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SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE FROM OUR PASTOR FR. FRANCIS

- **I Challenge** you to make your homes **A DWELLING PLACE OF GOD**
- **I challenge** you to regularly approach **THE THRONE OF GOD'S MERCY** in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **I Challenge** you to embrace attending **THE WEEKEND MASS** as an important part of your life whether you are home or on vacation
- **I challenge** you to see attending **WEEKDAY MASS** as a heroic act
- **I Challenge** you develop the habit of coming to say **THE ROSARY** with the parish family in the morning during the week
- **I Challenge** you to tap from the spiritual richness of the parish devotions we have here such as **HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION, NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP AND 1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION**
- **I challenge** you continue developing your knowledge of what we believe as Catholics by attending and participating in our **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
- **I challenge** you to be part of this parish family in **ACTIVE** way rather than ***passive***
- **I challenge** you to get involved in what is going on in the parish because we are **A FAMILY OF GOD ON MISIION**.

St. Bonaventure Parish, The Family of God on a Mission.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

***Sunday: 8:00 AM* & 10:00AM**

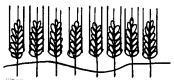
***Saturday Vigil:* 5:00 PM**

***Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday:* 8:30 AM**

***Wed.* — Holy Hour & Benediction 6:00pm**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God. —*Psalm 92:*



St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

June 13, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, *June 12,* Mass 5:00pm

L. H. Maria Nguyen T. Noi+; Phero & Maria Nguyen Ty; Charion Hemphill; Cherie Mitchell+; Mary Rice+; Dawn Gonzales+; Hashem Salomon+; guise Nguyen Van Thuong+; JoAnn Leman+; Myron Berthelot+; for All souls in purgatory; A Special Intention

Sunday, *June 13,* Mass 8:00am

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure

Sunday, *June 13,* Mass 10:00am

Mary Ann Rice+; guise Nguyen Van Thuong+; Michael Benbow+: Dominico Lam Van Tran+; Maria Bau Thi Nguyen+; Peter-Joseph Hoan Van Tran+; Vincent Hai Phu Nguyen+; Landris Perkins+; Brian Perkins; Landris Perkins Jr.; T. J. Tyler; Guy Romano; All souls in purgatory;

Monday, *June 14* — No Mass

Tuesday, *June 15* — *Mass 8:30am*

For All Souls; and Poor Souls in Purgatory; Guise Nguyen Van Thuong+; Mike Spencer+; Dena Norris;

Wednesday, *June 16* — *Mass 8:30am*

For All Souls in Purgatory; For the soul of guise Nguyen Van Thuong+ Evelyn Orgeron; Jo Ann Leman+

Thursday, *June 17* — *Mass 8:30am*

For all souls; For the soul of guise Nguyen Van Thuong+; & Dac Van Tran+

Friday, *June 18* — *Mass 8:30am*

For the soul of guise Nguyen Van Thuong+; and Dac Van Tran+

HONESTY

The most important person to be honest with is myself.

—Anonymous

ST. BONAVENTURE RUMMAGE SALE —

Thank you so much to all those who worked so hard To make the garage sale a success. Thank you Kathleen Jeansonne for being in charge. Thank you all who donated and all who came shop.

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Thank you for your time, talent & financial donations!

May God bless you for your generosity

Weekend of June 5/6

Envelopes $1,637.00 Loose $297.00

♦ 6/19-20/ Maintenance

This Week Sanctuary Candle burns For:

Patricia Barry & Parishioners of St. Bonaventure

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GOD'S TIME

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like suppertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday:	Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth.

—St. Irenaeus

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Pope's JUNE Intention

Intention for evangelization

- The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in heaven,

through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

Prayer for Soldiers Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Prayer Request: LynLeigh Adams; Jeff Adams; Janell Angelle; Helga & Tina Barry; Pearl & Rebecca Berthelot; Todd Bordelon; Joyce Caire; Jason Chiasson; Kai ye Chin; Ben, Brandon, Lynn & Tim Guidroz; Ester Hammil; Kathleen, Donald, & Glenn Jeansonne; Joy & Norbert Labit; Gay Litolff; Kirk Litolff; Gary & Holly Marshall; Theda Melarine; Carolyn & Arthur Moore; David & Kim Muller; Anita Perkins; Janice Reiser; Tammy Reites; Jules & Michael Sancho; Lloyd Seneck; Al Stapler; James Theriot III; Trent Trentacosta; "Mooney" Woods. Please call the office or send in your request to add or delete a loved one to the prayer list .

