

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— Matthew 16:19

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August 27, 2017 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | 27 de agosto de 2017 Vigésimo Primer del Tiempo Ordinario

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

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

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 hacer arreglos
con un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere 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 hacer arreglos con un
Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de
preparación.*

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

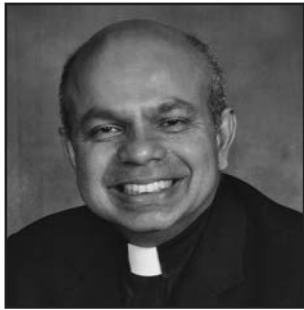
In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*



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. MAT



POWER SUNDAY

We might call this Sunday “Power Sunday” because the main theme of all three readings is that God is the source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people, and with the Pope and the other church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children.

The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials by describing how He removed the proud “master of the royal palace,” Shebna, from his office and promoted the humble and faithful Eliakim. The *robe, the sash, and the keys* are the insignia of this office. In today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138), David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the second reading, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom and knowledge and correct judgments, and asserts that He is the source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

Today’s Gospel passage shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his *Lord and Savior* and how Jesus, in turn, approves his words and gives the teaching and ruling authority in his church to Peter. Thus, Jesus establishes a “Magisterium” in his church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the church members. By Jesus’ statement, “*I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven,*” he gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose (make laws; exercise authority) in the church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in heaven.

We need to accept and experience Jesus as our Lord and personal savior. First,

we should accept Jesus as the son of God and our personal savior. This means that we are accepting Jesus as our Good Shepherd, our divine savior and our redeemer. Next, Jesus should become a living experience for us – as our God protecting us and providing for us in our life’s journey, loving us, forgiving us, helping us and transforming our lives and outlook. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by talking to Jesus through daily, personal and communal prayers, by offering our lives on the altar with Jesus whenever we participate in the Holy Mass, and by leading exemplary lives with Jesus’ grace. Our personal experience of Jesus will also lead us to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good and bad, realizing that God’s loving hands are behind every event of our lives.

We need to surrender our lives to Jesus, our Lord and savior. That surrender requires that we freely give all areas of our lives to Jesus, and radiate to all around us Jesus’ sacrificial *agápe* love - unconditional forgiveness, overflowing mercy and committed service. The joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus needs to be reflected in the way we live our whole lives. We also surrender our lives to Jesus by rendering humble, loving service to others, with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO REGISTER

“I am registered” is a common statement we hear from parishioners who have been here for years. I must admit that I was one of those parishioners. When I came to work at the parish, I wasn’t registered. I had grown up at this parish. I was married at this parish. But I had never picked up a registration form and filled it out. And so I was not listed in our parish family register.

“So what?” you might say. “I don’t need to be registered to come to Mass.” You are absolutely right. Your heart and spirit, your commitment to God, your love of the parish, those are what make you members of our parish community—not an official entry on our registration database.

But there are good reasons to register and we hope that you will take a few minutes to register and officially list yourself in our address book. When you want to reach out to a friend to check on them, ask why you haven’t seen them in a while, share a concern that you’ve heard they were sick, you pick up your old school address book, or access your contact app on your smartphone and call, email or text. But if you don’t have your friend’s number you can’t do that. Well, our priests and staff often want to reach out for one of those reasons but find we don’t have the contact information.

Maybe we want to send you an invitation or let you know what’s happening at the parish. We can’t do that either without your mailing address or email address. There are lots of reasons to register. And maybe one of the most important is to claim that this is your community. You want to be included in our office address book. The Church Staff wants to be able to contact you when we need to reach out to you.

We are trying to make registration as easy as possible. On the weekend of **September 16 and 17**, the Parish Council will be at all of the Masses, distributing registration forms and sharing even more benefits of being registered. We have also uploaded the registration form to our newly designed web site.

How to Register:

Just go to www.stbonaventure.net, go to “About” at the top menu bar and click on “Parish Registration.” You will find a form that you can fill out on your computer. Fill it out—save it—Email it to vteran@stbonaventure.net.

