



# St. Bonaventure Catholic Community *Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura*

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St. Bonaventure's 2017

## JINGLE BELLS BOUTIQUE

**EVENING GALA: FRIDAY, NOV 3, 6 PM TO 8 PM**

Wine and Appetizers, Hundreds of handmade items, Country Kitchen,  
Silent Auction, Raffle Prizes (need not be present to win), Wine Pull

**SATURDAY, NOV 4, 10 AM TO 2 PM**

Hundreds of handmade items, Country Kitchen,  
Raffle Prizes  
Drawings at 2 PM (Need not be present to win)

Benefits the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

**October 29, 2017**

**MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES**

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...

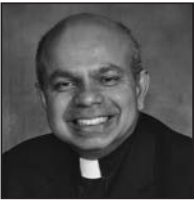
Keep connected to our parish community,

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.

# THOUGHTS



from  
**Father Mat**

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The central theme of today's readings is the greatest commandment in the Bible, namely to love God and express that love in action by loving Him living in our neighbor.

The first reading from Exodus explains the second greatest commandment, namely, loving one's neighbors, especially the underprivileged. The chosen people of Israel should remember that once they were aliens in the land of Egypt. Just as God protected them and treated them kindly, so they are to protect others and treat them with kindness. Thus, they should become a humane society rooted in the basic religious concept of loving God living in their neighbor.

In the second reading, St. Paul congratulates the Thessalonians on the positive effects of their example of loving one another as Jesus had commanded them to do. Their mutual love and their loving reception of Paul and response to his preaching bolstered the faith of Christians elsewhere who heard about them.

In the Gospel today, Jesus combines the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor, and gives the result as one commandment of supreme importance in Christian life. Jesus underlines the principle that we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, because as God's children both of us bear God's image, and to honor God's image is to honor Him. Love for our neighbor is a matter, not of feelings, but of deeds by which we share with others the unmerited love that God lavishes on us.

Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, means that we should place God's will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's will in all things and make it paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We must keep God's Commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise

and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible, and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions.

God's will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in our neighbor. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are actually giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him or her. This means we need to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone without discrimination based on color, race, religion, gender, age, wealth or social status. Forgiveness, too, is vital. We love others by refusing to hold a grudge for a wrong done to us. Even a rebuke can be an act of love, if it is done with the right heart. We also express love through encouragement and by helping others to grow. We express *agápe* love in meeting the needs of others by using the talents and blessings that God has given us, by comforting each other, by teaching each other and by sharing the Gospel, in deeds and in words.

## PARISH FACEBOOK

We are living in an era of social media. Facebook today tops 1.9 billion monthly users. Facebook now has 1.28 billion people who use its services every single day. With its clear global impact being made, business owners are wise to use this powerful social media platform to make their own presence known.

Do you know that we have a Facebook page for St. Bonaventure? Please do visit and like the St. Bonaventure Catholic Community page. Look out for the latest news and photos of our amazing parish there.

## THANK YOU FROM OUR BISHOP

On behalf of everyone here at the diocese, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Fr. Mathew and his staff's tremendous efforts in this year's Bishop's Appeal! I am overjoyed to see his efforts, along with the work of Father Mangini, resulting in raising \$71,153.00 and reaching 104% of the goal of St. Bonaventure Parish.

I know it can be difficult to continuously ask parishioners for money, which is why I am so appreciative of his effort and support of the Appeal.

May God continue to bless his parish and all those that he faithfully serves.

# STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

**Weekend of October 21 & 22 Collection**

Goal: \$25,440  
Actual: \$18,956  
**Deficit: (\$6,484)**

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2nd Collection  
World/Home Missions: \$4,188.50  
Food for Family: 337

*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)  
included in above figures*

## PARISH LIFE thoughts

### FAMILY-TO-FAMILY (F2F) UPDATE: SPOTLIGHT ON THE AHMADI FAMILY

The Ahmadi family, St. Bonaventure's sponsored refugee family, continues to make great strides in adapting to life in Northern California. Najib has a good position working security at a large office building in San Francisco, and Zainab is expecting a baby in February! The family was over the moon when they learned that the baby is a girl. Over the summer, the family moved to a safer apartment closer to the parish, and all three children (Fisal, age 15, Marwa, age 12, and Bilal, age 5) are attending new schools in Concord, where they are doing well. Zainab is attending English classes three evenings a week, and she continues to make great strides in gaining confidence and independence. She is looking forward to learning to drive!

