



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

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**We
proclaim
CHRIST
crucified**

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Third Sunday of Lent *Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma*

March 4, 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,

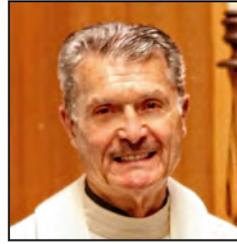
Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments.

THOUGHTS FROM FR. DAVID LAWRENCE

We find Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple today in our gospel. The Temple is the Jewish focal point of worship and sacrifice. He is mightily angry. I find that when Catholics in general point to this moment of Jesus and anger, they may be trying to justify their own. Jesus got angry, so why can't I?

I suggest that if we remain on the level of emotion, we miss the greater issue about Jesus' reverence for the Temple. The Temple symbolized "God." Jesus loved God as his Father. The Temple had become a distortion of religion. Religion was being sold by money-changers and animal vendors on the take to pilgrims who had travelled a distance to express their faith. Jesus will have nothing to do with extortion.

John the evangelist speaks on multiple levels: Jesus, angry at what he sees at the moment, the approaching Passover when the true Lamb will be sacrificed, the destruction of Jesus' body at the crucifixion, as well as the demolition of the Temple made of stone that will be torn down by the Romans in the year 70 AD. John tells the full meaning of Jesus' statement about the "temple" being destroyed: "He was speaking about the temple of his body."



So where does this theological understanding leave us who are striving to live a productive Lent? I propose that Jesus becomes totally human with us in our disappointments, in our sorrows, when we feel our faith or our church has let us down, when our personal goals go unmet. Sometimes we just don't understand why we feel angry, deceived, hostile to a situation before us.

We plead to know the truth so that we can go forward. Jesus prayed incessantly to know his Father's will. He would not give up, no matter the consequences, even facing death for his deepest belief that God would love him and sustain him. One step forward in this belief, we might say, is a productive Lent.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communications via both email and regular mail. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR NO LONGER ACTIVE!

It seems the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry has run its course. The lack of participation has led us to end the ministry. It was a pleasure to serve our neighbors in need.

READINGS for the WEEK



MONDAY: 2 KGS 5:1-15B; PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; LK 4:24-30

TUESDAY: DN 3:25, 34-43; PS 25:4-5AB, 6-7BC, 8-9; MT 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: DT 4:1, 5-9; PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; MT 5:17-19

THURSDAY: JER 7:23-28; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; LK 11:14-23

FRIDAY: HOS 14:2-10; PS 81:6C-11AB, 14, 17; MK 12:28-34

SATURDAY: HOS 6:1-6; PS 51:3-4, 18-21AB; LK 18:9-14

SUNDAY: 2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23; PS 137:1-6; EPH 2:4-10; JN 3:14-21; ALTERNATE READINGS (YEAR A): 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23:1-6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of February 24 & 25 Collection

Goal: \$26,123

Actual: \$22,266

Deficit: (\$3,857)

Food for Family: 256

Upcoming Special Collections

March 10/11: Catholic Relief Services

March 29 (Holy Thursday): Loaves & Fishes

March 30 (Good Friday): Holy Land

April 1: Easter

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

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

You are all invited to "Put on The Green" and come join the fun at the "Knights" St. Patrick's Day Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Saturday March 17, doors open at 6 pm with dinner being served at 6:30. This is a family event. \$20 a person, kids 10 and under are free! Don't miss this fun evening of great food, Irish music and sing-along led by our very own "Irish Band," "Vintage." And yes, some nice raffle prizes too! See you there!!



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 4 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery." Ex 20: 1-17

The Lord God gives his people laws to live by and reminds them of who they were.

The Lord God had brought his people out of slavery to freedom. For us we have Lent to free us from the slavery of sin, but we can be "slaves" to many things: money, power, material possessions to the point of going crazy. Is that a life? On another note, we must never forget that we are all pilgrims on this earth, no matter who we are. Like it or not, we are all "refugees," on the journey to our heavenly homeland. In the measure that we welcome the stranger, so will God welcome us at the end of our lives.

