



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

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YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE AS MANY AS THE STARS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

December 31, 2017

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...

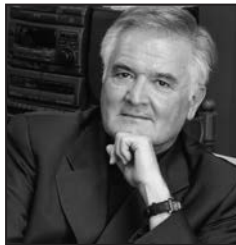
Keep connected to our parish community,

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.

THOUGHTS FROM FR RICHARD MANGINI



WE LEARN TO FULFILL GOD’S DREAM FOR US AS JESUS DID

Today is **Holy Family Sunday**, and I am delighted to return to spend this weekend with all of you. Fr. Mathew and the Parish Liturgy planning group have invited me **to return every fifth Sunday of the month** to preach and to celebrate the Liturgy with the parish community on that weekend. So I will see you at the parish as well as in Safeway. I am very grateful for this opportunity, as I remain a parishioner of St. Bonaventure’s Church and I am pleased to celebrate baptisms, weddings and funerals here. I will continue to help Fr. Robert Rien at St. Ignatius Church in Antioch on weekends as well. Fr. Mathew has invited me to also celebrate Mass each month for the Spanish-speaking community.

Every year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, reminding us that God has come to the world so that we might live the fullest meaning of life—to save us, to help us, to inspire us and to encourage us to live out His dreams for us. That happens most especially and importantly in The Family.

The Feast is about promise, faith and legacy. There are two remarks that I hear often when meeting a family to prepare a funeral for one of their parents. The first is that all the effort and love experienced by the children from their parents was about family. The health, wellbeing and work of their lives was about the family.

The second remark I hear so often is about the importance of faith. How can people deal with all the experiences of life without faith? Of course, it is not faith as a doctrine or an institution, but **faith in a personal God who loves, cares for us and guides each person.**

Every family has its dreams for their family. That is what our readings show today for Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

If we don’t have a good idea or dream about God’s destiny for us, God does. “I am your shield; I will make your reward very great,” God promises Abraham. Abraham is very grateful to God for his prosperity, for settling him in a new place, and selfishly would like to have a son to remove the shame of not having a son. God’s dream was that Abraham would always have a son because that was the way that God would work out salvation for the world. “Let go” and “Let God” remains the best solution to so many of our concerns. “Abraham put his faith in the Lord.” So often, we are the ones who create our problems. It is God who has dreams for us, and God reveals the dreams when we ask.

St. Paul summarizes the active faith and trust of Abraham by reminding us that our life and destiny is more than our accomplishments, and that our legacy that we pass on to others is more than a financial and property inheritance. **The qualities of faith and love enable us to have descendants that not only bear a name and a resemblance, but who bear also the spirit of faith and trust.** This is God’s dream for each family. Everything that we are and have is a symbol, St. Paul wrote—a symbol of God’s choice and destiny for each of us. The material details of God’s dream may not be as important or as clear as the kernel awareness of “the living presence” within, and our response to live the dream in faith and trust.

The Gospel words of Simeon and Anna express the deeper reality of our lives. The Holy Spirit reveals to the both of them that they would see “The Christ of the Lord”, God’s Anointed One.

This is a very good reminder for us to see far more in one another that we don’t see at times - words of affirmation and encouragement. **We are more than we think we are.** God comes into the world to bring us the personal gift of His own presence. That is really what God wants us to pass on.

Jesus Himself had to learn to recognize what Simeon and Anna could intuit. “The child Jesus grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” Jesus had to learn who He was and how He would fulfill God’s dream for his life. So do you and I!

HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Lord and Savior,
You became human and live
Among us to show us the Way
To be part of the human family.
With Mary, Your Mother,
And Joseph, Your foster Father
You taught us obedience,
Patience and understanding.

As a child, You grew
In wisdom and strength
And thus consecrated our families
As sanctuaries where all members
Find help and healing.

May Your Holy Family, Lord,
Inspire, guide and protect
Our households and homes
Both now and forever

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Veneroso, M.M.

