



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community

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April 15th & 21st First Holy Communion
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

April 29, 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. OSCAR ROJAS

WITHOUT ME YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING

In today's Gospel Jesus gives this beautiful example **"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."** It means he is connected to his Father in heaven. He does what his Father wants him to do. As much as the grower cares for the vine, it will produce in abundance. The vine feels the care of the grower and it grows leafy, healthy, and strong. God is the perfect grower as Jesus, who is the perfect vine, is a fruitful vine. We are connected to the vine and we have become his branches. Jesus said **"You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you."** What beautiful reminder that we are pruned and ready to bear fruit. Since the day we received the sacrament of Baptism, we inherited the perfect vine and became a branch of the vine.

What kind of branch are we? Are we a strong or weak branch? A strong branch is the one which is always ready to produce fruits and remain attached to the vine. Strong winds may come and remove all the leaves, and the wind might break the branch, but it remains faithful to the vine. The grower must be happy because the wind could not break this branch, which will produce in abundance. However, there are also weak branches which will not endure the strong wind. They will break easily and become infertile. A broken branch may suffer several things: it will remain attached, but will not produce much because it will not receive enough nourishment from the vine, or this branch will die slowly because of its lack of nourishment, or the wind will amputate the branch. Once the branch falls, there is

no opportunity to produce fruits or remain attached to the vine.



Dear brothers and sisters, today's Gospel should make us reflect how connected we are to the perfect vine. Daily we are facing challenges, obstacles and temptations that can separate us from the vine. Jesus remains within us because we received him on the day of our baptism, although it is not easy to live our life fully doing God's will. How can we remain strong and fruitful branches? We remain strong and fruitful through prayer, living the sacraments and being fed with his precious body and blood. Receiving his body and blood, our branches will be energized and remain strong in the face of many challenges and tribulations. There are branches who are slowly dying, because what feeds the branch is the poison of anger, hatred, envy, lust, resentment, nastiness and selfishness. Do not let this poison of evil make you an unfruitful branch. In the second reading, John says "Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." It is not enough to be united to the vine. We need to bear fruits and do what pleases God. **"Without me you can do nothing."** If we are not in relationship with the vine, we cannot do anything. If we are almost falling down we cannot do anything without Jesus. In my personal experience, sometimes tiredness disconnects me from the vine who is Jesus because I do not feel the desire to pray. But when I realize prayer is the heart of my life, I pray. I feel my spirit recharged and ready to begin my activities. Truly, we cannot do anything without him.



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of April 21 & 22 Collection

Goal: \$26,123

Actual: \$24,247

Deficit: (\$1,867)

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures

Food for Family: 269

Upcoming Special Collection:

May 12/13: Catholic Communications

May 19/20: Catholic Charities of the East Bay

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is:

It will be friendly...if I am.

It will be holy...if I am.

Its pews will be filled...if I help fill them.

It will do great work...if I work.

It will be prayerful...if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes... if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship...if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of faith and love...if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

With God's help, let us be Christ for others as Christ is for us. Amen

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LITURGY & PRAYER

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Are you looking for a special way to honor your mother this year? Pick up one of our special Mother's Day cards and return the special envelope to the church office, and your mother will be remembered at all the Masses here on Mother's Day. You will find cards in the foyer on the table under the Holy Family, or on tables at the side entrances to the church.



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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 14:5-18; PS 115:1-4, 15-16; JN 14:21-26
TUESDAY: ACTS 14:19-28; PS 145:10-13AB, 21; JN 14:27-31A OR (FOR THE MEMORIAL) GN 1:26 -- 2:3 OR COL 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; PS 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; MT 13:54-58
WEDNESDAY: ACTS 15:1-6; PS 122:1-5; JN 15:1-8
THURSDAY: 1 COR 15:1-8; PS 19:2-5; JN 14:6-14
FRIDAY: ACTS 15:22-31; PS 57:8-10, 12; JN 15:12-17
SATURDAY: ACTS 16:1-10; PS 100:1B-3, 5; JN 15:18-21
SUNDAY: ACTS 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; PS 98:1-4; 1 JN 4:7-10 OR 1 JN 4:11-16; JN 15:9-17 OR JN 17:11B-19

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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LIFE AND JUSTICE

MAY DAY RALLY

On Tuesday, May 1 there will be a *Global Day of Action for International Worker's Day* at Meadow Homes Park in Concord from 4:00-6:00pm. Join with others as we stand up for immigrant, worker and housing justice in Contra Costa. There will be children's activities, speakers, music, art, and best of all community. Sponsored by Monument Impact, First 5, Labor Council, EBASE/FAME and many others.

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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

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.

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.

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 May 2.** 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

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.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **May 5 & 6**

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

Come celebrate the "specialness" of Mary with lunch provided by Chef Greg. We will enjoy herb roasted pork loin, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh mixed green salad, rolls and butter. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by **Monday May 7** by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on May 5 or 6. Adults of all ages are welcome!

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/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



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.

OUTSIDE PARISH

ST. AGNES SCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

St. Agnes School is currently accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year for pre-school through 8th grade. Applications and a checklist for required documents can be found on our website at www.stagnesconcord.com. Please contact the school at 925-689-3990 or visit the website for more information.

CATHOLIC AT WORK? REALLY?

What does it really mean to be a "Catholic at work"? That is the question to be addressed by Father Patrick Foley at the Catholics@Work breakfast on Tuesday, May 8 in Danville.