Matters Arising

WHAT ABOUT THE THINGS I DO NOT KNOW AS CATHOLIC?

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? (Rom 10:13-14)" The Apostle Paul asked these fundamental questions when he was addressing the issue of preaching and receiving the Gospel of Jesus with the Roman Church. I decided to apply that very passage on what I wanted to talk about in this section of the matters arising – the issue of continual maturation in faith and growth in the knowledge of who we are and what we believe as Catholics.

Many but not all of us had the privilege of receiving a robust faith formation when we were young. Even though some attended Catholics schools where they took religion classes and some participated in the Parish School of Religion program, evidence had shown that most times the focus is more on sacramental preparation. We were not always opportune to get deeper into the details of the Catholic Faith content at that point in in faith formation. After we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, not many Catholics return to continue the study of the faith that perennially seeks understanding. This leaves many Catholics without knowing a lot and enough of what faith deposit is handed on to us.

This situation has made adult faith formation in parishes a necessity. Taking time to learn and relearn the articles of our faith helps us tremendously in appreciating the beauty of our loving God and the Church our Mother. It also enhances and facilitates our active participation and involvement in the life of Church. In his POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: ***CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI,*** St John Paul II reminds us that: "The Church's mission of salvation in the world is realized not only by the ministers in virtue of the Sacrament of Orders but also by all the lay faithful." He says: "indeed, because of their Baptismal state and their specific vocation, in the measure proper to each person, the lay faithful participate in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission of Christ."

When we plan and schedule adult faith formation in the parish here at St Bonaventure, the goal is to give opportunity to many of us to grow in our knowledge of God and the Church. ***OURS IS A FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING.*** No one can claim to have had adequate knowledge of the Catholic Faith. No one! There is always a room for continuous growth. There is always a room for development. Our Wednesday discussions which are centered on "Sunday as the Lord's Day" is a good opportunity for us to grow in knowing why we should go to Mass on Sunday beside fulfilling obligation. I think that St John Paul II's sentiment is appropriate here when he said: "This, then, is the marvelous yet demanding task awaiting all the lay faithful and all Christians at every moment: to grow always in the knowledge of the richness of Baptism and faith as well as to live it more fully. In referring to birth and growth as two stages in the Christian life the apostle Peter makes the following exhortation: "Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation".

Once again, I invite you to consider coming to participate in the discussion. We can always learn from one another. Every Wednesday in June by 6pm.

Fr Francis Offia

5th. Anniversary

"Thank You"

For your five years of service to the Lord.

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(Corpus Christi)

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR 2021.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sunday **June 13th** Eucharistic Procession on the street (inter-parish)
- Wednesday **June 16th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 23rd** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 30th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Sunday **August 29th** Eucharistic Procession on the street– 12 stations (Region-C)
- Wednesday **Oct. 6th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Wednesday **Oct. 13th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Wednesday **Oct. 20th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Wednesday **Oct. 27th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Sunday **Oct. 24th** Eucharistic Procession on the street– 12 stations (Region-D)
- Sunday **Nov. 21st** Eucharistic Procession on the street– 12 stations (Region-E)
- **July.** Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Mother Angelica's Monastery)

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle. —J. Masai

A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

STARTING

It's the start that stops most people. —Anonymous

VOCATION
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"God has called us with a holy calling…according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life,
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COMING UP

MONDAY, June 14, 2021 —
- ♦ No Mass —Father's Day off

TUESDAY, June 15, 2021—
- ♦ Rosary 8:00 - Mass 8:30am

WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2021—
- ♦ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am
- ♦ Parish Faith formation class & end with Benediction—6:00-7pm
  (Father will be available for confession 5:30)

THURSDAY, June 17, 2021 —
- ♦ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am

FRIDAY, June 18, 2021—
- ♦ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, June 19, 2021—
- ♦ Mass 5:00pm ♦ Confession — 4:00—4:45pm

SUNDAY, June 20, 2021 —
- ♦ Mass 8:00am & 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

