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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"

March 25, 2018

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM

Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes : 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process. This requires two months preparation

En Español: Llame a la oficina para solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo dos meses de preparación.

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or Deacon. This requires six months preparation.

Llame a la oficina para solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo seis meses de preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment.

Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita con el Sacerdote.

Mission

As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

Keep connected to our parish community,

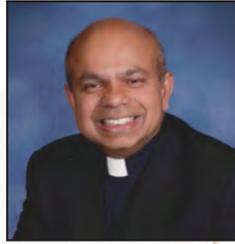
Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ,

Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure,

Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments.

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. MATHEW VELLANKAL



Dear Parishioners,

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem and the drama of His trial, culminating in His crucifixion, death and burial.

Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts by surrendering our lives to him during this Holy Week, and let us welcome him into all areas of our lives as our lord and savior. Let us become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus by radiating Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and

sacrificial service in our families, our workplaces and our communities.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum – from Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. Hope you can come to the celebrations on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday for the Passion of the Lord and Easter Sunday for the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord as a family.

As you know, at our Easter Masses, we will have many visitors. Let us be extremely kind to them and be very welcoming. One way to show hospitality is for you, the regular church attendees, to give your space in the church for the visitors and go to the Large Hall for the Easter Mass. Let us give our visitors a powerful experience and show that our parish is amazing. And may you and your loved ones be blessed with the love, peace and joy of the risen Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

Well, Easter is almost here and we want to see if we can improve on the parking procedures. So here are some important facts that will aid the Parking Enforcement Officers to get you parked quickly, keep all of us safe (whether on foot or in a car), and keep traffic flowing on Clayton Road and through the parking lot:

1. Enter the Church parking lot on Clayton Road. (**The back gate is exit only**). Do not attempt to enter through the back gate - you will be turned away and slow the parking process down.
2. The parking plan will be to fill from the back lot to the front. This allows the officers a clear line of sight to ensure that they know where all the empty spaces are, keeps traffic moving, gets you to a parking spot more quickly, improves safety, and clears Clayton Road the quickest.
3. Please follow the instructions of the officers. Believe me, it will save time and get you parked the fastest. The officers will maintain control of the traffic flow. So, look for their direction. They know where the parking is.
4. Please do not run over traffic control devices. They may not damage your bumper, but they will damage the undercarriage and sensors under the newer cars. On the lower cars they get caught and begin to burn/melt against the exhaust, and smell. Many times, you will need to jack up the car to free them.
5. The officers will keep extra places for handicap open near the Church (these are limited). They will try to park you as close as possible to the church. If you do not have handicap plates, please have the plaque visible, so the officer can direct you.
6. If you need to just drop someone off, let them know. After dropping off, get back into the flow of cars to get parked. The officers will be looking for those who try to abuse this service.
7. Parking at the Rectory parking lot will be for musicians and choir only
8. Please lower the window and turn down the radio, so you can hear the instructions from the officers.

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PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

COME AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING FR. MAT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY:

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 6:15 p.m., Large Hall
Social time with champagne and appetizers

Catered buffet dinner, consisting of tri-tip, chicken, rice, green beans, spring mix salad, red and white wine at the tables, and of course birthday cake and hot beverage.

Cost: \$35.00/per person. Tables of 10 may be purchased, (*individuals choosing to sit together at a table will be required to reg-*

ister at the same time to ensure requested seating accommodations).

Reservations can be made online starting Monday, March 12, purchased with your credit card through the Faith Direct link accessed via the St Bonaventure website (www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents), **or** by completing a reservation form in the church office along with cash or check payment. **Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 23.**

No presents please; your presence is gift enough. Any questions, contact Angie Cherepy (825-0395) or Marie Shockley (672-4129)



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Thank you to parishioner Mary Franceschini for writing our Lenten Reflections this year. Every week, the reflections for the upcoming week will be found on page 3 of the bulletin. You can also sign up to receive the reflections every morning in your email. Go to the parish website: www.stbonaventure.net and sign up through the link on the front page.

MARCH 25 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced." Is 50: 4-7

God, the Father, is not that far away.