Or pick up a form in the church foyer or office, fill it out and return it to the office, or drop it in the offertory basket. Don’t know if you’re registered? It can’t hurt to register twice. But if you want to know for sure, please check with the registration tables after Masses, **September 16 and 17**. We can confirm if you’re registered, answer your questions and help you register if you’re not. If you can’t wait to find out, email vteran@stbonaventure.net and ask.

FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Thank you for being a part of our St. Bonaventure family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA725**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Mathew Vellankal

LITURGY & PRAYER

MASSES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We will continue to celebrate the Centennial Year of Our Lady of Fatima with a special monthly Mass from August thru October this year. The Mass will be on the 13th of each month. Masses will be in the chapel at 7pm. You are all welcome to join us.

**Does your child LOVE to SING
and can sing ?**



Heavenly Harmony
Children's
Choir

Children from Grades 1 through 5 are welcome to join.
Rehearsals are every Saturday morning from 9 -10 am
at the St. Bonaventure Music Room behind the church.

To JOIN the Heavenly Harmony Children's Choir,
please complete the form ONLINE
<https://goo.gl/forms/SWuDlpxW8huYD4yQ2>

Contact Barbara Wolpman at bjwolpman@gmail.com 925.465.4468 or
Arlene Cerda at arlene.cerda@gmail.com if you have questions.



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

MONDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10; PS 149:1B-6A, 9B; MT 23:13-22

TUESDAY: 1 THES 2:1-8; PS 139:1-6; MK 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY: 1 THES 2:9-13; PS 139:7-12AB; MT 23:27-32

THURSDAY: 1 THES 3:7-13; PS 90:3-5A, 12-14, 17; MT 24:42-51

FRIDAY: 1 THES 4:1-8; PS 97:1, 2B, 5-6, 10-12; MT 25:1-13

SATURDAY: 1 THES 4:9-11; PS 98:1, 7-9; MT 25:14-30

SUNDAY: JER 20:7-9; PS 63:2-6, 8-9; ROM 12:1-2; MT 16:21-27

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT BIBLE CAMP, FROM THE CONTRA COSTA BLUE STAR MOMS

The Blue Star Moms would like to thank all the children, counselors, families and other helpers who donated *many* items for care packages, to be shipped to members of our United States Armed Forces deployed overseas. Many thanks to all who wrote notes and cards to include in the care packages. They are appreciated by those who receive them more than you'll ever know! You help us remind our troops that they are not forgotten when they are far from home!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Bonaventure's religious education classes will begin the week of September 24. Our faith formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and kindergarten and continue through high school.

We offer a Sunday morning program for Pre-School age 4 and kindergarten-age children that meets during the 9am Mass. This program is designed to share stories from the Bible and to engage the youngest of our community to grow in their faith, with interactive activities.

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade. Each grade builds on the child's faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus' life and teachings and will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become who Jesus wants us to be.

We will meet your child wherever they are in their Sacramental faith journey with class offerings for Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation. We also have Sacramental Preparation classes for First Communion that are taught in Spanish.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes will be held on Saturday, August 26, Sunday, August 27 and Sunday, September 10 from 9AM to 6PM in Classroom A-1. We will be available to answer any questions you have and assist you with registering your child for the appropriate class. You will also be able to register in the church office after August 27. If your child has been in our Faith Formation program last year, you will receive a packet of materials in the mail in mid-August. In mid-August, there will also be registration forms in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration. We look forward to having your child in our Faith Formation Programs!

CYO CROSS-COUNTRY

Children in grades 2 through 8 who like to run are invited to join the St. Bonaventure Cross-Country team. Practices have started and are held M-W-F in Newhall Park beginning at 5:00. Athletes can be registered on any day of practice. If new to the program, please bring a copy of your athlete's birth certificate. There are five meets, all of which are on Friday afternoons, featuring races about one mile in length, traversing dirt trails in various parks in the East Bay. The season continues until the last meet on October 20. For more information, call Joe Sullivan at ☎ 925-969-0207 or John Mercurio at ☎ 925-876-0327. Participate along with your child by becoming a parent coach/administrator!