MARCH 5 MONDAY

"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Lk 4:24-30

Just like the prophets before him, Jesus is scorned and rejected by many.

Here we have Jesus who travels the dusty roads, deals with people of all sorts, and yet he isn't accepted by his own people. Just like the prophets who were admired and then rejected by their own, so it was with Jesus. In the end, it will be Gentiles who will welcome his word. Where do we stand? Do our everyday actions scorn him?

MARCH 6 TUESDAY

"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

The master here is likened to God, the Father.

The lesson here is clear. If we want God to forgive our sins, we must seek to forgive those who have done us harm in word or deed. Jesus forgave those who condemned him when he was dying on the cross. We can't do it on our own but we can ask God to help us through the process of forgiveness. The "Our Father" is a beautiful and simple prayer, but it is challenging! "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us."

MARCH 7 WEDNESDAY

"For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?"

How many people are as fortunate as we are?

If we really think about it, the idea that we can approach Our Lord, the King of Kings, whether in front of the tabernacle or wherever we are, is astounding. Jesus is there for us with all of our ups and downs, our struggles, our frustrations. We can pour out our hearts to him, break into a song of praise (yes, even if we can't carry a tune!). Jesus is approachable. Happy and fortunate are we!

MARCH 8 THURSDAY

"Faithfulness has disappeared; the word itself is banished from their speech." Jer 7: 23-28

A sign of our times, too?

The Lord tells Jeremiah of his disappointment with the people of Judah. They have strayed from their faith, from what was good and true. Truth be told, haven't we strayed from what is good and true, even as a nation? In the name of security, we point fingers and accuse. Hate crimes have increased. We have lost faithfulness to the principles that really made America great. Let's not incur the displeasure of the Lord.

MARCH 9 FRIDAY

"Return, O Israel, to the Lord, your God; you have collapsed through your guilt." Hos 14: 2-10

Just as Hosea couldn't abandon his beloved, so too, the Lord God couldn't abandon Israel.

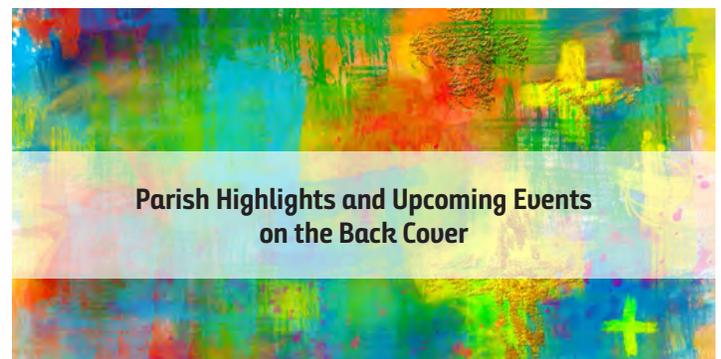
Hosea was dealt a cruel blow with his unfaithful wife, yet he couldn't abandon her. Israel had strayed from the Lord, but the Lord couldn't abandon Israel. Only through chastisements could Israel see the error of its ways. Hosea likened the relationship between the Lord and Israel to a marriage. Israel would have to be stripped of the richness given her by false lovers and be brought back to her true love. Is there is a lesson for us here, too?

MARCH 10 SATURDAY

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Lk 18: 9-14

Jesus cautions against being self-righteous and despising others.

Jesus tells of the Pharisee who considered himself better than others because he strictly observed the law. The tax collector was the sinner, considered base. That's not the way it works. No one has the right to think of himself or herself better than others. Even if we have achieved a certain place in life, we are all equal in the eyes of God. We are all his children. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, yet he became one of us.



