



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

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First Communion Mass on May 5, 2018
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The Ascension of the Lord *La Ascensión del Señor*

May 13, 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.

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. DAVID LAWRENCE

The Ascension of Jesus is difficult to explain in a contemporary way. It suggests a spatial image of Jesus ascending to the heavens and leaving his disciples on earth ---an "up and down" dualistic kind of thing. Our education both academically and spiritually suggests the same. We think of good and bad, love and hate, generous and stingy, life and death. We might call this categorization Greek thinking, which emphasized dualism.

This kind of polarized "either/or" thinking is not all that conclusive when we ponder Ascension. While the risen Jesus in the body is visibly out of sight, glorified as the Christ, he remains in his body called the Body of Christ. He remains in Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments. He does this through his Spirit. Thus, Ascension and Pentecost are integrally bound. We might call this understanding Jewish thinking, a more cosmic integration of body and spirit.

When we examine our prayers, we get a better hint of this Jewish thinking. We say in our "Holy, holy" prayer, "heaven and earth are full of your glory."

In the Our Father, we pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Father Barron in his book *Vibrant Paradoxes* (p.156) says "this is decidedly not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together."

Fr. Barron continues: "The first Christians saw the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead as the commencement of the process by which earth and heaven were being reconciled. They appreciated the risen Christ as the heavenly ruler of the nations, the one who would bring the justice of heaven to this world."

The first disciples, Peter, Paul, Thomas, Andrew, John and the others went into the world to proclaim salvation with the title: "Jesus is Lord!" They would form commu-

nity, the Church, where the coming-together of earth and heaven happens. So we belong to a community of reconciling: sinners and saints, sin and mercy, the insiders and outsiders, those feeling blessed by God and those distant from God. St. Paul says that Christ reconciles heaven and earth.

Why do we belong to the Church? In a sense, to bring heaven and earth closer together. Our presence at mass in the community, our faith, our prayer, our participation, our outreach to the poor ---foster a harmony that brings heaven closer. The end result is joy. We can experience the happiness of God here on earth.

Mother's Day is this weekend. We honor our mothers as God's holy instruments of giving life, instilling love, creating family, setting each of us on a path for a fruitful life. Give a big hug, offer a prayer of gratitude for your mother and give a kind greeting to generous mothers raising their children!



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of May 5 & 6 Collection
 Goal: \$26,123
 Actual: \$30,832
 Over: \$2,097
EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

Food for Family: 279

Upcoming Special Collection:
 May 19/20 – Catholic Charities of the East Bay

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PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the Church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than May 27 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

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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



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LITURGY & PRAYER

FLORES DE MAYO: "FLOWERS OF MAY"
Saturday, May 26, 5:00 PM Mass, St. Bonaventure Church

The Filipino-American community of St. Bonaventure invites you to our annual parish celebration of Flores de Mayo, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4:00 PM – Pray the Rosary in the Large Hall
4:45 PM – Process to the church
4:55 PM – The statue of the Blessed Mother is processed to the altar, followed by those who wish to offer flowers.
5:00 PM – Mass

Members of the *Hulog ng Langit* (Gift from Heaven) choir from St. Francis of Assisi will lead us in song during the Mass.

Dinner reception will follow in the Large Hall. To help with set-up or clean-up, please call Sol Cuenco (925) 676-5905 or solemama@yahoo.com.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW FOR SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS! BIBLE CAMP JULY 16-20

Now is the time to plan activities for those sunny days of summer. Our Bible Camp offers a pre-school program for 3 and 4-year olds, which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6th grade program meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6th Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really awesome camp activities.

Forms are now available in the Church foyer, office and on our website. We will have registration on "Registration" Saturday, May 12 from 9AM – 1PM in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$70 for preschoolers and \$85 for elementary-aged students. Adults, we need you to be our Team Leaders. All you need is a desire to have loads of fun with kids! Contact Eileen Limberg at 672-5800 Ext. 2217 or

READINGS for the WEEK



MONDAY: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26; PS 113:1-8; JN 15:9-17
TUESDAY: ACTS 20:17-27; PS 68:10-11, 20-21; JN 17:1-11A

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-36AB; JN 17:11B-19

THURSDAY: ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; PS 16:1-2A, 5, 7-11; JN 17:20-26

FRIDAY: ACTS 25:13B-21; PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB; JN 21:15-19

