



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

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2018 Faith Formation Easter Egg Hunting  
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## Sunday of Divine Mercy *Domingo de la Divina Misericordia*

## April 8, 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. MATHEW VELLANKAL



Dear Parishioners,

St. Pope John Paul II instituted the Second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000. The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting faith and the need for God's forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of Mercy." In the responsorial psalm we repeat several times, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!" (Ps 118). God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only-begotten Son to become our savior and lord by his suffering, death and resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the sacraments.

The first reading stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started their persecutions. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, "the Breaking of the Bread" and the apostles' teaching, read at the worship service.

In the second reading after focusing on the spiritual works of mercy such as: convert the sinner, counsel the doubtful and bear wrongs patiently, John reminds us that everyone who claims to love God has to love the others whom God has begotten, especially those who believe that Jesus is the Christ.

Today's gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the sacrament of reconciliation, a sacrament of divine

mercy. The risen lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins by the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20: 19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel shows us Jesus' mercy in action and emphasizes the importance of faith.

One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the sacrament of reconciliation. Finding time for adoration of the blessed sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for divine mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

Living faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle so that we may practice mercy as Jesus did: First, we need to come to know Jesus personally and intimately by daily, meditative reading of the Bible. Next, we need to strengthen our faith through personal and community prayer. Third, we need to share in the divine life of Jesus by frequenting the sacraments of reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

## PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

### ROSANN IS PREPARING FOR NEW FUTURE

Rosann Halick, our Director of Children's Faith Formation, is transitioning to a new stage in her life. Rosann has been serving our parish and caring for our children for over 18 years. She is a beautiful example of what humble service to Christ looks like. She has been an inspiration and a friend to our parish family over these years.

She has a personal family also. She has served here while caring for her two sons and husband. She also has a mother in Chicago who is aging and needs her care now. And Rosann wants to now shine a greater light of her love on her mother.

Rosann will be leaving the staff of St. Bonaventure at the end of June so she has the flexibility and time for this care. We will be seeking a new Director of Faith Formation. Rosann will be present to assist in the transition and will continue to be a part of parish family and involved in ministry here.



## STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

### Weekend of March 31 & April 1 Collection

Goal: \$60,000

Actual: \$52,500 (EFT not included)

Deficit: \$7,500

Holy Thursday (Loaves & Fishes): \$2,742

Good Friday (Holy Land): \$2,341

Food for Family: 305 (2 weeks)

### Upcoming Special Collection:

April 28/29 – St. Vincent de Paul



Now your support goes 3 times as far

From Mar 12 – 31, Amazon will triple the donation rate to 1.5% on your first eligible purchase at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile).

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## SEEKING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

He/she will be responsible for coordinating all children's programs including: Baptism and Sacramental Preparation for Age 7 through 17, Children's Faith Formation Program for Grades 1 through 5, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist for Grade 1 through High School, Early Childhood Faith Formation Program Pre-School and Kindergarten, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Bible Camp.

### Qualifications and Skills:

- Must be able to attract, recruit, motivate, educate, catechize and retain catechists, and volunteers in support of the programs.
- Must have knowledge and understanding of Bible, Church, theology, liturgy, catechesis, and faith formation.
- Must be able to articulate the faith of the Catholic Church in a professional and appropriate manner.
- Must have Excellent interpersonal, leadership, management, communications, public speaking, and presentation skills and skills necessary to organize and implement large, program-wide events.

For a full job description or questions, contact Christa Fairfield, Parish Life Director, at [cfairfield@stbonaventure.net](mailto:cfairfield@stbonaventure.net).

## READINGS for the WEEK



**MONDAY:** IS 7:10-14; 8:10; PS 40:7-11; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38

**TUESDAY:** ACTS 4:32-37; PS 93:1-2, 5; JN 3:7B-15

**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 5:17-26; PS 34:2-9; JN 3:16-21

**THURSDAY:** ACTS 5:27-33; PS 34:2, 9, 17-20; JN 3:31-36

**FRIDAY:** ACTS 5:34-42; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; JN 6:1-15

**SATURDAY:** ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; JN 6:16-21

**SUNDAY:** ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19; PS 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 JN 2:1-5A; LK 24:35-48

## FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### BAPTISMS

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

#### February, 2018

**Elijah Stevens Alvarez**, son of Pablo and Blanca

**Lucia Marie Dominguez**, daughter of Jesus and Amanda

**Greyson Joseph Downs**, son of Greg and Haley

**Kiara Cristela Escobar**, daughter of Rafael and Cristela

**Giovanni Fernandez**, son of Edgardo and Obdulia

**Giuliano Milan Gonzalez**, son of Cristian and Christina

**Addison Charlie Kinnavy**, daughter of Michael and Shannon

**Roman David-Joseph Mejia**, son of Edgar and Kayla

**Ethan Fernandez Samaniego**, son of Erwin and Roxanne

**Dominic Alexander Sedano**, son of Alfonso and Belinda

**Emma Megan Wells**, daughter of Jordan and Nicki

#### March, 2018

**Jayden Thomas Allen**, son of Brian and Jenna

**Mahina Cerelle Braganza**, daughter of Patrick and Elise

**Lexie Mae Ardosa Seva**, daughter of Andrew and Shiela

**Quincy Reese Shiota**, son of Robert and Lourdes

**Logan George Smith**, son of Matt and Katie

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## Easter Flower Names



IN HONOR OF AND  
IN MEMORY OF

The Alcantara & Francisco Families  
Deceased members of the Allison and Striley families

Carmen Assels

Nick & Gina Beni

Gary Boswell

Hok & Chiu Chan

Mildred & Ralph Cheda

Bruce T. Cocotis

Joel Cuenco

Juana & Francisco Cuenco

Paul Daum

Antonio M. Estrada

The Exten Family

Roger Foo

The Guzzo Family

Barnhard & Mildred Helling

The Landoni Family

Elva Leary

The Martling Family

The Milcetch & Picallo Families

Ancilla McKenzie

Grandma Noning

Julia Olvarado

The Ouimet & Leehy Families

Reynaldo Peres

Sarah & Peter Riso

Anne Mae Talarico

Pearl Talarico

The Trespalacios Family

Jeanne Twito

Venturino Family

Leroy Verna

Mary Verna

Wranau Family

People with cancer



## 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 April 18.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

### WCF MAY DINNER

The Women's Christian Fellowship annual dinner in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on May 31 in the Large Hall. The guest speaker will be Fr. Sergius Propst, OP. More information to come.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Alleluia! The Lord has risen! Let us celebrate our role as a Resurrection people. Spend a little more time with God. Join us on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm in the Chapel for contemplative prayer. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend will be on May 18-20 or September 7-9. Space is **very** limited! Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [www.oaklandwwme.org](http://www.oaklandwwme.org)

### WOMEN IN PRAYER

Are you interested in praying with other women for your own needs or the needs of others? Join the Women's Christian Fellowship on the second Thursday of each month in the chapel at 7:15pm. **April 12 is our next evening of prayer.** Come as you are.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

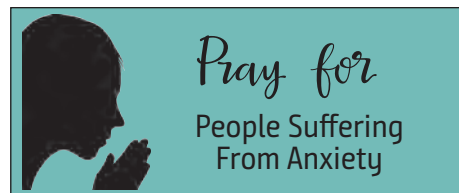
☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

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

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



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### SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



FRANCISCO & JUANA CUENCO  
APRIL 7- 13, 2018

### 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.

# MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

5:00 William Emes, Sr.  
Amelia C. De Leon  
Kepris Meletiou  
Wanda Schendel

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:30 Ben Camera  
Placido Javier  
Amelia C. de Leon  
Matt Gonzalves  
9:00 Iluminado Maloles  
Richard Wood  
Sean McCloskey  
Russ & Donna Ellis  
11:00 Andres Caguntas  
Esteban Steve Mercado  
Jacob Arevalo  
Joan Hischier  
Eva Gonzlez  
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

### MONDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 Mary Cruz  
9:00 Amelia C. de Leon  
Tony & Joseph Sammut  
Doc Toke

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 People with depression  
9:00 Ronald A. Piazza

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

6:30 Victims of crimes  
9:00 Francisco Cuenco

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 Homeless families  
9:00 William M. Jordan  
Joanne Javier

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 People that are unemployed  
9:00 Barney Smith  
Norma Vickiss  
Edward Vickiss

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community



**PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE  
MATHEW VELLANKAL**

**QUERIDOS  
FELIGRESES:**



San Juan Pablo II instituyó en el año 2000 el Segundo domingo de Pascua como el domingo de la Misericordia. Las lecturas de este domingo son acerca de la misericordia de Dios, la necesidad de confiar en la fe y la necesidad del perdón de los pecados. La oración de apertura se dirige al Padre como

“Dios de la Misericordia.” En el salmo responsorial repetimos varias veces, “Dar gracias al Señor, porque su misericordia es para siempre” (Sal 118). Dios reveló su merced, en primer lugar, al enviar a su único Hijo para ser nuestro Salvador y Señor por su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección.