Confession: **Saturday 4:00—4:45pm; Wednesday 5:30—7:00pm**

Sacrament of Baptism: **Call the office to schedule an appointment with Father. Parents and Godparents must attend a seminar.**

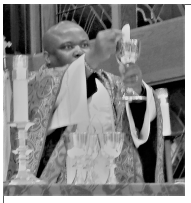
Sacrament of Matrimony: **Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to expected wedding date. Call the office for details.**

Funerals: **Please notify the priest <u>before</u> contacting the Funeral Home.**

Fathers Day Remembrances: If you would like our parish to remember your father at all the Masses on Father's Day weekend please return the envelope provided on the table at the entrance of the Church. All names submitted by <u>June 14th</u> will be printed in the bulletin. However, all names will be placed on the altar for the remainder of the month.

A Nation's Prayer

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.
Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



PASTOR'S CORNER

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May Deposits

5/04/2021	$ 2,956.00
5/11/2021	$ 2,751.00
5/18/2021	$ 2,379.00
5/25/2021	$ 1,969.00
5/31/2021	$ 2,948.00
Total	**$13,003.00**

May Expenses

Freddy Rodrigue	Confirmation Retreat	$ 150.00
Fr. Fredrick Kaddu	Wed. 5/5; Mass 5/15/21	$ 125.00
Mark Moll	Remb. Flowers M.Day/B.Mother	$ 139.62
AT&T	Church/internet/fax	$ 304.67
AT&T	PSR	$ 98.72
Atmos Energy	Activity Center	$ 36.40
Atmos Energy	Church	$ 30.60
Atmos Energy	Rectory	$ 45.70
Cox	Rectory	$ 127.89
ACH Debit	Payroll Indiv ID:	$ 50.00
ACH Debit	Tax Liability	$ 215.64
ACH Debit	Payroll	$ 3,211.58
Advantage Home Im-	Down payment on Church gutters	$ 2,200.00
Archdiocese of No	May Parish Share & Insurance	$ 4,485.66
Archdiocese of No	Monthly Account	$ 200.00
Cannon Financial Ser-	Lexmark Copier -	$ 97.48
Kentwook Springs	Water: Rectory/Church A/C; PSR	$ 49.34
Jeff Parish Dept.Water	Church	$ 24.01
Lyndsey Jacksn	Remb. Confirmation Retreat	$ 187.80
Entergy	Church	$ 247.02
Entergy	Rectory	$ 153.16
Entergy	Rel. Ed. Building	$ 139.41
Entergy	Activity Center	$ 359.69
Rev. Francis Offia	May Household Expenses	$ 499.65
Rev. Francis Offia	Remb. Altar cloths, Procession Canopy; poles;flocknotes	$ 1,874.81
	Total Expenses	**$ 15,053.85**

HEARTFELT I would rather say five words devoutly with my heart than five thousand which my soul does not relish with affection and understanding. —St. Edmund the Martyr

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

Lord Jesus Christ, our God in the flesh! As You saved Your apostles from perishing in a storm by calming wind and wave on Your command, so now keep us safe and sound during hurricane season. Grant us favorable and benign weather. Protect us from the unpredictable elements of nature. Spare us from storm, flood, fire, illness, injury, disaster and sudden death. Preserve us from all evil and harm, for we, though sinful, are nonetheless the work of Your hands — and You, together with Your Father who has no beginning and Your holy, good and life-giving Spirit, are our God, in whom we live, move and have our being, now and ever, and for ages and ages. Amen.

Registration for 2021-2022 PSR

We will begin registration in June: fees are $50 per child.

PSR CRE Elizabeth Carmona will be at the schoolhouse beginning in June on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm for registration. Mrs. Carmona will also be at the schoolhouse on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th after mass for 1 hour.

You may bring completed registration forms and the fees to the church office Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 504-436-1279 or Elizabeth Carmona at 504-239-8248 or ecarmona@arch-no.org.

We look forward to seeing all the children in the PSR program next year.

We have resumed our parish faith formation every Wednesday by 6pm as we learn about "Sunday as the Lord's Day" and end the evening with Benediction. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to grow in the knowledge of who we are as Catholics.

FEAST OF FAITH - The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for "body") over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

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