



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

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Santo Niño Celebration. Photo Credit: David Blankenhorn

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

**January 21, 2018**

**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 FR. MATHEW



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We are extremely grateful to you for your very generous stewardship and weekly offerings. We have several second collections mandated by the Diocese for the local, national and international needs. Our parish has been exceedingly generous with those collections.

For the past few months, I have been observing how our second collections are taken up. Though the ushers pass the second collection baskets after the first, often they get mixed up. As a result, some of our parishioners don't differentiate between the first and the second. I have discussed this problem with the parish leadership and the Finance Council. To avoid this problem, in some of the parishes, the second collection is taken up after the Holy Communion, while some other parishes offer envelopes precisely for that.

Moving forward, after due consultation, we have decided to pass the baskets only once. Whenever there is a second collection, kindly use the envelope available on the pews, marked for special collection, for your offerings. Please place the first collection and the second collection envelope at the same time in the basket that will be passed only once. If you want to make a contribution towards the second collection, remember that you will have to use the envelope meant for that. The money counters will sort those out and process them accordingly. To ensure your accounts are correctly credited, please write legibly.

To inculcate the value of stewardship, the children of the parish also will be provided with offertory envelopes beginning in Lent. Besides money, the children can write: "I studied my lesson," "I helped a friend," "I said my prayers" etc. on the envelopes. Or they can write just a short prayer and place it in the envelope. The children's offering will be taken up by the presider during the time of the regular collection. The children will be asked to come forward, where the presider will wait with a basket at every Mass except the 7:30 am Mass.

Let us make stewardship a way of life. Thus, we will be blessed with sufficient human and financial resources to carry out our mission "To Know Christ Better and Make Him Better Known."

Fr. Mat



# STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of January 13 & 14 Collection

Goal: \$26,123  
Actual: \$22,627  
Deficit: (\$3,496)

2nd Collection  
(Seminary): \$3,951

Food for Family: 334

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

### LETTER FROM BISHOP BARBER, SJ

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you today regarding the recent decision by the Trump administration to rescind 'Temporary Protective Status' (TPS) for approximately 200,000 El Salvadorans living in the United States.

This action by our president is heartbreaking. I am particularly troubled that we are disrupting the lives of people who immigrated here legally under an order signed by President Bush in 2001. They are upstanding citizens who, every 18 months, pay to undergo a required vetting process to keep their permit active. They are homeowners, hard workers, and taxpayers whose children are U.S. citizens. They are contributing to the communities in which they live here in the U.S., and supporting their family members who stayed behind in El Salvador, a country still unstable and rocked by violence.

More than 190,000 US-born children have at least one parent who will lose legal status due to the administration's decision. Going back to a dangerous environment could have fatal consequences; if they choose to stay and lose immigration status they will be at immediate risk of deportation.

Our Catholic Charities of East Bay recommends all affected schedule a legal screening to identify potential remedies. Their services are provided by Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representatives and licensed immigration attorneys. People seeking help should call 510.768.3100 or visit [www.cceb.org](http://www.cceb.org).



org/our-services/.immigration-legal-services/. Our diocesan Office for Life and Justice at 510.267.8379 or chernandez oakdiocese.or has more information and ways each of us can be involved.

Pope Francis reminded us in his message for the World Day of Migrants, which is ironically January 14, "Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate."

I encourage all of us to join efforts in seeking a better solution to this situation. Please also contact your Senator and Representative. We believe all people have the right to migrate to protect their lives and their families. While the Church recognizes the right of nations to regulate their borders, this right must be exercised with mercy and justice and balanced with immigrants' rights to human dignity and life.

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## PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

### 'ADOPT A FAMILY' PROGRAM

*Fiona Hughes, Clayton Valley Village*

For the second year running, Clayton Valley Village and St. Bonaventure Church teamed up for the 'Adopt A Family' program, to give back to the community and ensure a local family in need has a happy holiday.

The Ahmadi family were the appreciative recipients of wrapped gifts for each family member, as well as money gifted by Clayton Valley Village (CVV).

Making like Santa, and delivering the trunk full of gifts to the Ahmadi's Concord home on 12/21/17 was Jim Whitfield, past CVV president, Fiona Hughes, CVV volunteer, and Sandy Fogarty, member of St. Bonaventure Church and dear friend of the Ahmadi family.

