church pews and chapel chairs, repainted

and improved the lighting in the church foyer and chapel, and renovated the bathrooms.

This work has been possible because of the generous donations of our parish family members. Thank you to all who have given so far.

We want to continue the improvements. You can help. You can celebrate or remember someone close to you by dedicating a Chapel Chair or Church pew. As of this writing, we have **just 16 church pews and 54 chapel chairs** that have not been dedicated. The response has been wonderful and we don't want you to miss your opportunity.

The donation for a pew is \$2,000 and a chair is \$1,000. You can make the payment as a one-time gift or pledge over one year—paying quarterly or monthly. To complete the dedication, visit our [website](#) or call the parish office at (925) 672-5800.

## 2. Lent at St. Bonaventure



**“Come Back to Me with All Your Heart: Lent in a Time of COVID”**

*Monday Mission Evenings, Feb. 22-Mar. 22 at 7pm*

**This Monday, March 15, join Deacon Peter Nixon as we explore the theme of Fasting.** Livestreamed on [Facebook](#)

(Did you miss any earlier mission evenings? Watch them [HERE!](#))

**Friday Stations of the Cross**

- 6pm Spanish Mass & Stations in the Church
- 7pm English Stations of the Cross, new YouTube premiere each week

This Friday, March 12, we will be offering **Scriptural Stations of the Cross in Time of Pandemic**, prepared by members of our 6:30am Spiritual Communion Service .

All of our past Stations remain available on our [YouTube](#) channel to pray during Lent.

[YouTube Link for Pandemic Scriptural Stations of the Cross](#)

**Reconciliation**

Thursdays 3:30pm and Saturdays 2:30 pm

**Alpha**

Invite, explore, discover!

We've already begun, but it's not too late to sign up. More information [HERE](#).

**Consecration to St. Joseph**

Consecration Mass will be on St. Joseph's feast day, March 19

**Daily Reflections**

Lenten reflections by parishioner Mary Franceschini on our website or by email

Please join us! Click [HERE](#) for more information on our Lenten offerings. To receive the Lenten reflections by email, please click the button below.



**Yes! Please sign me up for  
daily Lenten reflections.**

**3.**

**New Series Coming in Easter Season**

Mark your calendars and get ready for two new offerings beginning this Easter Season.

**1) Faith and Racial Healing**

Do you want to address racism, but you don't know where to begin? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, JustFaith Ministries' *Faith & Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration* guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. Sponsored by our Faith in Action Ministry, *Faith & Racial Healing* will run on Tuesday evenings beginning April 6, with a daytime session TBA. There will be a Q&A session for those interested in more information on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 pm.

**2) The Wild Goose**

Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews, *The Wild Goose* invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. Monday evenings at 7pm beginning April 12, with a daytime session TBA.

Stay tuned for more information on both programs and how to sign up!

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## Liturgy Notes



### Daylight Savings Time

We love having you join us for Mass on Sunday, whether in person or through Facebook. Don't forget to "spring forward" an hour this weekend as Daylight Savings Time begins again.

### Holy Week and Easter

Our Holy Week & Easter schedule is now available! Click [HERE](#) for our Mass and liturgy schedule on our website.

## 5.

### Respect Life Ministry



### Baby Items Drive Continues This Weekend

St. Bonaventure is joining Catholics nation-wide in a campaign to help women in unwanted and crisis pregnancies: Walking with Moms in Need - A Year of Service.

To help, please join the Respect Life Ministry in supporting Birthright of Concord and the Gabriel Project of Concord by generously donating new or "like new" baby items: baby clothes, blankets, crib sheets, diaper bags, wipes, and especially diapers. All items can be brought to Church and placed at the cradle or table in front of the Church **during weekend Masses in March**. For more information please contact Jane Walker, (916) 759-3674, or Sandy Mazza, (925) 890-3749.

### 40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life worldwide mobilization to pray & fast for an end to abortion continues throughout Lent. Please visit our Respect Life Ministry webpage [here](#) or download the flyer below for details on how you can participate.

# Ministry Notes

## More news and events:

- Take a weekend away at a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** to gain a richer, fuller married life together. Go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) to find the next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience that works for your schedule from the comfort of your own home!

- **Nourish for Caregivers** provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experience. Meetings every other Tuesday from 2-3 pm on Zoom. *For more information, email Helene Billeci at [fuzyfrank@aol.com](mailto:fuzyfrank@aol.com).*

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

## Resources for Coping During the Pandemic

Feeling overwhelmed? You're not alone. Click [HERE](#) for spiritual, parenting, emotional, and mental health resources for coping during the pandemic.

## Tea Time Video

Tuesday Tea Time will be on hiatus for a few weeks and return after Easter. In the meantime, you are invited to share any topics you like to explore, ministries you'd like to learn more about, and/or people you'd like to hear from in future videos by responding to this Flocknote.

# Ongoing schedule & activities

## LITURGY AND PRAYER

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

**All of our liturgies have returned inside unless otherwise indicated.** Saturday Vigil (4pm) and Sunday Masses require **advance registration** on our [website](#) or by calling the parish office at (925) 672-5800 weekdays between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm. There is no registration required for daily Masses. (Registration will open Mondays at 10 am, Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday.)

We continue to livestream the Sunday 9 am (English) and 10:30 am (Spanish) Masses and offer walk-up Holy Communion from noon to 1 pm. For our full Mass schedule, please click [HERE](#).

Sunday readings: [Click here](#)

*(Note: we are using the Year A readings due to a Rite of Scrutiny for our Elect preparing for Initiation at the Easter Vigil.)*

*Download Worship Aids for Sunday:*



*Please check our [website](#) for the Spanish worship aid.*



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

### **Health Reminders**

*Please join us for our liturgies through Facebook if you have tested positive for COVID in the past 14 days, if you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, if you were exposed to COVID in the past 14 days, or if you feel actively sick. Thank you for helping us keep St. Bonaventure a safe, welcoming place for all.*

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

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

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

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

**Mass Intentions, Online Prayer Vine & Drive-thru Prayer Information:**  
Details [here](#)

**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!*

*The "Conversion" series is perfect for Lent. Remember, you must have a Flocknote account with a password to access these videos.)*

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

### **Sacraments, Pastoral Counseling, and Staff Support**

We're here for you! Our clergy and pastoral staff continue to be available to you during this pandemic. We can offer pastoral counseling by appointment, over the phone or by videocall, and **the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available in person** when needed. Please call the parish office at (925) 672-580 to

make an appointment. We offer **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** in the classrooms on Saturdays at 2:30 pm, and during Lent we've added a second opportunity on Thursdays at 3:30 pm.

The office has had to close 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.

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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 drive-in Mass or walk-up Holy Communion this Sunday, you may drop off your gift personally.

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

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

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***May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.***

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