LITURGY & PRAYER

NEW YEAR’S DAY/THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018: 9:00AM MASS

We celebrate the motherhood of Mary as well as the start of a new calendar year. The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek *Theotokos*, which means “God-bearer.” On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. We will have one Mass at 9:00am in the church.



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

MONDAY: NM 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21

TUESDAY: 1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1-4; JN 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 2:29 -- 3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-6; JN 1:29-34

THURSDAY: 1 JN 3:7-10; PS 98:1, 7-9; JN 1:35-42

FRIDAY: 1 JN 3:11-21; PS 100:1B-5; JN 1:43-51

SATURDAY: 1 JN 5:5-13; PS 147:12-15, 19-20; MK 1:7-11 OR LK 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

SUNDAY: IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12



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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 24TH ANNUAL RETREAT

"The Mighty God Has Done Great Things for Me,
and Holy is His Name", Lk 1:49

Fri, Jan 26 to Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at St. Clare's
Retreat Center. The cost is \$225 per person.
Registration flyers are available in the foyer,
church office, and on the parish website. Contact
Andrea for additional questions: 925-529-7675.
We hope to see you there.

HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the
death of a loved one, we'd like to invite you
to attend the **Healing the Heart** workshop. It
provides a safe place to express grief and be-
gin healing after the loss of a loved one. The
loss may have been a recent one or a long time
ago. The grief workshop is a six-week program
characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing
and spirituality. It is a Christ-centered program,
but you do not have to be a member of St.
Bonaventure's parish or a Catholic to attend.

The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening
January 30 from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure
Church. The workshop is **free** but registration is
required by January 15. Please call Helene Billeci
at (925) 686-4870 for more information and to
register.

2018 MENS RETREAT

"Mercy: A Disciple's Response..." A Retreat with
the Men of St Bonaventure's Parish, March 2-4
at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Our
retreat master is Fr. Mark Wiesner, pastor of St.
Charles Borromeo parish in Livermore. For more
information, call Joe Talarico (925.680.7767)
or Matthew Remington (925.672.4006).
Registration forms are available online at www.stbonaventure.net (Parish Ministries – Men's
Spiritual Network).

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The parish celebration of Confirmation will be
on May 12, 2018 with Very Rev. George Mockel.
Parish preparation for those adults/young adults
interested will **begin Monday, February 26**. We
will meet Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm. Each
candidate must:

- be over 18 years of age
- no longer be in high school
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received First Communion and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

If you are interested, please contact
Eileen (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Registration requested by
February 15.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Christmas time is the time to celebrate the
beautiful gift of God becoming man. Jesus was a
great healer and teacher who taught us to pray.
He suggests we go to our quiet space to pray.
Spend some quiet 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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us
remember that God's love for us is reflected in
the love for each other in our family. Why not
celebrate and encourage that love by giving
your spouse the gift of 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

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND: JANUARY 6 & 7.

After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we have wine,
soda, cheese, cookies, and crackers. After
the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there
will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All
are welcome! Thank you to the parishioners
and volunteers who have donated to this fine
ministry.

SUPER BOWL CRAB FEED PARTY! SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 AT 6PM

Welcome in the New Year with friends and family
at the Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Crab
Feed Party!

A casual evening, in your favorite team's
apparel, filled with great fun! There will be a
live-silent auction of incredible items, once-in-
a-lifetime sports collectables, and fabulous door
prizes. And, of course, delicious crab, pasta, wine
and more.

Tickets are on sale this weekend in the foyer
or in the church office. \$50 per person or \$45
per person for a full table of eight, purchased
before Jan. 16. Contact Mike Farnham with any
questions or to reserve your table. 925-766-
2864.