Sandy's close relationship with the Ahmadi family started when St. Bonaventure members and Family-to-Family-Ministry began helping and supporting the family on their 2016 arrival in the USA as refugees from war-torn Afghanistan, with a price on their heads from the Taliban.

Since arriving in the USA, the father of the family, Najib, has been indebted to the sponsorship and help that St. Bonaventure Church members provide, and grateful for the generous donations from the 'Adopt A Family' program.

Najib is highly motivated to provide a better life for his family, and has recently secured work as a security officer in San Francisco. He speaks multiple languages, is driven to support his growing family, and is on his way to becoming fully self-sufficient. His wife, Zainab, is taking English lessons at DVC, which is building her confidence in speaking English.

Responding to the outpouring of gifts to make their holidays brighter, Najib said, "Thank you - we are speechless for the many blessings shown to us, and the help this provides to our family. Our children are thriving, we have a baby on the way, and our family is very happy now. And even our 5-yr. old now corrects my English!"

Thanks to all from Clayton Valley Village, and St. Bonaventure Church for making the 'Adopt A Family' program another great success this year!

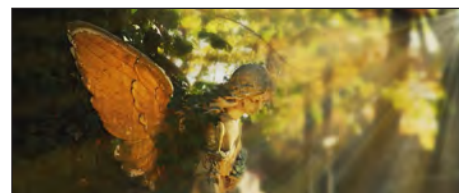
### FAITH DIRECT

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful Feast of Epiphany. I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collection donation of your choosing. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!  
Remember Me As Loving You. — Fr. Mat

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## LITURGY & PRAYER



**Upcoming funerals will now be posted on our website. You will find them under News & Events.**



### READINGS for the WEEK



- MONDAY:** 2 SM 5:1-7, 10; PS 89:20-22, 25-26; MK 3:22-30, OR ANY OF A NUMBER OF READINGS FOR THE DAY OF PRAYER
- TUESDAY:** 2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19; PS 24:7-10; MK 3:31-35
- WEDNESDAY:** 2 SM 7:4-17; PS 89:4-5, 27-30; MK 4:1-20
- THURSDAY:** ACTS 22:3-16 OR ACTS 9:1-22; PS 117:1BC, 2; MK 16:15-18
- FRIDAY:** 2 TM 1:1-8 OR TI 1:1-5; PS 51:3-7, 10-11; MK 4:26-34
- SATURDAY:** 2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17; PS 51:12-17; MK 4:35-41
- SUNDAY:** DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28



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## FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

### CYO TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM

St. Bonaventure CYO Track & Field is a fun program designed for runners of all levels in grades 2-8, who want to learn proper technique and learn to enjoy the many events of track and field. Athletes have the ability to train and participate in running events including the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and the mile; relays and field events such as the long jump, high jump, softball throw and shot put.

### 2018 CYO TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION

Online only at: <https://www.tawala.com/p/wltgmdkhdmtzpqd/unlkipy.Registration>

### PARENT MEETING FOR NEW ATHLETES:

Monday, February 5 at 6:00pm, St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, Small Hall, 5562 Clayton Rd., Concord. **Cost:** \$100 per athlete

**Season Details:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 (first practice) - Saturday, May 12th (Diocese Championship Meet); Practices will be at Newhall Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:00pm-6:15pm. Dates on Clayton Valley Charter High School track TBD. Meets will be on Saturdays starting in early March.

**We are looking for coaches and volunteers! If you are interested in helping, or need more information about the track program, contact:** Track & Field Head Coach: Matt Tillman, (925) 826-7426, [matttillman@gmail.com](mailto:matttillman@gmail.com)

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## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### 2018 MEN'S 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. Call Joe Talarico (925.680.7767) or Matthew Remington (925.672.4006). Registration forms are available online at [www.stbonaventure.net](http://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](mailto: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

"For the world in its present form is passing away." If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) **weekend held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on 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)



# MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- 5:00 Baltazar Nagrampa  
Robert Fenn  
Antonio M. Estrada  
Amy Ripley

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 7:30 Hank Dias  
Cynthia Chernock  
Lloyd Miglio  
Hazel Krauss
- 9:00 Joey Mangini  
Pat Conroy  
Sean McCloskey  
Jeff Carter
- 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 5:00 Mario Pola  
Tony Sammut  
Howard Payne  
Pat Conroy