SATURDAY: ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31; PS 11:4, 5, 7; JN 21:20-25

SUNDAY: VIGIL: GN 11:1-9 OR EX 19:3-8A, 16-20B OR EZ 37:1-14 OR JL 3:1-5; PS 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; ROM 8:22-27; JN 7:37-39; **DAY:** ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 OR GAL 5:16-25; JN 20:19-23 OR JN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Teens – 7th grade through high school - we need you to be our camp counselors. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact Jacob Perry at 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or jperry@stbonaventure.net for more information.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

OUR FATHER BOOK STUDY

Pope Francis has recently come out with a series of discussions and reflections on the Lord's Prayer. He describes it as a "guide to living a life full of meaning, purpose and strength." Join us as we break open *Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayers* on Tuesday, May 29, June 5 & 12, 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm in the Classrooms. Books can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$15.00. Please sign up in the office or contact Eileen elimberg@stbonaventure.net

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 (x2217) if you have questions.

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. **May 10** is our next evening of prayer. Come as you are.

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Men, are you ready to accept the challenge? Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over one hundred years, the Knights of Columbus have been doing exactly that – standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including over 77,000 here in California. Our Catholic community needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer to the call. Visit kofc.org/join us to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Diosdado & Edna Agcaoili
Regan & Rosanna Arndt
Brian & Jenna Allen & Family
Joseph & Veronica Ban
William & Kelleen Bush
Alejandro & Iris Chavez & Family
Tess Costanzo
Bernadette Dugan
Abdoul & Lome Fofana & Family
Fernando & Maria Garcia & Family
Will Grebe
Rosalia Marino
Edwin & Lisa Nakagawa
Than Ho
Dolores O'Sullivan



HAPPY Mother's DAY

*We offer a Spiritual Bouquet to our mother;
living or deceased; who will be remembered
and honored at all Masses on Mother's Day.*

Vilma Arteaga
Mae Baas
Patricia Baas
Anne Blankenhorn
Grayce Bonifer
Teresa Bonifiglio
Amelia Borcena
Cynthia Borcena
Kathy Blyman
The women of
Brigini Family
Anita Browne
Diana Lynn Calvadores
Rosario Carroll
The women of
Casagrande Family
Grace Celada
Milagro Cienfuegos
Yolanda Claros
Agnes Cocotis
Alison Cocotis
Amy Cocotis
Josephine Cocotis
Randa Cocotis
Jane Colaco
Dina Colavito
Mary Colavito
Margaret Conway
DeaLinda da Cruz
Kathy Dagang
Jeanann Davis
Dora De Diaz
Dawne Duncan
Elena De Galiano
Ana De Guzman
Berta De Valiente
Maria de los Angeles
Diaz
Maria Diaz
Michelle M. Diaz
Amy Eichten
Katie Eichten
Loretta Eichten
Maddy Eichten
Michelle Eichten
Sharon Eichten

Monnie Eichten
Shirley Elsberry
Carol Ely
The women of
Exten Family
Margaret Finnen
Marta Finnen
Concepcion Flores
Camille Franco
Natalie Gannon
Bev Gorman
Marion Gugliemo
Rose Gugliemo
Tabitha Gugliemo
Missy Gugliemo
Cecil de Guzman
Chuyen de Guzman
Cheryl de Guzman
Kimberly de Guzman
Luz G. de Guzman
Susan de Guzman
June Dewhurst
Tracy Graff
Suzanne Grube
Conchita Guzman
Lynn Halick
Rosann Halick
Dianna Hardy
Lauren Harris
Mary Hericks
Stella Hopkins
Agnes Horgan
Jeannette Jaynes
Jennifer Johnson
Connie Knott
Lisa Lan-Kulick
Verna Lalli
Phyllis LaMons
Kathy Mackin
Edna Myers
Kimmel Landoni
Darlene Leverenz
Julie Limberg
Margaret Mangini
The women of
Milcetch Family

Doris Minorsky
Laura Müller
Delma Muñoz
Ketty Nemitz
Julia Olvarado
TreEssa Palmeri
Joanie Palmieri
Emma Jean Panjada
Jessica Perry
The women of
Picallo Family
Joan Purcell
Carol Riley
Lisa Romano
Maria Romano
Grace Saguiped
Nicole Salcedo
Segundina C. Sangalang
Patricia D. Santos
Rose Scaramella
Kathleen Schlotterbeck
Beverly Solis
Mary Stanko
Diana Tegge
Claudia Teran
Joanne Teran
Virginia Teran
The women of
Trespalcios Family
Marion VanOever
Sharon VanOever
Mildred Velasquez
Mercy Villalba
Henrietta Vincent
Julie von der Linden
Jane Walsh
Pat Walsh
The women of
Wranau Family
Lois Wulfken
Mary, Our Blessed
Mother
Mothers Worldwide