A small group of dedicated F2F volunteers continues to guide and support the family. The volunteers provide friendship, financial counseling, and English tutoring as well as help in navigating the complex web of city, county, state and federal departments, agencies, laws and regulations that are a part of our everyday life. Currently, one of the challenges the Ahmadi family faces relates to transportation. With Najib working long hours in the City and Zainab unable to drive, the family needs help getting to and from school, medical appointments, and the Food Pantry.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

As we all know, many hands make light work! Please consider helping the Family-to-Family volunteers drive five-year-old Bilal to and from school. He and his mother currently spend more than three hours each day walking and riding the bus so that Bilal can attend kindergarten. Zainab's obstetrician has recommended that she limit time on her feet--so as her pregnancy progresses and we move into winter, their commute will become increasingly difficult. The family also needs help with transportation to medical appointments and to our Tuesday Food Pantry. The Ahmadis are so very appreciative of all the support they have received from the St. Bonaventure community. Won't you help us as we continue to "welcome the stranger" as scripture and Church teaching instructs?

Please contact Jenelle Abrams at Jenelle.abrams@yahoo.com or the parish office for more information about how you can help!

## NEWS FROM OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE:

Thank you in advance for your generosity the weekend of October 28-29 when a second collection for our work will be offered. Your contributions help us to support the poor and underserved here in the immediate area of our parish. This past year, we have distributed over \$36K of in-kind support (food, furniture, clothing, household goods, mentoring, moving assistance) PLUS nearly another \$36K in direct financial support (rent, utilities, tuition, car repair) to 309 families (948 individuals). Here are some other ways you might wish to help:

- Our SvDP retail stores in both Pleasant Hill and Pittsburg could use regular volunteers to help sort, tag, and merchandise donations. Once a week, once or twice a month, or for however many hours you can spare. Interested? Contact Dan Gabe at (925) 408-5964.
- We are currently trying to find SIX bunk bed sets (12 beds in all) to provide to two immigrant families with small apartments and next to nothing except very large families -- 7 and 8 children respectively. If you know a source, again please call Dan above or our office phone extension (925) 672-5800 x 2324.
- We are always on the lookout for serviceable used cars. Please consider donating your next "trade-in" or the car you no longer have need for to us.

- And yes, we welcome you who wish to help us work in personal relationship with those we serve, assessing and attempting to meet their needs.

## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS AFFECTED BY FIRES

The fires have had a devastating effect on the Napa Valley region. And our brothers and sisters in the Santa Rosa Diocese are just starting the lengthy process of rebuilding their lives.

We want to support them. Bishop Barber is inviting a special collection for the victims of the fire. We have scheduled the **Collection for November 11**. You will be invited to give that weekend. Or you can go to our parish web site and follow the link on the front page to give electronically.

## CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

Do you like being around young children? Do you have Wednesday mornings free and want to meet some of the parish families? The Moms' group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:45-11:30am. They are desperately in need of babysitters. We need 2 adults to watch their children while the moms grow in faith and community. You will need to be finger-printed and 'Safe Environment' trained. If we can gather a group of adults, they can rotate. If interested or want more information, please contact Eileen 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

## THANK YOU FROM LIL FICHTENKORT

I want to thank each and every one of you who brought me meals and gifts. I especially appreciate the prayers said for me by my friends and some who don't know me. I attribute my good condition to all the prayers. Thank you and thank God!

## FAITH DIRECT

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Bonaventure. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **CA725**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

## LITURGY & PRAYER

### ALL SAINTS' DAY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Wednesday, November 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate four special Masses in the church honoring the Saints: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, and 7:30pm.




### ALL SOULS' DAY: MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2



We will celebrate All Souls' Day with three Masses of Remembrance in the church on Thursday, November 2: 6:30am, 9:00am, and 7:30pm (Bilingual).

All those who have been buried from our parish during the past year will be honored with a special reading of their names, at all of the Masses during the Prayers of the Faithful. In addition, you are welcome to bring a photograph or memento of a deceased loved one, and place it on one of the memorial tables in the sanctuary, during the Mass you attend on November 2. A photo may also be placed on our Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos altar, that will be placed in the vestibule beginning on October 28/29. Photos should be picked up from the Foyer Altar on November 4/5.