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- 6:30 Children suffering with cancer  
Ed Totman
- 9:00 Daniel Arteaga, Jr.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6:30 For peace & harmony in the world
- 9:00 Food Pantry volunteers

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:30 All Ministry Leaders
- 9:00 Faith Formation Catechists

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- 6:30 Priests and seminarians
- 9:00 William A. Jordan

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Garden Angels
- 9:00 Fernan Gonzalo & Saul Ricardo Villalba  
Jose Antonio Castillo  
Emiro Ruiz

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- 5:00 William and Margaret O'Hanlon  
William Hanlon, Jr.  
Jane Scerri  
Angela Anderson



## PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE MATHEW



### QUERIDOS FELIGRESES:

Estamos muy agradecidos por sus generosas ofrendas semanales.

Tenemos varias segundas colectas mandadas por la Diócesis para las necesidades locales, nacionales e internacionales. Nuestra parroquia ha sido excesivamente generosa con estas colectas.

Durante los últimos meses, he estado observando cómo se recogen las segundas colectas. Los acomodadores pasan las cestas de la segunda colecta después de la primera y a menudo esto ocasiona confusión. He discutido este problema con el Consejo de Finanzas y Líderes de la parroquia. En algunas parroquias la segunda colecta se recoge después de la Santa Comunión, mientras que en otras parroquias se ofrecen sobres para esta donación.

Se ha decidido lo siguiente: en el futuro, se pasarán las cestas sólo una vez. Por favor, para esta ocasión ponga su donación en los sobres que estarán disponibles en las bancas marcados para la colecta especial. Por favor, coloque la primera colecta en la canasta y el sobre de la segunda colecta en la otra canasta. Los contadores del dinero van a separar los sobres y procesarlos debidamente. Por favor escriba legiblemente para garantizar que sus cuentas se acrediten correctamente.

Para inculcar el valor de la administración de la iglesia, a partir de la Cuaresma a los niños también se les proporcionarán sobres para ofrendas. Además del dinero, los niños pueden escribir en los sobres: "He estudiado la lección," "Ayudé a un amigo," "Dije mis oraciones," etc. O simplemente pueden escribir una oración breve y colocarla en el sobre. Las ofrendas de los niños serán tomadas por el padre que celebra la misa durante el tiempo de la colecta regular. Se les pedirá a los niños que vengan al altar a presentar sus ofrecimientos, el padre esperará con una cesta en cada misa, excepto a las 7:30 de la mañana.

Hagamos de la administración una forma de vida. De este modo, seremos bendecidos con suficientes recursos humanos y financieros para llevar nuestra misión "Para conocer mejor a Cristo y hacerlo más conocido."

### CARTA DEL OBISPO BARBER, SJ

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Les escribo hoy en relación a la reciente decisión de la administración del Presidente Trump de revocar el Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS por sus siglas en inglés) a aproximadamente 200 000 Salvadoreños que viven en los Estados Unidos.

Esta acción de nuestro presidente nos llena de angustia. Me preocupa particularmente que estamos trastornando la vida de personas que inmigraron aquí legalmente bajo la orden firmada por el presidente Bush en el año 2001. Son ciudadanos respetables que cada 18 meses pagan para seguir el proceso de revisión que les permite mantener su permiso en regla. Son personas que han comprado sus casas, que trabajan duro, que pagan impuestos y cuyos hijos son ciudadanos de este país. Han contribuido a las comunidades de los Estados Unidos donde han residido, y apoyan a sus familiares que se quedaron en El Salvador, un país que aún sufre inestabilidad y violencia.

Más de 190 000 personas nacidas en los Estados Unidos verán a uno de sus padres perder su estatus legal debido a la decisión de esta Administración. Volver a un ambiente peligroso puede tener consecuencias fatales, y si deciden quedarse y pierden su condición migratoria, se ponen en riesgo de enfrentar la deportación.

Las Caridades Católicas (CCEB) recomiendan a todos los afectados que hagan una cita para consulta legal que les permita identificar posibles soluciones. Estos servicios son coordinados por miembros acreditados del Consejo de Apelaciones de Inmigración (Board of Immigration Appeals) y por abogados de inmigración con licencia para estos casos. Las personas pueden buscar ayuda llamando al 510.768.3100 o a través de la página de internet [www.cceb.org/our-services/immigration-legal-services/](http://www.cceb.org/our-services/immigration-legal-services/). Nuestra Oficina Diocesana de Vida y Justicia tiene más información sobre posibles formas en que todos podemos ayudar.