Catholics@Work programs take place at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville beginning at 7 a.m., preceded by Mass at 6:30. The program ends promptly at 8:15.

All are welcome to attend. Please sign up at Catholics@Work.org or click on the link below. Price is \$20 for members or \$30 for non-members. Catholics@Work is an authorized ministry of the Oakland Diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 5:00 William Emes, Sr.
Brian Smith Family
Ralph Love
Kyle Krawesky

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

- 7:30 Mazi Brossard
Margartia Brossard
Ben Camera
Debbie Miglio
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
11:00 Eva Gonzalez
Ajay Parecadan
Darlene Bliss
Rada Asistio
5:00 Mathew Joseph
Jose Ocampo
Victoria Castro
Jan Smith

MONDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:30 All caregivers
Elizabeth Krauss
9:00 Courtney Hutt
Erma Deluze Gomez

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- 6:30 Alberto Metica
9:00 Lucy Walsh
Jaime Santos

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- 6:30 Food Pantry Volunteers
9:00 Angela Anderson

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- 6:30 Victims of domestic violence
9:00 People suffering from dementia

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- 6:30 Virginia Garry
9:00 Joan Zingmark

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 5:00 Joseph R. Mehan, Sr.
Maria Josefa Ramos
Antonio M. Estrada
Angela & Stan Anderson

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



TIRSO T. DE GUZMAN
APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2018



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

SIN MI NADA PUEDEN HACER

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos da un maravilloso ejemplo



“Yo soy vid verdadera

y mi Padre es el viñador”. Esto significa Jesús está conectado con su padre en el cielo. Jesús hace la voluntad que su Padre quiere que el haga. Entre más cuide la viña el cultivador le producirá en abundancia. La viña siente el cuidado que su cultivador le da, y esta crece fuerte y frondosa. Dios es el cultivador perfecto y Jesús es la perfecta vid verdadera. Nosotros como hijos e hijas de Dios estamos conectados a la viña y nos hemos convertido en ramas de la vid. Jesús dice “Ustedes ya están purificados por las palabras que les he dicho. Permanezcan en mí y yo en ustedes”. Que hermosas palabras de Jesús recordarnos que estamos apodados y listos para dar más frutos. Desde el momento en que recibimos el Sacramento del Bautismo estamos injertados a la vid perfecta y nos convertimos en ramas de la viña.

El Evangelio nos invita a reflexionar que tipo de ramas somos. Hay ramas que son fuertes y otras que son débiles. Una rama fuerte es aquella rama que siempre permanece lista para dar frutos y permanece unida a su vid. Vienen fuertes vientos y la sacude que bota todas sus hojas que casi quiebra la rama, pero permanece fiel a su vid. El viñador estará muy contento que el viento no logro quebrar la rama que más iba producir. Con más alegría el viñador cuidara su viñedo. Por otra parte, existen ramas débiles en la viña que aguantan vientos fuertes y fácilmente las quiebra y quedan infértiles de producir buenos frutos. Una rama quebrada podría sufrir dos cambios: permanecer con vida, pero sin producir

mucho porque no va recibir la suficiente vida de la vid o la rama se ira muriendo lentamente porque no recibe vida y el viento la terminará cortando poco a poco. Una vez que la rama se cortó de la vid: no habrá más oportunidad para producir frutos.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, el Evangelio de hoy debe hacernos reflexionar de qué manera estamos conectados con la vid. Diariamente nos enfrentamos con muchos desafíos, obstáculos, y tentaciones que nos amputan de mantenernos unidos a la viña de Dios. Jesús permanece en nosotros porque lo recibimos el día de nuestro Bautismo. Aunque no es fácil vivir una vida completamente haciendo la voluntad porque el enemigo quiere alejarnos de Dios. Debemos preguntarnos, como podemos permanecer fuertes y fructíferas ramas. Permanecemos fuertes y fructíferos a través de la oración, viviendo los sacramentos y alimentándonos del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Al recibir su Cuerpo y su Sangre nos convertimos en ramas saludables y fuertes para confrontar

muchos desafíos en la vida. Hay ramas que van muriendo lentamente porque se alimentan del veneno del enojo, odio, rencor, envidia, lujuria, resentimiento, groserías y egoísmo. No dejemos que el veneno del enemigo nos haga infértil de dar frutos. En la segunda lectura de San Juan dice: Hijos míos, no amemos solamente de palabra, amemos de verdad y con las obras. No es suficiente estar unidos a la vid, necesitamos dar frutos y hacer aquello que le agrada a Dios. **“Sin Jesús no podemos hacer nada”**. Si no construimos una fuerte relación con la vid no vamos a poder hacer nada. Si estamos cayendo y no confiamos en Dios, no podemos hacer nada. En mi experiencia personal, algunas veces el cansancio me desconecta de Dios. Hoy estoy cansado no siento deseo de orar, pero después me doy cuenta que la oración es el corazón de mi vida: me levanto a orar. Después me siento lleno de energía y listo para continuar mis actividades. En mi experiencia personal verdaderamente no podemos hacer nada si no estamos conectados a la vid, que es Jesús.

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 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 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.



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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.

Find us on 



INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioner complete a Commitment Card because we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and set up your recurring Offertory gifts electronically.

ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Next dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, May 6**. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left **in the Hospitality Room at church before the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday**. Cash donations for St. Mary's can be left in the church office. **All** items need to be marked "St. Mary's-Oakland." (*Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish). Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Carol & Jim Riley 672-4383

We need your TALENT!

Share Your Talents—
Volunteer in a Ministry

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

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:
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