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:00 Julieta Yanga
James Tadeo
Lloyd & Bárbara Craft
Benedicto Lopez

SUNDAY, MAY 13

7:30 Modesta Ovando
Angela Anderson
Barney Crotty
Arthur Docili
9:00 Luz de Guzman
Madeleine Le
Roger Adarme
Joan Zingmark
11:00 Pat Conroy
Esteban Steve Mercado
Eva Gonzalez
Thanksgiving for Prayers answered
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, MAY 14

6:30 St. Bonaventure Youth Group
9:00 Kyle Krawesky

TUESDAY, MAY 15

6:30 Ruben H. de Guzman
9:00 Food Pantry Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

6:30 All caregivers
9:00 Lawrence Lozipone

THURSDAY, MAY 17

6:30 Patients suffering from Alzheimer's
9:00 Irene Macario

FRIDAY, MAY 18

6:30 Jeanann & Don Davis
9:00 Elizabeth Krauss
Maryanne Lopez
Emidio Busuttill

SATURDAY, MAY 19

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community



Pray for
All The Mothers in
The World

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



MAMERTO LAO
MAY 12 -18, 2018



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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE DAVID LAWRENCE

La Ascensión de Jesús es difícil de explicar de una manera contemporánea. Sugiere una imagen especial de Jesús ascendiendo a los cielos



y dejando a sus discípulos en la tierra – un tipo de cosa dualista “arriba y abajo.” Nuestra educación tanto académica como espiritual sugiere lo mismo. Pensamos en lo bueno y lo malo, en el amor y el odio, en ser generosos y mezquinos, en la vida y la muerte. Podríamos llamar a esta categorización el pensamiento griego que enfatizaba el dualismo.

Este tipo de pensamiento de “uno u otro” no es concluyente cuando consideramos la Ascensión. Mientras el Jesús resucitado en el cuerpo está visiblemente fuera de la vista, glorificado como Cristo, permanece en su cuerpo llamado el Cuerpo de Cristo. El permanece en la Sagrada Eucaristía y los otros sacramentos. El hace esto a través de su Espíritu. Por lo tanto, la Ascensión y Pentecostés están unidos integralmente. Podríamos llamar a esto comprensión del pensamiento judío, una integración grandiosa de cuerpo y espíritu.

Cuando examinamos nuestras oraciones, obtenemos un mejor indicio de este pensamiento judío. Decimos en nuestra oración “Santo, Santo,” “el cielo y la tierra están llenos de su gloria.” En el Padrenuestro, oramos “Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo.” El Padre Barrón en su libro *Vibrant Paradoxes* (p.156) dice “esto definitivamente no es una oración de la que podamos escapar de la tierra, sino que la tierra y el cielo podrían unirse.”

El Padre Barrón continúa: “Los primeros cristianos vieron la Resurrección de Jesús de entre los muertos como el comienzo del proceso por el cual la tierra y el cielo

se reconciliaban. Ellos apreciaron a Cristo resucitado como el gobernante celestial de las naciones, el que llevaría la justicia del cielo a este mundo.

Los primeros discípulos, Pedro, Pablo, Tomás, Andrés, Juan y los demás fueron al mundo a proclamar la salvación con el título: “¡Jesús es el Señor!”. Ellos formaron una comunidad, la Iglesia, donde se uniría la tierra y el cielo. Así que pertenecemos a una comunidad de reconciliación: pecadores y santos, pecado y misericordia, los de adentro y afuera, los que se sienten bendecidos por Dios y los que están lejos de Dios. San Pablo dice Cristo reconcilia el cielo y la tierra.

¿Por qué pertenecemos a la Iglesia? En cierto sentido, para unir el cielo y la tierra. Nuestra presencia en la misa, en la comunidad, nuestra fe, nuestra oración, nuestra participación, nuestro alcance a los pobres – fomentamos una armonía que nos acerque al cielo. El resultado final es alegría. Podemos experimentar la felicidad de Dios aquí en la tierra.