**GOOD NEWS for You**

**READINGS for the WEEK**

**MONDAY:** ROM 8:12– 17; PS 68:2, 4, 6– 7AB, 20– 21; LK 13:10– 17

**TUESDAY:** ROM 8:18– 25; PS 126:1B– 6; LK 13:18– 21

**WEDNESDAY:** RV 7:2– 4, 9– 14; PS 24:1– 6; 1 JN 3:1– 3; MT 5:1– 12A

**THURSDAY:** WIS 3:1– 9; PS 23:1– 6; ROM 5:5– 11 OR 6:3– 9; JN 6:37– 40, OR ANY READINGS FROM NO. 668 OR FROM MASSES FOR THE DEAD, NOS. 1011– 1016

**FRIDAY:** ROM 9:1– 5; PS 147:12– 15, 19– 20; LK 14:1– 6

**SATURDAY:** ROM 11:1– 2A, 11– 12, 25– 29; PS 94:12– 13A, 14– 15, 17– 18; LK 14:1, 7– 11

**SUNDAY:** MAL 1:14B — 2:2B, 8– 10; PS 131:1– 3; 1 THES 2:7B– 9, 13; MT 23:1– 12



### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Church  
The Resurrection Choir's annual Advent/  
Christmas Concert  
Prepare your heart for the experience of  
Christmas!

### ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we remember all of our loved ones who have passed on. You may remember your loved ones in a special way by picking up an All Souls' envelope, writing their names and placing your gift to the parish inside, and then returning the envelope either to the parish office or by placing it in the collection basket. These envelopes, along with the Book of the Names of the Dead, will be placed in a prominent place in the church sanctuary throughout November, so that those who have died may be remembered in a special way during the month.

Envelopes may be found on the back tables at the side doors, and on the table in the foyer.

## FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

We are already planning our two children's Christmas Pageants that will be held on Christmas Eve: the Early Childhood Christmas Pageant will be at the 3PM Mass and the Elementary School Pageant will be at the 5:30PM Mass.



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The **Early Childhood Christmas Pageant** will feature children in pre-school-age 4 and Kindergarten, as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus. Please contact Rosa Rico by November 15 to register your child for the pageant. Rosa is the Early Childhood Pageant coordinator and can be reached at 383-3066. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 19 in Classroom B-5 after the 9AM Mass.

The **Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant** will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Rosann Halick at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at rhalick@stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29 at 4pm in the Church.

### BAPTISMS – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017

God's blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism

**Ryan Thomas Diller**, son of Thomas and Janey

**Emma Sofia Elebario**, daughter of James and Cristina

**Lili James-Elizabeth Elebario**, daughter of James and Cristina

**Abigail Rose Faghieh**, daughter of Steven and Allison

**Jack Vincent Howard**, son of Mark and Susanne

**Marcelo Antonio Loera**, son of Julio and Lisette

**Paisley Ann Mazzei**, daughter of Matt and Jessica

**Vivi Elyse Mazzei**, daughter of Matt and Jessica

**Sonny Martin Martinez**, son of Jorge and Sarah

**Olivia Marie Ortega**, daughter of Victor and Lorraine

**Isaiah Jacob Pinangay**, son of Jake and Cortnee Jean

**Aiza Montero Salazar**, daughter of Paolo and Mariela

**Alexander David Samano**, son of Eduardo and Marisa

**Mia Ariella Samano**, daughter of Eduardo and Marisa

**Sophia Isabel Samano**, daughter of Eduardo and Marisa

**Charlotte Averi Shou**, daughter of Eric and Rosanna

**Fiona Renee Patricia Smith**, daughter of David and Felicia

**Ariana Desina Theodos**, daughter of Brian and Janys

## LIFE AND JUSTICE

### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: FAQ ARTICLE ON IMMIGRATION – WHERE DOES THE CHURCH STAND?

By Greg Colley OFS

There is no question that our nation is experiencing an immigration crisis in multiple ways: growth in the number of undocumented persons, and growth in the many ways in which these immigrants do not receive fundamental respect for their rights and human dignity, especially those who perform hard work in vital industries. Our Church recognizes that the US immigration system is broken and has called for reforms. These include addressing root causes of migration, such as poverty; creating earned legalization and temporary worker programs; and restoring constitutional due process for immigrants. Many have questions regarding such reforms. Following are a few brief answers (further details are available on the USCCB website).