LIFE AND JUSTICE

IMMIGRATION MYTHS DEBUNKED

Myth #5: They drain the system

Undocumented immigrants do not qualify for welfare, food stamps, Medicaid or most other public benefits. Most of these programs require proof of legal immigration status and under the 1996 welfare law; even legal immigrants cannot receive these benefits until they have been in the US for more than five years

Non-citizen immigrant adults and children are about 25% less likely to be signed up for Medicaid than their poor native-born equivalents and are also 37% less likely to receive food stamps, according to a 2013 study by the Cato Institute.

Citizen children of illegal immigrants – often derogatorily referred to as “anchor babies” – do qualify for social benefits. Also, undocumented immigrants are eligible for schooling and emergency medical care. Currently the average unlawful immigrant household costs taxpayers \$14,387 per household, according to a report by The Heritage Foundation. But in its 2013 “Immigration Myths and Facts” report, the US Chamber of Commerce says most economists see providing these benefits as an investment for the future, when these children become workers and taxpayers.

A Congressional Budget Office report on the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007 concluded that a path to legalization for immigrants would increase federal revenues by \$48 billion. Such a plan would see \$23 billion in increased costs from the use of public services, but ultimately, it would produce a surplus of \$25 billion for government coffers, CBO said.

HELP SEND YOUR SISTER PARISHIONERS BACK TO PRISON

I was in prison and you visited me. (Mt 25:36)

Please join Kairos Prison Ministry in October when we visit Jesus at the Federal women's prison in Dublin, California. Share with us in the healing of shattered lives through the power of God's forgiveness and love. You do not need to enter the prison to come with us. You can join us without ever leaving the

comfort of your home.

We have witnessed incredible healing and love in a place where one might not expect to encounter such wonders. Statistically, prisoners who attend a Kairos weekend and continue to participate afterward are less likely to return to prison than those in the general prison population. But statistics can't begin to describe the power of God's love, shattering walls of pain, fear, and anguish.

Six women from St. Bonaventure are part of the Kairos team preparing for the October Weekend at FCI Dublin. We cannot do it without you. Will you join us in bringing Christ's healing light into a place of immense darkness?

We ask you to answer Jesus' call to visit him in prison through your prayers for the participants. We also ask for your financial support to make this Weekend possible. Any amount will be a blessing. Your prayers and support lift up these women who may have been discarded by society, but still have dignity in the eyes of God.

Kairos volunteers will be outside after Mass on September 9th and 10th. Please stop by our table to sign up to pray, make a "hand of love," or donate a spiritual meal ticket for a participant. Pick up a prayer poster for your prayer group, Scout troop, or other organization to sign. If you miss us or would like more information about this life-changing ministry, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@gmail.com. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

CATHOLICISM: PIVOTAL PLAYERS

“The call to holiness is universal, which means that holiness is not meant for a privileged few, but is the mission towards which all Christ's disciples should aspire.” Bishop Robert Barron followed up his widely popular “Catholicism” with a new series that highlights those men and women whose friendship with Christ transformed not only their own lives, but also the world. Join us as we learn about some of these “pivotal players.”

• On Aug 28/29 and Sep 11/12, Christa

Fairfield will share the life of GK Chesterton.

• On Sep 18/19 and Sep 25/26 we will explore the art of Michelangelo.

Classrooms and times: Monday afternoon in A1 (1:00-2:30pm) or Tuesday evening in A4 (7:00-8:30pm). Please sign up in the parish office or call Eileen so we have enough resources. There is no charge.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

Have you never been baptized and wonder what the big deal is? Were you baptized in another Christian faith, but wonder what makes Catholics different? Were you baptized Catholic, but never received Eucharist and Confirmation? If you fall into any of these categories, this process may be for you. A new group of adults interested in becoming Catholic or thinking about being baptized will begin on August 20. Individuals will be brought into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil (March 31, 2018). For further information and registration, please contact Eileen ☎ 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

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 September 19, 2017 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. The workshop is free, but registration is required by September 10, 2017. Please call Helene Billeci at ☎ (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Summer is here!! Do you want to find a nice cool air-conditioned haven of peace and quiet? Join us for Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life and give thanks for the blessings we receive.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples - let a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend be the 'rock' upon which you build a faith-filled, loving & intimate relationship. Help discover the keys to your marriage by participating at our next weekend held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on September 29- October 1st. 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