El día de la madre es este fin de semana. Honramos a nuestras madres como los santos instrumentos de Dios para dar vida, infundir amor, crear familia y poner a cada uno de nosotros en el camino de una vida fructífera. ¡Dale un gran abrazo, ofrécele una oración de gratitud a tu Madre y saluda cordialmente a las Madres generosas que crían a sus hijos!

BIENVENIDA A LA NUEVA DIRECTORA DE FORMACIÓN DE FE DE LOS NIÑOS

Nos complace anunciar que Eileen Limberg ha aceptado el puesto como nuestra nueva Directora de la Formación de Fe para niños. Eileen ha sido nuestra Directora de Formación de Fe de Adultos y transferirá sus talentos a su nuevo ministerio.

La combinación de la pasión de Eileen por acercar a las personas a Cristo, el amor por los niños de nuestra parroquia y la educación formal que tiene, serán un gran

regalo para nuestras familias parroquiales.

Por favor, tengan a Eileen en sus oraciones mientras entra a este nuevo ministerio.

BIENVENIDA A LA NUEVA COORDINADORA DE LA FORMACIÓN DE FE PARA ADULTOS

Nos complace compartir que nuestra antigua miembro de la parroquia, Gina Cattalini, aceptó el puesto como Coordinadora de Formación de Fe para Adultos a tiempo parcial.

Gina será parte de nuestro equipo de liderazgo de personal y responsable de nuestro programa RCIA, organizando y administrando nuestros proyectos y programas de Formación de Fe para Adultos y creando nuestras comunicaciones de Formación de Fe para Adultos, incluido nuestro boletín. Gina estará trabajando 24 horas a la semana con horario de oficina. Ella comenzará el 1 de mayo.

Gina está inspirada para acercar a las personas a Cristo, está dotada para animar y conocer el punto de formación religiosa en que están las personas. Tenemos la bendición de que ella traiga su pasión y talentos a nuestro personal.

Demos la bienvenida a Gina y mantengan su nuevo ministerio en sus oraciones. Su dirección de correo electrónico es gcattalini@gmail.com.

PRIMEROS AUXILIOS PARA LA SALUD MENTAL DE JOVENES

Primeros Auxilios para la Salud Mental te preparan a conocer las señales y los síntomas de angustia, y conectar a un joven con la ayuda que ellos necesitan.

19 de Mayo- 9:00AM- 5:00PM
217 Harbour Way, Richmond

Registración: bit.ly/PASM-Mayo o manda un mensaje de texto a Iva Villaseñor (510) 646-3154



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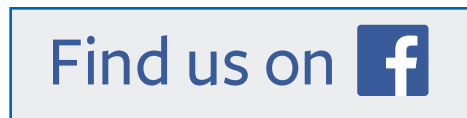
FACILITIES and MAINTENANCE

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**WCF MAY DINNER: BLESSED ARE YOU
AMONG WOMEN**

Thursday, May 31, 6:30-9:00pm in the Large Hall. Cost is \$25.00/person.

May is the month dedicated to Mary. To celebrate, Women's Christian Fellowship (WCF) will again be hosting its annual dinner, in honor of our Blessed Mother. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Sergius Propst, OP, from St. Albert's Priory in Oakland. Fr. Propst will speak on the Visitation of Mary. What does it mean and what are the implications for us today? Please come and enjoy a wonderful Chicken Marsala and Pasta Dinner catered by Bambino's Restaurant in Concord. Registration forms can be found in the foyer, church office, parish website or at 2018maydinner.eventbrite.com.. Contact Andrea (925-529-7675) for more information.



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. Our next meeting will be **May 15**. Advance registration is appreciated. Please call, text or email Helene for inquiries or to register. (925) 681-8105 fuzyfrank@aol.com

**Share Your Talents—
Volunteer in a Ministry**

Contact Christa Fairfield
925-844-9005 or email
cfairfield@stbonaventure.net

**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.

4TH ANNUAL
HOPE walk

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
WWW.CANCERSUPPORT.NET

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
HEATHER FARM PARK, WALNUT CREEK
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

TEAM ST. BONAVENTURE

REGISTER TODAY!
GO TO
WWW.HOPEWALKBAYAREA.NET

\$25 per walker (ages 10+). All registered walkers will receive a Hope Walk T-Shirt!

For more information contact Team Captains:
Christa Fairfield or Eileen Limberg at 925.672.5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