NEWS FROM OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE:

Once again, we'd like to thank you for your
continued generosity for each Fifth Sunday
collection. We are blessed to be associated with
such a committed parish, and your contributions
have made it possible for us to help many
families less fortunate than ourselves. We were
particularly thrilled at the response we got to
our call for bunk beds awhile back. Parishioners
either purchased or donated **four** of the six sets
we needed for two large families. You **all** are
amazing! Rather than list statistics this month,
we thought we'd share some photos instead.
The first is of two sets of the bunk beds we were
able to provide, along with three of the happy
children who were to be sleeping in them. The
second is of our Friday Foods team and the
Thanksgiving baskets we distributed to 41 of the
families we serve.

Lastly: We have two families that are in great
need of a serviceable car. Please consider
donating your next "trade-in," or the car you no
longer need, directly to us.

CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure
Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed thera-
pists, serves individuals, couples and families, and
prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-
established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project





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Because of Jesus Christ, we believe in the Communion of Saints. As we celebrate Christmas and bless each other with grace, love and gifts, we honor living family members; and we remember those who have preceded us to the New Life by our Christmas Church decorations and flowers.

- Bill Baas
- Ernest Baas
- Mae Baas
- Buznego Family
- Casagrande Family
- Mildred & Ralph Cheda
- Dennis M. Connors
- Daly Family
- Joy del Rosario
- Lita Diaz
- Marge Digby
- Exten Family
- Helen Gimet
- Guzzo Family
- Annaliza Hammer
- Anthony J. Haubrich
- Margaret E. Haubrich
- Mary Hericks
- Ted Hoag
- Stella Hopkins
- Jennie & Al Introcaso
- Sandry Johson
- Landoni Family
- Milcetch Family
- Quimet & Leeky Family
- Carlos & Tess Liberato
- Picallo Family
- Francis Raymond
- Rosaka Pangelinan Family
- Roger Salcedo
- Joseph Stanko
- Mary Stanko
- Pauline Stanko
- Matthew A. Thomson
- Trespacios Family
- Lillian Tompkins
- Wranau Family

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 5:00 Julie Furer
- Emidio Busuttill
- John Muscat
- Michael Scerri

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 7:30 All Military Personnel away from home
- 9:00 Joe Mangini
- John Muscat
- Vidal Crescencio
- Rogelio Toledo
- 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR’S DAY

- 9:00 Lloyd Craft
- Marcelino Ponce
- Rogelio Montenegro
- Dario Matthew Vazquez

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

- 6:30 Food Pantry volunteers
- 9:00 William M. Jordan
- Felix Adolfo Flores
- Cecilia Perias

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

- 6:30 All the sick & homebound
- 9:00 Penney Lirotko

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- 6:30 The Pastoral Staff
- 9:00 St. Bonaventure Ministries

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

- 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul volunteers
- 9:00 Safety of all children

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- 5:00 John Muscat



*Pray
For*

Peace & Unity

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

TONY SAMMUT

December 30, 2017– January 5, 2018



REFLEXIÓN DEL PADRE

Ricardo Mangini



APRENDAMOS A CUMPLIR EL SUEÑO DE DIOS PARA NOSOTROS COMO JESÚS LO HIZO

Hoy es el domingo de la **Sagrada Familia**, y estoy encantado de volver a pasar este fin de semana con todos ustedes. El Padre Mathew y el grupo de planificación de la liturgia parroquial me han invitado a **volver cada quinto domingo del mes** a predicar y celebrar la liturgia con la comunidad parroquial en ese fin de semana. Así que voy a verlos en la parroquia, así como en Safeway.

Estoy muy agradecido por esta oportunidad ya que sigo siendo un feligrés de la Iglesia de San Buenaventura y me complace celebrar bautizos, bodas y funerales aquí. Voy a seguir ayudando al Padre Robert Rien en la Iglesia de San Ignacio en Antioch también los fines de semana. El Padre Mathew me ha invitado también a celebrar la Misa cada mes para la comunidad de habla hispana.

Cada año, la Iglesia Católica celebra la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José que nos recuerda que Dios ha venido al mundo para que podamos vivir el pleno sentido la vida, para salvarnos, para ayudarnos a inspirarnos y animarnos a vivir sus sueños por nosotros. Eso sucede más especialmente e importantemente en la familia.