ADULT ACTIVITIES

SENIOR LUNCHEON:The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Thursday, **September 14** at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person. We'll be celebrating Mexican Independence Day with a make-your-own taco bar. Please make reservations by Monday September 11 by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on **September 9 and 10**. Adults of all ages are welcome!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2017)



Our group is actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your

help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, you want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or, maybe a

wine donation for the wine pull, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this wonderful fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. All donations are tax deductible. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (925.693.0457). All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. 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.

NEED A NEIGHBOR?

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

We Offer:

- Assistance with transportation to the parish, the grocery store or doctor.
- *We can assist in finding regular rides to a specific Mass or parish offering
- Assistance with an errand or a light task
- Visiting the sick or homebound

For Assistance Leave a Message at 672-5800 x2238. We will pick up calls Monday-Friday. Every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of the call. Please note that the ministry is not designed for immediate or emergency needs. It can take a few days to locate a volunteer to meet the need.



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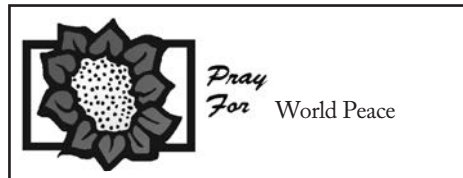
STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of August 26 & 27 Collection


Goal: \$25,440
 Actual: \$24,146
Deficit: (\$1,294)

Food for Family: 187

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



**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
MARINO TADEO**
 August 26 – September 1, 2017




OUTSIDE PARISH

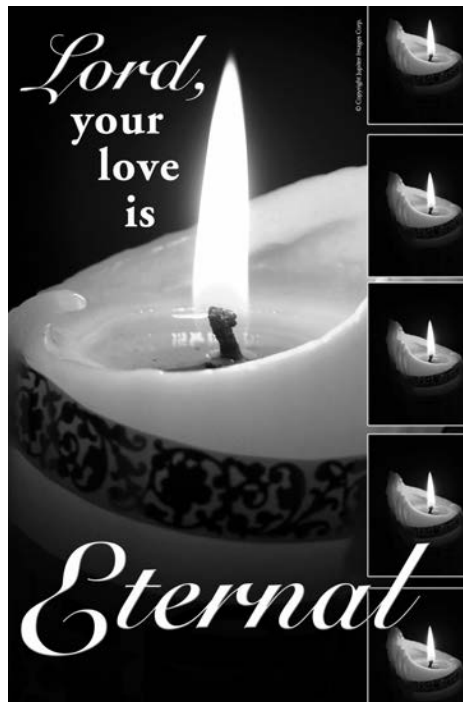
CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women, invites all to join them at a Prayer Breakfast

On: Saturday, September 16, from 9:30 to 12:30, Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Tickets are \$33 through Sept. 9, or \$40 after.

Please join us in welcoming our speaker, author Annette Baber! Annette was born and raised in a Jewish Orthodox family. She committed her life to Christ 48 years ago after a life-shattering crisis led her to cry out for salvation! She begged the Father to save her family and amid many miracles, one by one, her family members turned their lives over to Christ. Come and hear her fascinating testimony and how she has served the Lord since that incredible night. Men are always welcome to attend!

Go to www.magnificat-ministry.net for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.



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MASS INTENTIONS +

FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 Josefa Flores
 Betty Sardelich
 Elma Rempillo
 Mike & J.J. Maloles

9:00 Carol Ely
 Joe Mangini
 Peter Aiello
 Josefina Javier

11:00 Ancilla Mckenzie
 Carlos Houston
 Oreen Ghewalla

5:00 Faith Formation Students

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30 Christian Barrere
 9:00 Marino Tadeo
 Gregorio Rivera
 Teresa Santiago

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30 David & Cindy Rico
 Jack & Rosa Rico
 9:00 William M. Jordan
 Allyson Molina

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30 People suffering from depression
 9:00 Students and Teachers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 Cancer Patients
 9:00 Accident victims