The verses from Isaiah match perfectly what Jesus will suffer. Yet, in all his suffering, God the Father is with him. Yes, he will cry out from the cross. He will feel abandoned, but it isn't so. Even in our trials, in the tragedies of life, just as the Father didn't abandon Jesus, he will not abandon us. We can say amid the tears, "The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced."

MARCH 26 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

"So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial." Jn 12: 1-11

A simple gesture was rewarded by Jesus.

In this passage, Mary pours oil on Jesus's feet. Guests were given water to refresh themselves, but Mary did a little more. He rewards her act of love with tender words after she is rebuked by Judas, because the oil should have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus knows him. He also knows Mary's love. It will not be forgotten. Our acts of love towards Jesus, even if small, are written in his heart.

MARCH 27 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

"What you are going to do, do so quickly." Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Jesus's hour is fast approaching.

Can we picture this scene? Jesus is having his last supper with his disciples. He has washed their feet like a servant, he has broken bread with them, and he knows that one of his friends will betray him. We can't begin to imagine how deeply troubled Jesus must have felt. If we reflect on this moment, perhaps we would think twice about those thoughts or actions that would "betray" him. In these remaining days of Lent, let's really look deep into ourselves and root out what can hurt him.

MARCH 28 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

"...but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed." Mt 26: 14-25

Jesus's betrayer will pay the price.

Jesus declares that whoever will betray him would be better off if he had never been born. Judas feigns surprise. Surely he wouldn't betray him. What must Jesus have felt when he tells him "You have said so." Judas, in the end, will realize that Jesus was right. It would have been better that he had never been born. His payment of thirty pieces of silver bring him to hang himself. A sorry end for someone that Jesus would have cherished as a friend.

MARCH 29 THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)

"This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate..." Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14

We celebrate this memorial in memory of Jesus.

The Passover took place and would continue to be celebrated close to the vernal equinox, March-April. It was called Abib, the month of the "ripe grain." In later times, it was known as Nisan, a Babylonian name. This feast coincides with springtime, the time of renewal. We have a beloved song that we sing - the grain "falls to the ground and dies." Jesus was the "grain" and by his death we are renewed!

MARCH 30 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

"And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses." Is 52: 13-53: 12

Jesus's hour has come.

The reason for Jesus's birth finds its answer today. Jesus had to be born to win pardon for the offenses of man by dying on the cross. Next to the cross is his dear mother, Mary, and the beloved disciple John. Jesus will entrust one to the other. His mother will be in good hands and by entrusting John to Mary, not only John, but we, too, will be taken care of. All the way to the end, Jesus thinks of others. The Father's will is done.



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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

We are in the Lenten time of Prayer, Fasting and Alms. What is your prayer life like? Would you like to spend a little more time with God? Join us on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm in the Chapel. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

MOMS' GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!) Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:30am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month in Ministry Center classrooms A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on April 4.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend on May 18-20 or September 7-9. Space is very limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 29 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30pm,
Bilingual

MARCH 30 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Stations of the Cross
11:00am ~ Garden

Ecumenical Service
12:15pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English
3:00pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in Spanish
6:30pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English
7:30pm ~ Parish Hall

MARCH 31 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Easter Vigil ~ 7:30pm ~ Bilingual

APRIL 1 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses in English: Church
7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Masses in English: Parish Hall
9:15am, 11:15am

Mass in Spanish: Church
12:45pm

THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON
EASTER SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

5:00 William Emes
Jane Scen
Michael Scen
Joan Gnekow

PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 Coulter Claeys
Ben Camera
Clarence Massey
Mafalda Souza Matos
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
11:00 James Johnson
David Johnson
Jonathan Johnson
Jacob Arevalo
Eva Gonzalez
5:00 Manuel Malana, Jr.
Pablita Perez
Felicisima P. Nuñez
Lloyd Miglio

MONDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 All pastoral staff
9:00 Bill Jordan
Kyle Krawesky
Leo Thomas
Greg Scaletti

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 All priests & seminarians
9:00 William M. Jordan
Alejandro Elnar & Family
Basilio Viegas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 All the sick and homebound
9:00 Carter Whitlatch
Carmen Ong
Precop Colaco