#### Do the U.S. bishops support any particular legislation to repair our broken immigration system?

Yes. In 2005 the bishops supported the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005, introduced by Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) in the U.S. Senate and Representatives Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Jeff Flake (R-AZ), and Luis Gutierrez in the House of Representatives. The legislation includes many of the elements outlined by the U.S. bishops.

#### Do the U.S. bishops oppose any immigration legislation which has been introduced in Congress?

Yes. The U.S. bishops strongly oppose H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Protection Act of 2005, introduced by Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Representative Peter King (R-NY). The legislation includes many harsh provisions which would bring undue harm to immigrants and their families, including mandatory detention of children.



### Why is the Catholic Church involved in the immigration issue?

Several reasons: the Scriptures as well as Catholic social teaching, form the basis of the Church position. In Matthew, Jesus calls upon us to “welcome the stranger,” for “what you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me” (Mt 25:35-40). The Church is also involved in the issue because many of the Catholic faithful are immigrants who need the support and assistance of the Church. Finally, the U.S. bishops believe that our current immigration system contributes to the human suffering of migrants and they have a duty to point out the moral consequences of a broken system.

### Does the Catholic Church believe in “open borders?”

No, Church teaching supports the right of sovereign nations to control their borders. Enforcement of our borders, however, should include the protection of the basic human rights and dignity of the migrant and not place lives at risk.

### Does the Catholic Church support illegal immigration?

No. The Catholic Church does not support or encourage illegal immigration because it is not good either for society (because of the presence of a large population living outside the legal structures) or the migrant (who is subjected to abuse, exploitation, and death in the desert). Instead, the Church is advocating changing a broken system so that undocumented persons can obtain legal status in our country and enter the United States legally to work and support their families.

### Will a new legalization program simply lead to more illegal immigration?

No, not if the new program contains all the appropriate elements and is implemented properly. The creation of a temporary worker program with protections and more family reunification visas will help stem illegal immigration by providing legal avenues for migration. Moreover, the U.S. bishops have advocated for policies to address the root causes of migration, including sustainable economic development and fair trade and economic policies which take into account the plight of low-skilled workers. Only policies which address global economic inequities will provide the long-term solution to forced migration.

### Is not an “earned legalization” another term for “amnesty”? Does not an “amnesty” reward illegal behavior and penalize those who are waiting in line legally?

No, an “earned legalization” is much different than an “amnesty.” An amnesty is a giveaway or forgiving of a debt. An “earned legalization” requires undocumented workers to “earn” permanent status by working over a six-year period before qualifying for legal status. It also requires the payment of a fine and English language capability. Thus, illegal behavior is not rewarded with a “free pass.” It is also important to streamline the family reunification system and other employment categories so that those waiting in line will receive legal status before those in the earned legalization program. Under this scenario, undocumented workers would not “jump the line” over those who have played by the rules.

### DIAPER DRIVE FOR CCIH



Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) needs diapers. “We have about 20 children under the age of 5 at Garden Park Apartments. If your community can help us stock up on sizes 3-5, that would be great!” Diapers can be dropped in the foyer or brought to the office. **Thank You!**

### FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

#### 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 first & third Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on November 1.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

*But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. — (Mt 6:6)*

The practice of Contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: “practice.” It’s not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Learn how to better love your spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. **The next weekends are held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on January 12-14 and May 18-20.** 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](http://www.oaklandwwme.org)

### REBUILT

The leadership team of our parish has asked all the staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council members to read the book *Rebuilt*. Fr. Mat invites all parishioners to read the book as well. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches and innovative business leaders, while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic heart of the Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story of how they brought their parish back to life. Copies can be purchased in the parish office for \$15.00.





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**PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SENIOR LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, November 9 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.**

We'll be celebrating Thanksgiving early with a delicious full turkey dinner provided by Chef Greg. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by *Monday November 6* by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on *November 4 & 5*. Adults of all ages are welcome! Come join us for fun, fellowship and good food.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The St Bonaventure Council 6038 of the Knights of Columbus is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, November 12** following the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses. Treat yourself and your family to a scrumptious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee prepared by the loving hands of the Parish Knights. \$6 per person, \$20 per family. The proceeds from this event will be used to help defray the cost of the Advent Christmas Concert that will be held on December 2, 2017.

**RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE SOLD:  
OCTOBER 28 AND 29 AFTER MASSES**

In addition to a wonderful Silent Auction at our Holiday Boutique "Jingle Bells" Gala, we will be conducting **raffle drawings** for superb gifts. Raffle drawings will take place on Saturday afternoon November 4. Winners need not be present to win.

To give you a head start in filling out your name/ phone on the raffle tickets, we will be conducting a pre-sale of tickets after Masses on October 28 and 29. This will allow you more time to bid on silent auction items and more opportunity to browse and purchase on Friday evening and Saturday. All purchases can be made by cash/ check/credit card. Be sure to bring your tickets with you to deposit into the raffle drawing bags. Good Luck!!

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**December 16 & 17:** Country Kitchen after all the Masses in the Church Foyer.

This gives you an extra chance to pick up last-minute edibles to grace your holiday table. All proceeds will benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

**ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!**



All bakers, pastry chefs and candy makers!!!! The ladies working the Country Kitchen at the boutique on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, would love it if you would share some of your talents in your cooking/ baking field and donate some goodies to be sold that weekend to benefit our Food Pantry! We have been so spoiled in the past by your delicious sweet treats that we are really salivating with unquenchable hunger for them soon. Please consider our needs at the Country Kitchen; call Jean Gualtieri at 925.588.8020 if you have any questions. All homemade items can be brought in at any time on Thursday, Nov. 2 or Friday morning November 3 (before noon) to the Small Hall or the office! Priced items are appreciated. We are so looking forward to these tasty sweet treats and breads. Thanks so much!

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry.

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

**CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE**

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. 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.



**2017 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & COUNTRY KITCHEN**

**Friday, November 3: "Jingle Bells 6pm - 8pm**

Please join us in the Large and Small Halls for an evening at the "Jingle Bells Boutique" gala. We will have wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffles, wine pull and shopping opportunities. The silent auction and raffle will feature baskets and certificates from many of the finest restaurants and service establishments in the Concord, Clayton, Walnut Creek area, as well many other items that you will find irresistible. The **Wine Pull** is a sure thing: buy a ticket, select a numbered cork, and win the corresponding wine bottle...values range from \$30-\$150! And, as if that were not enough excitement, you'll have plenty time to browse/buy. There will be hundreds of items beautifully made by our St. Bonaventure's Classy Crafters, and wonderful homemade goodies from the Country Kitchen.

**Saturday, November 4: Boutique & Country Kitchen 10am - 2pm**

Large and Small Halls. Continue shopping at the boutique and Country Kitchen.

The Classy Crafters would like to thank the many people who have donated items and materials throughout the year, enabling them to continue this wonderful project. Those donations have resulted in over 40% of the items that will be for sale this year.



*Pray For*

John Muscat  
Arthur Fernandes

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR**

LEONARD PICALLO  
October 28- November 3, 2017



**NEW PARISHIONERS**

- Verónica Aguirre
- Guada Sánchez & Batkhuu Batjargal & Family
- Sergio & Paola Burgos
- Silvia Castañedo
- James & Marilyn Conneally & Family
- Hilario & Alicia Corral & Family
- Arnaldo & Laura Espinosa
- James & Cecilia Hebert & Family
- Guillermo & Elisa Jara & Family
- Juan & Karen Leon & Family
- Armand & Golda Mandia
- Alejandro & Mónica Ortiz & Family
- Saulo & Teresa Rincón & Family
- José Raúl & Sandra Solís
- Camilo & Liliana Velez & Family

**OUTSIDE PARISH**

**CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE**

Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (at Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit [www.carondeleths.org/admissions](http://www.carondeleths.org/admissions).

**CARING HANDS NEEDS YOU**

If you ever considered volunteering for Caring Hands, now is the time. The next training session is Friday, November 10. This program is dedicated to helping seniors remain independent as long as safely possible. Many need transportation to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and a friendly visit. Perhaps you can be that friend who gives a waiting senior hope and help. For more information contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer Coordinator, at (925) 952-2999 or email [caring\\_hands@johnmuirhealth.com](mailto:caring_hands@johnmuirhealth.com).