La Misericordia divina se nos da también en cada celebración de los sacramentos.

La primera lectura hace hincapié en los actos de misericordia corporales practicada por la primera comunidad cristiana antes de los judíos y los romanos comenzaran sus persecuciones. La práctica de compartir el amor, la compasión y la misericordia de Dios como Jesús enseñó. Esta comunidad de testimonio deriva su fuerza de la oración comunitaria, “la Fracción del Pan” y la enseñanza de los apóstolos a leer en el servicio de adoración.

En la segunda lectura después de enfocar las obras de misericordia espirituales tal como: convertir al pecador, aconsejar al dudoso y soportar sufrir con paciencia, Juan nos recuerda que todo el que dice amar a Dios tiene que amar a los otros a quienes Dios ha engendrado, especialmente aquellos que creen que Jesús es el Cristo.

El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda vívidamente cómo Jesús instituyó el sacramento de la reconciliación,

un sacramento de la misericordia divina. El Señor resucitado dio a sus apóstoles el poder de perdonar pecados por las palabras, “a los que perdonen sus pecados les serán perdonados, y los que no perdonen quedarán retenidos” (Juan 20:19-23). La presentación de Thomas el dudoso de la famosa profesión de fe: “Mi Señor y mi Dios”. El Evangelio nos muestra a Jesús misericordioso en acción y hace hincapié en la importancia de la fe.

Una forma en que la iglesia celebra la misericordia de Dios a lo largo del año es a través del sacramento de la reconciliación. Encontrar tiempo para la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento es otra manera buena de recibir y dar gracias por la misericordia divina. Es principalmente a través de las obras corporales y espirituales de misericordia que se practica la misericordia en nuestra vida diaria y es elegible para el juicio misericordioso de Dios.

La fe divina nos permite ver al Señor resucitado en todo el mundo y nos da la voluntad de dar a cada uno nuestro servicio de amor. Los Padres espirituales prescriben los siguientes medios tradicionales para crecer en la vida y dinámica de la fe del Apóstol Santo Tomás, para que podamos practicar la misericordia como lo hizo Jesús: En primer lugar, tenemos que llegar a conocer a Jesús a diario personalmente e íntimamente con la lectura meditada de la Biblia. A continuación, tenemos que fortalecer nuestra fe a través de la oración personal y comunitaria.

En tercer lugar, tenemos que compartir en la vida divina de Jesús recibiendo los sacramentos de la reconciliación y la Eucaristía.

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 05/26	10:00 a.m.	Fri 05/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/09	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/01	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/22	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/07	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/28	12:00 p.m.	Fri 07/27	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/25	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/31	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/21	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/05	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/15	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/14	7-9:30 p.m.



## TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT 3PM

In celebration of the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we will gather for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. Pope Saint John Paul II recalled: "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." Please join us at 3:00pm in the church!



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

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

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

**Cost:** \$35.00/per person. Tables of 10 may be purchased, (*individuals choosing to sit together at a table will be required to register at the same time to ensure requested seating accommodations*).

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

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

## REBUILT DISCUSSION

In the fall, many small groups and individuals read *Rebuilt* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Fr. Mat invites you to an evening discussion on what you may have learned from the book. What are ideas in the book that you would like to see happen at St. Bonaventure? How can we bring more people to the pews? Gather in the Small Hall on Monday, **April 9, 7:00-8:30pm**. Please call Eileen if you have any questions.



## EXPLORING CATHOLICS

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

Is this you?

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

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

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 12 at 11:30 AM, Large Hall, \$13/person.

Come celebrate the Easter Season. Enjoy baked Easter ham with salad, sweet potato casserole and green beans. Drinks and dessert included. Please make reservations by Monday April 9 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown - 363-4708 or sign up after Mass on March 31/April 1. Adults of all ages are welcome!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Join us on Sunday April 15th after the 7am, 9am and before the 11am masses for a fantastic breakfast. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and more; only \$6 per person. All proceeds to support our Faith Formation /CCD programs. PLEASE continue to "Help Us Help Others"



## HEALING THE HEART

In conjunction with the biannual Healing the Heart 6-week Grief Workshop, we are offering "drop in" monthly support meetings at 7:30PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month **starting April 17**. Advance registration is appreciated. Please call, text or email Helene for inquiries or to register (925) 681-8105 [fuzyfrank@aol.com](mailto:fuzyfrank@aol.com)