La Celebración es promesa, fe y legado. Hay dos observaciones que escucho a menudo cuando una familia desea preparar un funeral para uno de sus padres. La primera es que todo el esfuerzo y amor de los padres por los niños fue por la familia. La salud, bienestar y trabajo de su vida fue para la familia.

La segunda observación que oigo a menudo es sobre la importancia de la fe. ¿Cómo pueden tratar personas con todas las experiencias de la vida sin fe? Por supuesto, no es fe como una doctrina o una institución, **pero la fe en un Dios personal que ama, cuida y guía a cada persona.**

Cada familia tiene sus sueños para su familia. Eso es lo que hoy muestran nuestras lecturas de Abraham y Sara, Isaac y Jacob, Jesús, María y José

Si no tenemos una buena idea o un sueño sobre el destino de Dios para nosotros, Dios lo tiene. "Yo soy tu escudo; Voy a hacer tu recompensa muy grande," Dios promete a Abraham. Abraham

está muy agradecido a Dios por su prosperidad, para colocarlo en un lugar nuevo y egoístamente le gustaría tener un hijo para quitar la vergüenza de no tener un hijo. El sueño de Dios siempre era que Abraham tuviera un hijo, porque esa era la manera que Dios daría la salvación para el mundo. "Dejar ir" y "permite que Dios" siga siendo la mejor solución para muchas de nuestras preocupaciones. "Abraham puso su fe en el Señor". A menudo, somos nosotros los que creamos nuestros problemas. Es Dios quien tiene un sueño para nosotros, y Dios revela el sueño cuando le pedimos.

San Pablo resume la fe activa y la confianza de Abraham porque nos recuerda que nuestra vida y destino es más que nuestros logros y que nuestro legado que nos pasan a los demás es más que una herencia financiera y de propiedad. Las cualidades de fe y amor nos permiten tener descendientes que no sólo tienen un nombre y una semejanza, sino que también tienen espíritu de fe y confianza. Este es el sueño de Dios para cada familia. Todo lo que somos y tenemos es un símbolo, escribió San Pablo, símbolo de la elección de Dios y el destino para cada uno de nosotros. Los detalles materiales del sueño de Dios no pueden ser tan importantes o claras como la conciencia del núcleo de la "presencia de vida" Dentro de nosotros y nuestra respuesta a vivir el sueño de fe y confianza.



Las palabras del Evangelio de Simeón y Ana expresan la realidad más profunda de nuestras vidas. El Espíritu Santo revela a dos de ellos que ven "El Cristo del Señor." Dios el Ungido.

Este es un buen recordatorio para vernos el uno al otro más allá de cómo nos vemos a veces --palabras de afirmación y estímulo. **Somos más de lo que pensamos que somos.** Dios viene al mundo para traernos el don personal de su propia presencia. Eso es realmente lo que Dios quiere transmitir.

Jesús mismo tuvo que aprender a reconocer lo que Simeón y Ana pudieran intuir. "El niño Jesús crecía y se fortalecía, lleno de sabiduría; y el favor de Dios estaba sobre él." Jesús tuvo que aprender quién era y cómo él cumpliría el sueño de Dios para su vida. ¡También tú y yo!

FAITH DIRECT

Demos una bienvenida a este otoño donando electrónicamente a través de Faith Direct, la manera más conveniente y segura para que usted pueda hacer su donación semanal a San Buenaventura. Sus contribuciones automáticas a través de Faith Direct ahorrarán tiempo valioso para usted y nuestro personal de la parroquia.

Visite a 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

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.

BAUTIZOS 2018

LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA · LUGAR CLASES: B-1
ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102

****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****

Fecha de Bautizo	Hora de Bautizo	Fecha de Clase	Hora de Clase
Sat 01/13/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/26	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/17/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/02	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/24	2:00 p.m.	Fri 03/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/07	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/07	2:00 p.m.	Fri 03/23	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/21	2:00 p.m.	Fri.04/13	7-9:30p.m.