Pueden contactar a Cristina Hernández al 510.267.8379 o en el correo electrónico [chernandez.oakdiocese.org](mailto:chernandez.oakdiocese.org).

El Papa Francisco nos ha recordado, en su mensaje para el Día Mundial de los Migrantes, que irónicamente es el 14 de enero este año, que: «nuestra respuesta común se podría articular entorno a cuatro verbos: acoger, proteger, promover e integrar»

Quiero animarlos a todos a unir esfuerzos para buscar una mejor solución a esta situación. Por favor contacten también a sus Senadores y Representantes. Nosotros creemos que toda persona tiene el derecho a migrar para proteger su vida y la de su familia. Si bien es cierto, la Iglesia reconoce el derecho de las naciones para regular sus fronteras, este derecho debe ser ejercido con misericordia y justicia y debe balancearse con el derecho de los inmigrantes a la vida, y con su dignidad.

### VIRGEN DE LA CANDELARIA : FEBRERO 2, 2018

El 2 de Febrero: la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la Virgen de la Candelaria, que coincide con la celebración de la Presentación del Señor y el ritual de la Purificación de la Virgen María. Es un día en que muchas familias se reúnen para compartir y celebrar a la Virgen.

El Día de la Candelaria es una de nuestras tradiciones Mexicanas y Latinas en las que se acostumbra compartir y disfrutar de los ricos tamales y bebidas tradicionales como el atole. Tradicionalmente, quienes dan los tamales, son las personas quienes al partir la rosca de reyes el 6 de Enero, les salió el Niño Dios en su pedazo de pan. También se acostumbra el 2 de Febrero llevar al Niño Dios a la Iglesia para escuchar Misa y visten sus Niños con bonitos colores.

Hermanos y hermanas los invito el 2 de Febrero en nuestra parroquia de San Buenaventura en Concord a venir a celebrar la santa **Misa a las 7:30 pm, traer sus Niño Dios** y después de la Misa a compartir unos tamales y atole.

Si desea colaborarnos trayendo tamales por favor llamar a la oficina o anotarse después de Misa con Pedro Rojas.

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 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.



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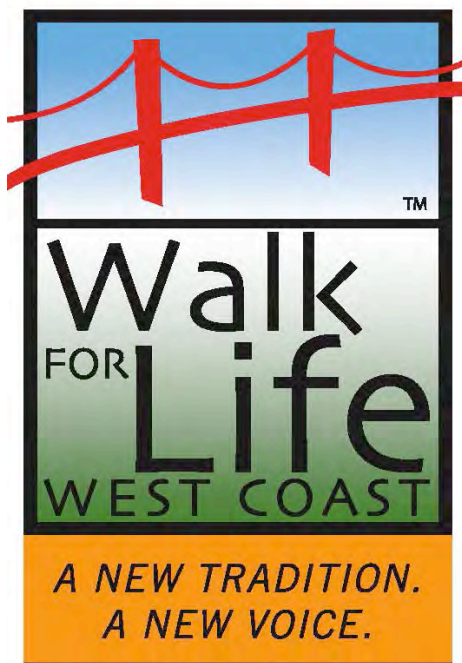
## SUPER BOWL CRAB FEED IS SOLD OUT!

The Knights thank you for making our Crab Feed a huge success! Our event is sold out and we look forward to having a great evening on the 27th and doing it again next year!



## WALK FOR LIFE

St. Bonaventure Parish and the Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring buses to take people to the 'Walk for Life' in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. The buses will depart the St. Bonaventure parking lot at 9 AM. There will be a nominal fee of \$20 which will get you a Commemorative T-Shirt and a seat on the bus. Contact Mark Di Lisio (call or text at 303-903-5377 or email at m.dilisio@COMCAST.NET) to reserve a seat.



SAN FRANCISCO



## 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 begin 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 27 Please call Helene Billeci at (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register.



## 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 February 7.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.



## LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses January 27 - 28 and February 3-4 for our Annual Mexican Dinner. Come to St. Bonaventure's Church Hall on Saturday, February 10 and enjoy a wonderful Mexican meal for \$20 a person or \$65 a family. Local youth and their adult sponsors are raising funds again to build homes in Tijuana during Easter week. This is the third year with our new name, *La Morita Mexico Youth Mission*, and we are under the sponsorship of our new non-profit corporation.