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- 5:00 Leonida Palma
- Ruberta Cuajungco
- Benny & Manolo Marquez
- Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- 7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Sophia Lozipone
- Joe Mangini
- Glenda Perry
- Rudolph Hill
- 11:00 Robert Arena
- Cosimo Arena
- Michael Basarich
- Juan Merchan
- 5:00 Sr. Roberta Carson
- Fr. Richard Mangini
- Leo Sanes

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

- 6:30 The Pastoral Staff
- 9:00 Angelo Gardella
- Patti Baas
- Tony Sammut
- Michael Farley

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 6:30 All firefighters and volunteers
- 9:00 Tony Sammut

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY**

- 6:30 All military personnel
- 9:00 Lawrence Tadeo
- Cuenco & Alfonso Families
- Efren & Mamerto Lao
- Brigido and Severina Lao
- 7:30 Crisanto Mariano
- Mai Nguyen
- Dinh Tran
- Tony Sammut

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS DAY**

- 6:30 Josph Panjada
- 9:00 Dinh Tran
- William M. Jordan
- Nestor Bacsafra
- Jaime R. Diaz
- 7:30 Alicia Taborga

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

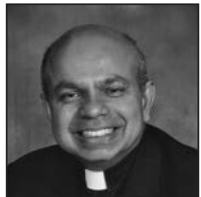
- 6:30 Joy Intal
- Jovita Cristobal
- 9:00 Romeo Coloyan
- Pat Svitenko
- Tony Sammut
- Joseph Sammut

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community



## PENSAMIENTOS



de  
**Padre Mat**

### LOS GRANDES MANDAMIENTOS

El tema central de las lecturas de hoy es el gran mandamiento en la Biblia, es decir, amar a Dios y expresar ese amor en acción amándolo a Él al amar a nuestro vecino.

La primera lectura del Éxodo explica el segundo mandamiento más importante, es amar a los vecinos especialmente a los más desamparados. El pueblo elegido de Israel debe recordar que antes eran extranjeros en la tierra de Egipto. Así como Dios los protegió y trató con amabilidad, ellos deben proteger a otros y tratarlos con amabilidad. Por lo tanto, deberían convertirse en una sociedad humana en el concepto religioso básico de amor a Dios y la vida de su vecino.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo felicita a los Tesalonicenses sobre los efectos positivos de su ejemplo de amarse unos a otros como Jesús les había mandado hacer. Su amor mutuo y su amante recepción de Pablo a la respuesta de su predicación reforzó la fe de los cristianos en otros lugares que se enteraron de ellos.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús combina el mandamiento de amar a Dios con el mandamiento del amor al prójimo y da el resultado como un mandamiento de suma importancia en la vida cristiana. Jesús subraya el principio de que debemos amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, porque somos hijos de Dios, tanto ellos como nosotros llevamos la imagen de Dios y al honrar la imagen de Dios es honrarle a Él. Amar a nuestro prójimo es una manera, no de sentimiento sino de hechos compartiendo con los demás el amor inmerecido que Dios derrama sobre nosotros.

Amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, alma, mente y fuerza, significa que deberíamos colocar la voluntad de Dios por delante de la nuestra, buscar la voluntad del Señor en todas las cosas y que sea de suma importancia en nuestras vidas. Hay varios medios por los cuales podemos expresar nuestro amor por Dios y nuestro agradecimiento a él por sus bendiciones, reconociendo nuestra total dependencia de Él. Hay que guardar los mandamientos de Dios y

ofrecer oraciones diarias de agradecimiento, alabanza y petición. También tenemos que leer y meditar su palabra en la Biblia y aceptar su invitación a unirse a él en la misa y otras funciones litúrgicas.

La voluntad de Dios es que debemos amar a todos, a verlo a Él en nuestros vecinos. Debido a que cada ser humano es hijo de Dios y la morada del Espíritu de Dios, en realidad estamos dando expresión a nuestro amor a Dios amando al prójimo como Jesús le ama a el o ella, Esto significa que necesitamos ayudar, apoyar, animar, perdonar y rezar por todos, sin discriminación basada en el color, raza, religión, sexo, riqueza o condición social. El perdón es vital. Amamos a los demás al negarnos a guardar rencor por un mal hecho a nosotros. Incluso un reproche puede ser un acto de amor, si se hace con el corazón. También expresamos amor a través del estímulo y ayudando a otros crecer. Expresamos el amor de Agápe en el cumplimiento de las necesidades de los demás mediante el uso de los talentos y bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado para confortarnos entre sí, mediante la enseñanza de unos a otros y compartiendo el Evangelio, mediante obras y palabras

### LA PARROQUIA EN FACEBOOK

Estamos viviendo en una era de los medios sociales. Facebook hoy encabeza 1,900 billones de usuarios mensuales. Facebook ahora tiene 1,28 billones de personas que utilizan sus servicios todos los días. El impacto global es claro en los propietarios de negocios, es una buena idea usar esta poderosa plataforma en medios sociales para hacer su propia presencia.

