
March 4 Faith Connections: What's Happening in the Parish

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St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
March 4, 2021

This week's news & events

1.

Sunday Reflection



Deacon Peter Nixon

The season of Lent is associated with three penitential practices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Of the three, fasting often generates the most questions: “What *is* fasting?” “Why do we do it?” “Does God care?” “Are there risks?”

Fasting is reducing the amount of food we eat as a way of helping us lift our mind and heart to God.

Although Jesus cautioned against fasting to win honor in the eyes of others, he clearly assumed that his disciples would fast (Mt 6:16-18). I find that in the midst of a busy day, the modest pang of hunger associated with a partial fast (e.g. skipping a meal) can help me slow down a bit and remember to ask God to bless my endeavors.

(continued on our [website](#))

2.

Lent at St. Bonaventure

Lenten Mission Series at St. Bonaventure

Come Back to Me with All Your Heart Lent in a Time of COVID

**Mondays at 7pm
February 22 - March 22
Live on Facebook**

How is God calling to us this Lent?

“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 8, join Fr. David Lawrence and Eileen Limberg, our Director of Children's Faith Formation, as we explore the theme of Prayer.

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 5, we will be offering Social Justice Stations of the Cross, prepared by our Faith in Action Ministry. All of our past Stations remain available on our [YouTube](#) channel to pray during Lent.

[YouTube Link for Social Justice Stations](#)

[Worship Aid for Social Justice Stations](#)

Reconciliation

Thursdays 3:30pm and Saturdays 2:30 pm

Alpha

Invite, explore, discover!

We begin tonight, 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.

Daily Reflections

*“Come Back to Me”
Mission Mondays*

*Stations of the Cross
Fridays*

Join Us for Lent!

*Consecration to
St. Joseph*

Reconciliation

Alpha



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

3.

Enjoy & Protect Our Garden

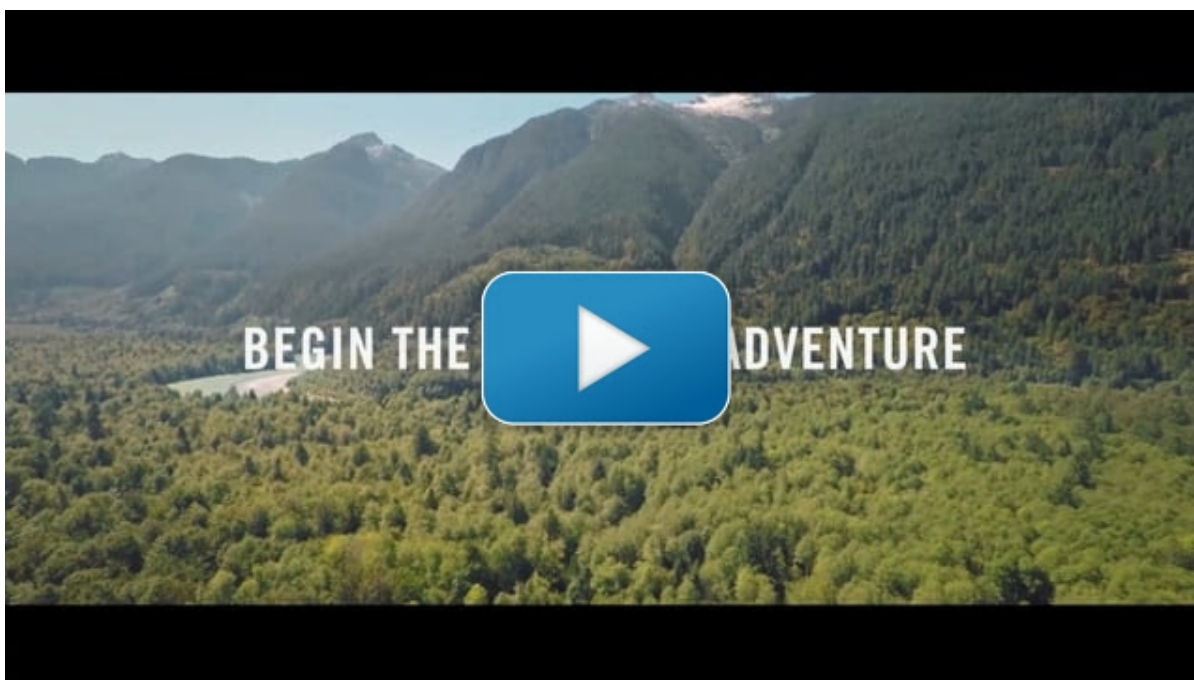


We are beyond grateful for the work of the volunteers who care for our parish garden. The beauty is such a wonderful expression of God's presence. The space provides a place for prayer, reflection and rest.

But the flowers and plants are fragile. We ask that you not cut, pick or walk on the plants so they can thrive for everyone's enjoyment.

4.

Alpha Begins Tonight!



If you've been waiting, now is the time! Alpha begins tonight online at St. Bonaventure. Join us for fun, films with different questions about faith and life, and small group discussions where you can say or ask anything. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register, or email Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net.

Alpha. How is God calling you?

5.

Respect Life Ministry



Baby Items Drive Begins This Weekend

Bishop Michael Barber, along with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has urgently called us to support the nation-wide, year long 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 gently used baby items: baby clothes, blankets, crib sheets, diapers and wipes. All items can be brought to Church and placed at the cradle or table in front of the Church **during weekend Masses in March**. If you have gently used baby furniture, please call Jane Walker, 916-759-3674, or Sandy Mazza, 925-890-3749, and we will arrange for pick up.

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

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events:

- **First Saturday Mass:** Our Five First Saturdays devotion continues at Mass this Saturday, March 6, at 8:00 am in the Church. No registration necessary.
- **Next Faith in Action Ministry** meeting is Monday, March 8 at 6:00 pm. For more information or to RSVP for the Zoom link, please contact Laura Nakamura at lmnakamura610@gmail.com.
- **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.*

Nourish offers meetings in Spanish too! For more information, please contact Biviane Ochoa at 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

In this week's Tea Time, join Angie Cherepy as she shares what it's like teaching in our Children's Faith Formation program this year.



Sign up for
Tuesday Tea Time
videos here!

Ongoing schedule & activities

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Please visit our website at 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:



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. ***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.*

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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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[YouTube](#)
[Instagram](#)



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