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 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month in Ministry Center classrooms A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on March 7.** 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

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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate 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



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

AN INVITATION TO SERVE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

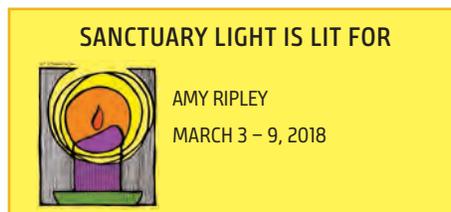
Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." Join us for an SVdP Information Night on **Tuesday, March 27** at 6:30pm in Classroom A-1. Contact Dan Gabe (925-408-5964 or dan.gabe@gmail.com) for more details.

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.s



MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

5:00 John Muscat
Luchie Kastner
Benedict Camera
Virgilio Laguna

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

7:30 The Mendez Family
Tom Walsh
Ben Camera
Juan Evaristo
9:00 Margaret & Raymond Mangini
Henry Alumia
Ricardo Encarnacion
Paul & Alfreda Harrold
11:00 Esteban Steve Mercado
Nick Castelan
Olga Castelan
Solita Maripao
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 St. Bonaventure Head Ministers
Emil Bada
9:00 Trey Alcorn
Pat Walsh
Thomas Adam Paulson

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 St. Bonaventure Priests and Deacons
9:00 William M. Jordan
Benedict Camera
Virgilio Laguna
Godofredo Cariño

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 All homeless families
Children with cancer
9:00 Shirley Elsberry

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 Emma Jean Panjada
9:00 Julie Jordan
Thanksgiving from Tamayo Family
Bill Sison

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 All victims of violence
9:00 St. Bonaventure volunteers

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community



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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE DAVID LAWRENCE



En el evangelio de hoy encontramos a Jesús en el templo de Jerusalén. El templo es el punto central del culto judío y sacrificio. El está muy enojado. Me parece que cuando los católicos en general muestran este momento de ira de Jesús pueden estar tratando de justificar su propia ira. Si Jesús se enojó, ¿Por qué yo no puedo?

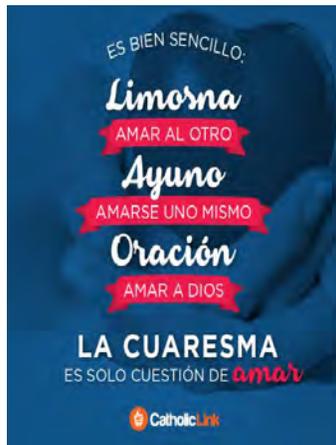
Sugiero que si permanecemos en el nivel de emoción, nosotros echamos de menos el mayor punto sobre la veneración de Jesús para el templo. El templo simboliza "Dios." Jesús amaba a Dios como su Padre. El templo se había convertido en una deformación de la religión. La religión estaba siendo vendida por cambistas y vendedores de animales en la toma de peregrinos que habían viajado una distancia para expresar su fe. Jesús no tendrá nada que ver con la deformación.

Juan el evangelista habla en múltiples niveles: Jesús, enojado por lo que ve en el momento, la Pascua se acerca, cuando se sacrificaba el verdadero Cordero, la destrucción del cuerpo de Jesús en la crucifixión, además de la demolición del templo de piedra que fue destruida por los romanos en el año 70 AC. Juan dice el significado completo de la declaración de Jesús sobre el "templo" de ser destruido: "El hablaba del templo de su cuerpo."

Entonces, ¿Dónde nos deja esta comprensión teológica que se esfuerza por vivir una Cuaresma productiva? Propongo que Jesús llegue hacer totalmente humano con nosotros en nuestras desilusiones, en nuestras penas, cuando sentimos que nuestra fe o nuestra iglesia nos ha defraudado, cuando nuestros objetivos personales no son satisfechos. A veces, simplemente no entendemos porque nos sentimos enojados, hostiles a una situación que nos agobia.