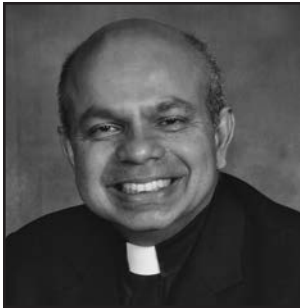
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:30 Pastoral Staff
 9:00 Michael Maramag
 Bartolo Vasquez

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 Rodrigo Dala
 Edward Wayne Larwood
 Thecla Daniels
 Rosemarie Hornsby

PENSAMIENTO DE PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL



DOMINGO DE ENERGIA

Podríamos llamar este domingo “Domingo de Energía” debido a que el tema principal de las tres lecturas demuestran que Dios es la fuente de toda autoridad. Dios comparte su autoridad con los gobernantes civiles elegidos para servir a la gente con el Papa y los demás líderes de la iglesia para el bienestar material y espiritual de sus hijos.

La primera lectura fue tomada de Isaías que nos dice cómo Dios odia a los funcionarios infieles y egoístas describiendo como removió al orgulloso Sebna de su oficina de “maestro del palacio real” y promovió al humilde y fiel Eliaquim. La túnica, banda y llaves son la insignia de esta oficina. En el Salmo responsorial de hoy (Sal 138), David da gracias a Dios por haberle levantado de orígenes humildes y le ha dado autoridad como rey sobre el pueblo de Israel. En la segunda lectura: St. Paul alaba a Dios por la profundidad de su sabiduría, conocimientos, juicios correctos y afirma que Él es la fuente de toda autoridad en la tierra y en el cielo.

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos muestra cómo Pedro confiesa a Jesús como su Señor y Salvador y como Jesús a su vez aprueba sus palabras, le da a Pedro la enseñanza y autoridad gobernante de su iglesia. Por lo tanto, Jesús establece un “magisterio” en su iglesia para servir las necesidades espirituales y físicas de los miembros de la Iglesia. Por la declaración de Jesús: “Yo te daré las llaves del reino de los cielos”, da a Pedro y sus sucesores el poder de atar y desatar (hacer leyes; ejercer autoridad) en la iglesia y la seguridad de que sus decisiones serán ratificadas en el cielo.

Tenemos que aceptar y experimentar a Jesús como nuestro Señor y Salvador personal. En

primer lugar hay que aceptar a Jesús como el hijo de Dios y Nuestro Salvador Personal. Esto significa que estamos aceptando a Jesús como el Buen Pastor, nuestro Divino Salvador y Redentor. A continuación: Jesús debe convertirse en una experiencia para nosotros – como nuestro Dios que nos protege y la disponibilidad para nosotros en el viaje de la vida. Dios nos ama, nos perdona, nos ayuda y transforma nuestras vidas. Esto es posible gracias a escuchar a Jesús a través de la lectura diaria, meditando la Biblia a diario, hablando con Jesús a través de las oraciones diarias personales y comunales, ofreciendo nuestras vidas en el altar cada vez que participamos de la Santa Misa y por las

vidas ejemplares con la gracia de Jesús. Nuestra experiencia personal con Jesús también nos llevará a dar gracias a Dios y alabarlo en todos los acontecimientos de nuestra vida tanto en las buenas como en las malas, dándonos cuenta de que las manos amorosas de Dios están en todos los acontecimientos de nuestra vida.

Debemos entregar nuestras vidas a Jesús, nuestro Señor y Salvador. Que la rendición requiere que demos libremente a Jesús en todas las áreas de nuestras vidas e irradiar a nuestros alrededores sacrificio de amor por Jesús. Tengamos el perdón incondicional, merced desbordante y servicio comprometido. La alegría, el amor y la paz que nosotros encontramos en Jesús debe reflejarse en la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas. También rendimos nuestras vidas a Jesús por la prestación de servicio humilde y amoroso a los demás con la firme convicción

de que Jesús está presente en cada persona.



REFLEXION DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

¿QUIÉN ES JESÚS PARA MÍ?