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - HOLY THURSDAY

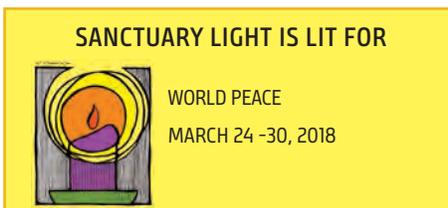
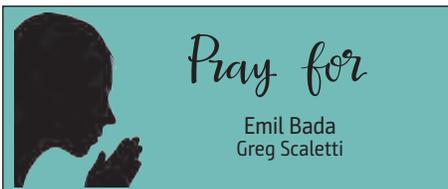
9:00 Morning Prayer
No Mass intentions

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
No Mass intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
No Mass intentions



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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL

QUERIDOS FELIGRESES:

La iglesia celebra este sexto domingo de Cuaresma como el Domingo de Ramos y



el Domingo de Pasión. Esta es la época del año en la cual nos detenemos a recordar y revivir los acontecimientos que provocaron nuestra redención y salvación. Lo que conmemoramos y revivimos durante esta semana no es sólo la muerte de Jesús y su resurrección sino nuestra propia muerte y resurrección en El, lo que resultará en nuestra sanación, reconciliación y redención.

Atenta participación en la liturgia de Semana Santa va a profundizar nuestra relación con Dios, aumentar nuestra fe y fortalecer nuestra vida como discípulos de Jesús. La liturgia de hoy combina momentos contrastantes, uno de la gloria y otro del sufrimiento: la bienvenida real de Jesús en Jerusalén y el drama de su juicio que culmina en su crucifixión, muerte y sepultura.

Acojamos a Jesús en nuestros corazones mediante la entrega de nuestras vidas a él durante esta Semana Santa y Acojámoslo en todas las áreas de nuestras vidas como nuestro Señor y Salvador. Convirtámonos en el humilde burro que llevó a Jesús transmitiendo la radiación de amor universal de Jesús, el perdón incondicional y servicio de sacrificio en nuestras familias, nuestros lugares de trabajo y nuestras comunidades.

La cumbre del año litúrgico es el Triduo Pascual desde el Jueves Santo a la tarde del domingo de Pascua de Resurrección. Aunque cronológicamente son tres días, que son litúrgicamente un solo despliegue de días, para nosotros la unidad del misterio pascual de Cristo. Esperamos que ustedes puedan venir en familia a las celebraciones del Jueves Santo en la misa de la Cena del Señor, el Viernes Santo de la

Pasión del Señor y domingo de Pascua para la misa de Resurrección del Señor.

Como se sabe, en las misas del domingo de Pascua vamos a tener muchos visitantes. Seamos muy amables y acogedores con ellos. Demos a nuestros visitantes una experiencia poderosa demostrando que nuestra parroquia es muy acogedora. Es posible que ustedes y sus seres queridos sean bendecidos con el amor, la paz y la alegría del Señor resucitado.

SEMANA SANTA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, estamos llegando al final de los cuarenta días de preparación que la Cuaresma nos ofrece para reflexionar, ayunar, orar, y dar limosna. Después de prepararnos con el ayuno, oración y limosna estamos listos para entrar en la Semana Santa y vivir la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesús. En este Domingo de Ramos la Iglesia recuerda la entrada de Cristo en Jerusalén para consumir el Misterio Pascual. Nos acercamos a Jesús alzando nuestros ramos en honor de su victoria: **la gente que iba delante y detrás gritaba: "¡Hosanna el Hijo de David!" ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna!** Dios ha querido demostrar su inmenso amor a su pueblo; tanto, que envió a su hijo **"para demostrar al género humano el ejemplo de una vida sumisa a su voluntad"**. Jesús nos enseña la obediencia al Padre Dios y muestra el camino del amor por los demás.

Hermanos y hermanas los invito a participar de estas solemnes celebraciones de la Semana Santa. No cierres las puertas de tu corazón a vivir esta Semana Santa. Te invito, vívela. No olvides que en nuestras tierras de Centro América son grandes celebraciones. Ven y camina junto al Señor los tres días más grandes, Jueves Santos, Viernes Santos y Sábado Santo.