Nosotros suplicamos a conocer la verdad para que podamos seguir adelante. Jesús oraba sin cesar para conocer la voluntad de su Padre. El no se rindió, sin importar las consecuencias, incluso frente a la muerte por su creencia profunda de que Dios lo amaría y sostendría. Un paso adelante en esta creencia y podríamos decir, es una Cuaresma productiva.

CUARESMA. SEMANA SANTA



Hermanos y hermanas, la Cuaresma es un tiempo de conversión que nos prepara para la celebración de la Pascua. Es un tiempo litúrgico distinguido por el color morado que significa luto y penitencia. Es un tiempo de reflexión penitencia, conversión espiritual para celebrar la Pascua.

Estamos a las puertas de llegar a la Semana Santa, la Semana Grande para unirnos A la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Iniciando el Domingo de Ramos donde Jesús hace su entrada triunfal al Jerusalén; la gente iba alfombrando el camino con sus vestidos: "Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor, Hosanna el Hijo de David".

Les invito a vivir esta semana Santa con gozo y vivir de cerca el sufrimiento de Jesús camino al calvario. Caminemos junto a Jesús y meditemos cuanto amor nos ha tenido, que nos ha dado la salvación pagando con su sangre. 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, lavándonos 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.

Vía Crucis (Durante los viernes de Cuaresma 8:00pm en la Iglesia)

Reflexiones sobre la Cuaresma. (Durante los Lunes 7:00pm. En el salón B-1)

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

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 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.
Sat 05/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 05/04	7-9:30 p.m.



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Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND
LENTEN SOUP MEAL**

March 9 @ 7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross in
Times of Conflict **

During times of conflict our faith can be tested to the full. We share the desolation of people torn apart by suffering and wonder whether life is really stronger than death. Yet, Jesus walked through death to new life. We join together to trust in His word and look to the future with confidence that all shall be well.

***The Knights of Columbus will host a simple Soup dinner on the Fridays in Lent in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:15pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.*



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." Mondays, March 19 and 26 in Classroom A2. Come either from 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm. Please call the office (or Eileen Limberg) to sign up (so we have enough seating). Free copies of the book are still available if you've already given your copy away.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Saturday, March 10 in Classrooms A2/A3; 10 AM to 4 PM. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767, or Denis Thomson at 925-673-0720, or by logging on to redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: St. Bonaventure. Drop-ins will be welcome, but there may be a wait while clients with appointments are handled first. Every donation may help save up to three lives. Won't you be part of this life saving journey?

SENIOR LUNCHEON:
Thursday, March 8 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

We're breaking with tradition and going to Hawaii, well not really, but we are going to have a luau! Come join us for some Hawaiian ukulele music and a great lunch provided by Chef Greg. We will enjoy Kahlua Pork and Grilled Chicken Thighs topped with Huli-Huli sauce, Hawaiian Rice Pilaf, Hawaiian Fruit Salad topped with shredded coconut, Papaya Green Salad with Sesame Dressing and Hawaiian Rolls. Um!!! As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday March 5 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on March 3 or 4 Adults of all ages are welcome!



**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION
SERVICE: Tuesday, March 20 @ 7:30 PM**

We gather together because we are confident and grateful that God is merciful. Lent is the time when the entire Church enters into the period of purification and enlightenment as we journey along with our elect and catechumens who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. You are invited and encouraged to join us and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare for this Lent.

*Last Opportunity for Individual Confession:
Saturday, March 24 @ 3:30 PM*



PARISH MISSION: ENCOUNTER

In the Gospels Jesus poses the question: "Do you still not understand?" (That I am the Messiah and Redeemer, I am the Bread of Life, I am He who encounters you in my Word and my Body and Blood...) How do we understand our encounter with Christ and the others in our midst? Join Fr. Jay Matthews, rector of the Cathedral in Oakland, as he leads this year's parish mission. The mission will run March 12-13-14. He will share his reflections on *Encounter* 10:00-11:30am, with a repeat of these thoughts at 7:00-8:30pm.