¿Sabe usted que tenemos una página en Facebook de San Buenaventura? Por favor visite la página de Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura (St.Bonaventure Catholic Community.) Busca allí las últimas noticias y fotos de nuestra increíble parroquia.

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## Reflexión del Padre Oscar Rojas

### AMA A TU PROJIMO ASI COMO AMAS A DIOS

**“El que me ama cumplirá mi Palabra y mi Padre lo amaré y haremos en él nuestra morada, dice el Señor.”** En este domingo encontramos un maravilloso mensaje en la Palabra de Dios para cada uno de nosotros como bautizados. El día de nuestro bautizo recibimos completamente la fuerza del Espíritu Santo y nos convertimos en verdaderos hijos e hijas de Dios. En el sacramento del bautismo Dios llena nuestro corazón del verdadero amor para que podamos amar a todos los que están a nuestro alrededor. Sin embargo, el mundo de hoy nos presenta un amor contrario al verdadero amor que nos presenta el Evangelio de hoy. El mundo de hoy nos presenta un amor temporal que no construye el reino de Dios. El mundo nos presenta un amor egoísta que nada más busca intereses personales. El amor que el mundo nos ofrece no deja que amemos con el verdadero amor de Dios.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús responde la pregunta ¿Cuál es el mandamiento más grande de la ley? Esta fue la pregunta que le hicieron los fariseos a Jesús y el responde de una manera sencilla pero profunda. Jesús dice **“Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente. Y Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.”** Jesús conoce profundamente el corazón del ser humano y nada se puede ocultar a sus ojos. Los fariseos siempre andaban buscando ponerle trampas a Jesús para encontrarlo culpable. La malicia de los fariseos era destruir a Jesús y acusarlo de alguna falta. Al ver la realidad en nuestro tiempo de hoy, nos podemos dar cuenta que la manera de pensar de los fariseos continúa siendo una realidad. En otras palabras, hay muchas personas que siempre buscan la manera de destruir la vida de otras personas. Recientemente podemos observar tantos crímenes, hurtos, odio, egoísmo, discriminación, marginación, falsos testimonios y chismes. Ninguna de esta manera de actuar construye la vida de una persona. El hombre o mujer que actúa de esta manera debe darse cuenta de que sus acciones no viene del profundo amor de Dios. Por el contrario, hay que remover todo





este tipo de actuar de nuestra vida para cumplir verdaderamente la Palabra de Dios y dejar que habite Dios en nuestro corazón. Definitivamente, en un corazón lleno de odio, rencor, envidia, y chismes, no hay espacio para el amor de Dios. Estamos llamados a remover todo para que Dios habite en nuestros corazones y transforme la vida de cada ser humano.

La verdadera transformación del corazón del ser humano comienza con la respuesta de Jesús **“Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente”**. Esto significa amar a Dios completamente por sobre todas las cosas. Una entrega total que abarca el deseo más profundo del corazón, alma y nuestra mente. Que nuestro corazón no este dividido por ninguna cosa mundana. Amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón y con toda nuestra mente. Para amar a Dios con toda nuestra mente debemos eliminar tantos pensamientos malignos, e ideas que destruyen la vida de otros hermanos. El hombre y la mujer que ama a Dios con todo su corazón y con toda su alma, y con toda su mente será capaz de amar a su prójimo como el mismo. El Evangelio nos exhorta a amar a todos, así como me amo a mí mismo. Con humildad y sencillez de corazón dejemos que Dios habite en nuestros corazones para que podamos amar verdaderamente, comenzando por nuestra familia, vecinos, amigos y todos aquellos que encontremos a lo largo de la vida. **AMA A TU PROJIMO ASI COMO AMAS A DIOS CON TODO TU CORAZON, ALMA Y MENTE.**

**FAITH DIRECT**



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Visite a [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) y usa nuestro código de la iglesia: **CA725**.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial!

Dios los bendiga. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

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