En el Evangelio de Hoy, Jesús hace una pregunta importante a sus discípulos, ¿quién dice la gente que soy yo? Es la misma pregunta que Jesús nos hace en particular a cada uno de nosotros como miembros bautizados. ¿Quién es Jesús para mí? Cual sería nuestra respuesta. Quizás para algunos Jesús será un personaje histórico y famoso, un líder, un representante de Dios, un Jesús de pobres. Los discípulos contestaron a Jesús, que unos decían que era Juan el Bautista, otros Elías, Jeremías o uno de los profetas. Ellos respondieron lo que escuchaban decir de la gente. Sin embargo, la misma pregunta se aplica para cada uno de nosotros como discípulos de Jesús. ¿Quién es Jesús para mí? Es importante saber quién es Jesús, para imitar su vida de amor y misericordia. En la Santa Misa rezamos el credo “Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre... con el Credo profesamos nuestra fe y expresamos que creemos en Jesús. Es un compromiso y una constante renovación de fe.

Conocer a Jesús viene de la relación que tengamos con Él a través de la oración de todos los días y de la participación de la Eucaristía. Entre más conversamos con Jesús, más lo logramos conocer en su amor misericordioso. El amor de Jesús es infinito. Esto significa que tenemos que seguir descubriendo más su amor aún después de conocerlo. Conocerlo significa un encuentro personal en nuestra vida y que Jesús nos ha cambiado en una persona humilde, paciente,



amable, misericordiosa y servicial. Cuando conocemos más quien es Jesús tenemos el compromiso de reflejar el rostro amoroso de Jesús.

Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos ¿quién dicen que soy yo? Pedro tomo la palabra y dijo “tú eres el Mesías, El Hijo de Dios vivo” Jesús le dijo “¡Dichoso tú, Simón, hijo de Juan, porque esto no te lo ha revelado ningún hombre, sino mi Padre, que está en los cielos! Y yo te digo a ti que tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia.” Pedro respondió correctamente que Jesús era el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios. Pedro se convierte en ejemplo de dar testimonio de quién es Jesús. Sin embargo, Jesús le recuerda que Dios se lo ha revelado. Cuantas veces Dios nos ha mostrado quien es Jesús en nuestra vida, pero muchas veces hemos dudado de Él. Acerquémonos más a Jesús para conocerlo y dar testimonio de ese encuentro con él. Sin embargo, Pedro recibe una misión dada por Jesús mismo, tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia. Jesús vio la seguridad en Pedro de quien era Jesús. De tal manera que Jesús le dice “Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo”. Conocer a Jesús implica un compromiso, porque Jesús nos envía a evangelizar aquello que Dios en su misericordia ha dado con mucho amor.

Hermanos y hermanas, hoy que participamos en la Eucaristía, reafirmemos más nuestra seguridad en Jesús, para recibir su cuerpo y su sangre, convencidos de que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Convencidos de que Jesús es el centro de nuestras vidas. Jesús es el Hijo de Dios que nos acompaña en las tribulaciones de nuestra vida. Jesús no nos abandona en nuestra vida. Pero estamos invitados a conocer más a Jesús. Si todavía estas en un proceso de conocer quién es Jesús para ti, acércate a la Eucaristía, ora con fe, para que Dios Padre, te vaya revelando a través

del Espíritu Santo, el rostro amoroso de Jesús. Dejémonos guiar por el Espíritu Santo para conocer a Jesús y recibirlo en nuestra vida.

REGISTRACION PARA CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Las clases de Educación religiosa empezaran la semana del 24 de septiembre. La catequesis es un programa de dos años y está diseñada para que en el segundo año los niños/jóvenes reciban los Sacramentos.

Ofrecemos clases después de la escuela para los niños de elemental (1-5 grado) en inglés. En español en preparación para la Primera Comunión las clases son los domingos de 11:00 AM a 12:30 PM. Las clases de preparación para la Confirmación son en inglés y las sesiones son los domingos por la tarde/noche.

Ubicaremos a su hijo dondequiera que se encuentre en el camino de la fe.