Vivamos intensamente el triduo pascual:

Inicia el día Jueves Santo: celebramos la Institución de la Eucaristía, el sacerdocio y el mandamiento del amor; amarnos unos a otros como él nos enseñó, lavándoles los pies a sus discípulos.

El Viernes Santos; Este día está centrado totalmente en la Cruz del Señor. Proclamamos la pasión y la adoración de la cruz, recordando el misterio del amor de Jesús al dar la vida para la salvación de toda la humanidad. Día en que Jesús venció la muerte y demostró su amor en la cruz. La muerte de Jesús se convierte en la victoria destruyendo la muerte.

Sábado Santo: es un día de silencio propicio para reflexionar y orar antes de llegar a la Vigilia Pascual que es la noche Santa en la que la Iglesia celebra la victoria de Jesús sobre la muerte.

TRIDUO PASCUAL

Jueves Santos Iglesia 7:30pm

Viernes Santo: Vía Crucis, Santos oficios y Santo Entierro: 6:30pm.....

Sábado Santo: Vigilia Pascual - Iglesia 7:30pm

Domingo de Resurrección: Santa Misa 12:45pm

Te esperamos, vive y camina con Jesús esta Semana Santa



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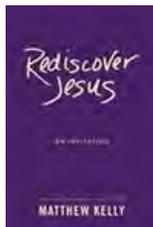
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REDISCOVER JESUS BOOK STUDY

Fr. Mathew invites you to break open the book the parish gifted you at Christmas. Come and discuss how we can “rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily.”



Monday, March 26 in Classroom A2. Come either from 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm. Please call the office (or Eileen) to sign up (so we have enough seating).



EXPLORING CATHOLICS

Sometimes important things get away from us—things like faith.

Is this you?

- looking for an opportunity to explore your faith?
- too busy? Not been to church in a while?
- children asking questions about God and the church that you’re not sure how to answer?
- unsure how to reconcile your faith and your daily life?
- wondering where you fit in the Catholic Church?

Awakening Faith may be just right for you. Join us for six sessions on basic elements of our Catholic faith, with opportunities for conversation and sharing. You can learn and ask questions...all in a friendly and confidential setting with other Catholics. St. Bonaventure Catholic Community invites you to join us for *Awakening Faith*, Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., April 11 through May 16. Consider inviting a friend or family member to attend with you. There’s no cost or obligation. For more information or to register, contact Eileen Limberg (925-672-5800; elimberg@stbonaventure.net) Registration by April 9 is appreciated.

HORARIO DE OFICINA
PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

Teléfono (925) 844-9015
Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm
Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AN INVITATION TO SERVE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

You are invited to serve people in need by joining the St Bonaventure Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your assistance to people in our parish area needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other needs will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? Please come join us on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30pm in Classroom A-1 to learn more. Contact Dan Gabe (408-5964 or dan.gabe@gmail.com), for more details.

READINGS for the WEEK



- MONDAY:** IS 42:1-7; PS 27:1-3, 13-14; JN 12:1-11
- TUESDAY:** IS 49:1-6; PS 71:1-6, 15, 17; JN 13:21-33, 36-38
- WEDNESDAY:** IS 50:4-9A; PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; MT 26:14-25
- THURSDAY:** CHRISM MASS: IS 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9; PS 89:21-22, 25, 27; RV 1:5-8; LK 4:16-21; LORD’S SUPPER: EX 12:1-8, 11-14; PS 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15
- FRIDAY:** IS 52:13 -- 53:12; PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1 -- 19:42
- SATURDAY:**
- A) GN 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31A]; PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; OR PS 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 - B) GN 22:1-18 [1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18]; PS 16: 5, 8-11;
 - C) EX 14:15 -- 15:1; EX 15:1-6, 17-18;
 - D) IS 54:5-14; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 - E) IS 55:1-11; IS 12:2-6;
 - F) BAR 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; PS 19:8-11;
 - G) EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28; PS 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 OR IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 OR PS 51:12-15, 18-19;
 - H) ROM 6:3-11;
 - I) PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; MK 16:1-7
- SUNDAY:** ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9 OR MK 16:1-7 OR (AT AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING MASS) LK 24:13-35



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Upcoming Special Collections

March 29 (Holy Thursday): Loaves & Fishes
March 30 (Good Friday): Holy Land
April 1: Easter



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