Registros:

**Agosto 26 y 27, Septiembre 10, 2017
 9:00 AM a 6:00 PM, Salón A-1.**

Si su niño estuvo en nuestro programa de formación en la fe el año pasado, recibirá un paquete de materiales por correo a mediados de agosto. También a mediados de agosto habrá formularios de inscripción en la entrada de Iglesia, en la oficina Parroquial y en nuestra página web. www.stbonaventure.net. Solamente haga clic en el enlace de Registración para Educación Religiosa.

¡Esperamos tener a su hijo en nuestros programas de Formación en la Fe!

AHORA ES SU OPORTUNIDAD DE REGISTRARSE

“Estoy registrado” es una declaración común que escuchamos de los feligreses que han estado aquí durante varios años. Debo admitir que yo era uno de esos feligreses. Cuando llegué a trabajar en la parroquia, yo no estaba registrada. Había crecido en esta parroquia. Me casé en esta parroquia. Pero nunca había recogido un formulario de registración para llenarlo. Y por eso no estaba en la lista de familias registradas de la parroquia.

“¿Y qué?” se podría decir. “No necesito estar registrado para venir a Misa.” Tienes toda la razón. Tu corazón y espíritu, tu compromiso con Dios, tu amor de la parroquia, éstos son los que hacen los miembros de nuestra

comunidad parroquial, no una entrada oficial en nuestra base de datos de registro.

Pero hay buenas razones para registrarse y esperamos que tomes unos minutos para registrarte y oficialmente estar en la lista de nuestra libro de direcciones. Cuando deseas conectarte con un amigo para ver como esta, preguntarle por qué usted no lo ha visto hace rato, compartir una preocupación que usted ha oído que estaban enfermos, tomas el libro de tu vieja escuela, o accedes a tu contacto de teléfono inteligente y llamas, correo electrónico o texto. Pero si no tienes el número de tu amigo no puedes hacer eso. Bien nuestros sacerdotes y personal a menudo desean contactarse por una de estas razones pero no tiene la información de contacto.

Tal vez queremos enviarle una invitación o hacerle saber lo que está pasando en la parroquia. No podemos hacerlo sin su dirección postal, dirección o correo electrónico. Hay muchas razones para registrarse. Y tal vez uno de los más importantes es que esta es su comunidad. Desea ser incluido en nuestros libros de direcciones de la oficina. El personal de la iglesia quiere poder contactarse cuando queremos llegar a usted.

Estamos tratando de hacer la inscripción lo más fácil posible. El fin de semana del 16 y 17 de septiembre, el Consejo Parroquial estará en todas las Misas distribuyendo los formularios de inscripción y compartiendo aún más sobre los beneficios de estar registrado. También tenemos el formulario de registración en nuestro recién diseñado sitio web.

COMO REGISTRARSE:

Puede ir a la página www.stbonaventure.net vaya a “About” en la parte de arriba de la barra del menú y haga click en “Parish Registration.” Encontrará una forma para ser llenada en su computadora. Llénela-Guardela y mandela a vteran@stbonaventure.net.

O levante una forma en la entrada de la iglesia o en la oficina, llénela y devuélvala a la oficina, o póngala en el canasto de colección del domingo. No sabe si está registrado/a? No pasa nada si se registra otra vez. Pero si necesita estar seguro, por favor pregunte en la mesa de registración después de la Misa

16 y 17 de Septiembre. Nosotros podemos confirmar si está registrado, responder sus preguntas y ayudarlo a registrarse si lo necesita. Si necesita saber pronto, mande un correo electrónico a vteran@stbonaventure.net.

CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Las personas mayores de 20 años que deseen confirmarse favor dirigirse a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas para registrarse y/o recibir información. El programa empieza en Octubre y la confirmación es en Enero en la Catedral de la Luz en Oakland. Además de la información personal, es importante tener los certificados de Bautizo y de Primera Comunión.

CATECUMENOS

Estamos invitando a los jóvenes mayores de 18 años y a los adultos que no hayan sido Bautizados ni recibido su Primera Comunión a que se acerquen a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas y se inscriban a las clases para Catecúmenos.

**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.

**El Martirio de
 San Juan Bautista**



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 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 10/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/27	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.

