



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

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2017 Jingle Bells Boutique. Photo Credit: Lulu Paul

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Trigésimo Tercer del Tiempo Ordinario*

November 19, 2017

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...

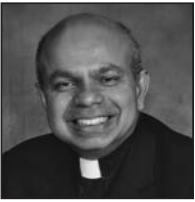
Keep connected to our parish community,

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
Father Mat

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. Christian mystic Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that would suffice." I suspect he is right.

St. Paul admonishes us, "Always be thankful." It is a Christian duty as well as privilege to be grateful for the blessings of God. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever" (Ps. 118:1). We must feel the need to thank God for the gift of life and health, for providing for our spiritual and physical needs, for our families and for the grace of salvation. Let us be thankful to our parents and benefactors. Honoring one's parents is the most basic level of gratitude.

Let us also be thankful for the countless good people, each of whom brought his or her own special gifts to us. Today, we shall remember each one with reverence and gratitude. Recall the Irish proverb: "Once I complained I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet."


How long would your list be if you took inventory of your blessings...and added one new item daily? Would you be amazed at the size of the list?

I am most grateful to God this year for bringing me here to this wonderful parish of St. Bonaventure. Please know that I do appreciate each one of you and am sincerely grateful for who you are. I do appreciate your love and support as we make our parish even more amazing. You are truly a blessing to me.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. —Fr. Mat

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, BOSNIA & POLAND

As of today, we have 26 persons who have signed up to go with me for the pilgrimage to Italy, Bosnia and Poland from May 14 to 28, 2018. For the color brochure and registration form please contact me at mvellankal@stbonaventure.net. Since we can take a few more persons on this pilgrimage, you may please pass the information to your families and friends.



“What Sweeter Music”
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Presented by
The Resurrection Choir, Friends and Chamber Orchestra

Come, prepare your hearts for the richness of a Christmas experience by joining us for the story of Christ’s birth, told through scripture lessons and beautiful choral arrangements of carols. Your enjoyment will be enhanced by listening to the choir, and joining them on favorite carols.

A freewill offering will be collected to help defray the cost of the concert. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

A reception will immediately follow the concert, in the Hospitality Room.

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm in the Church.**

PARISH LIFE thoughts

OUR THIRD QUARTER FINANCIALS: GETTING WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Good News

The good news is that parishioners generously responded to our request to help raise funds for improvements to the Parish Hall. To date, we have received nearly \$75,000. Thank you to all who understand the needs of maintaining our facilities.

The Challenge

The maintenance funds are restricted and cannot be used for the general expenses of the parish. That includes all of our faith formation, pastoral, liturgical and administrative costs.

And our Sunday giving funds are down \$50,000 from last year. Since we didn't increase our budget, we are \$50,000 below budget. Expenses did go up this year, even with staff efforts to keep them flat. The addition of a third priest and inflation increased our expenses.

Withdrawing the restricted maintenance funds, we are at a \$50,000 deficit at the end of our Third Quarter. Next year, expenses will increase again since we will have our 3rd priest for the full year and natural inflationary increases in other expenses."

The Better News

We bring Christ to people who come to the parish. We can expand our efforts. We want to fill the pews at each Mass. We want to enhance and grow our faith formation programs that already have over 750 children and teens each week, and adults attending different offerings. We want to extend our outreach to those in need. We want to respond to God's call to Know Christ better and make Him better known.

We can do that with an increased response to our Sunday collection, like we've seen in our request for maintenance help. Your Sunday gifts make our mission possible.

NEED NOW: FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Food Pantry needs your help for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, we will be collecting donations, such as items listed below, starting this weekend, **November 18/19 – November 21**. Place the items in one of the bins in the church foyer, but please place turkey or chicken donations in the white freezer.

Items we would welcome: turkeys, chickens, hams, stuffing, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, pie fillings, celery, onions, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, eggs, corn starch, ready-crust for pies, cake mixes, pancake mix, hamburger helper, tuna helper, spaghetti, pastas, rice, macaroni & cheese, beef stew, spam, cereal, peanut butter, green beans, green peas, corn, carrots, spinach, olives, mushrooms, beans, fruit, fruit juices, fresh fruit, jello, puddings, biscuits, muffin mixes, salad oil, salad dressing, spices, mayonnaise, jellies and jams, syrup, canned meats, tuna, tomato sauce, tomato paste, rice-a-roni, parmesan cheese, catsup, mustard, coffee, tea.

Cash donations can be made by placing your gift in the Sunday basket marked "Food Pantry." Our Food Pantry has spent this year's funds and expects a greater need this holiday season. Your gifts will help provide a Happy Thanksgiving to those in need.

OFFICE CLOSURE
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 22-24



CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

Do you like being around young children? Do you have Wednesday mornings free and want to meet some of the parish families? The Moms' group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:45-11:30am. They are desperately in need of babysitters. We need 2 adults to watch their children while the moms grow in faith and community. You will need to be finger-printed and 'Safe Environment' trained. If we can gather a group of adults, they can rotate. If interested or want more information, please contact Eileen 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

NO KNEELING REQUIRED-JUST DRIVE-THRU



St. Bonaventure is taking prayer to the parking lot. There will be no need to turn off the ignition or get out of the car. Drivers can just set the brake and take a moment to have the prayer team be present to them, to hear their request and pray with them.

Drivers can take a quick turn into the St. Bonaventure parking lot and look for the banner on the left. There they will find volunteers to hear their prayer request and say a prayer with them. Then back on the road, having shared some of their concerns and needs with God.

We are living in a time when people don't have a lot of time on the go, so we wanted to provide something like drive-thru food, drive-thru coffee -- why not drive-thru God? God on the Go.

Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:00pm, beginning Monday, November 13.

Pass the word. Invite your friends to stop in and spend a minute with God at St. Bonaventure.

FAITH DIRECT

With Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Bonaventure are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA725**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

THANK YOU!

The Classy Crafters want to thank each and every one of you for making our Jingle Bells Boutique (Nov 3 and 4) a **huge success!** Your participation helped make it a success through your generous donations for the Silent Auction, raffle items, Wine Pull and, of course, shopping. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did putting it together. Everyone is welcome to join us in February 2018, any Wednesday from 10am to 2pm, come anytime. We are a fun bunch and would love to see you. All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry.

LITURGY & PRAYER

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: NOVEMBER 23, 9:00 AM (BI-LINGUAL)



Before beginning the final preparations for your Thanksgiving dinner, join together with your parish family and give thanks to God for the many gifts with which he

has blessed you. Our Mass will celebrate God's love and kindness, and remind us of the many things for which we are thankful.

COME JOIN "VINTAGE" FOR THEIR 14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: DECEMBER 9, 2017 AT 7:30PM IN THE CHURCH

The group members of Vintage are our St. Bonaventure parishioners Santiago & Joyce Martinez and Maryann Tarantino. They will also be joined by St. Bonaventure parishioners Donnie Fisi and John Jordan. Santiago Martinez and Maryann Tarantino have been leading the Sunday 9am Choir for over 30 years. They have produced two Christmas CD's, and one of the Vintage songs has been featured on EWTN radio. If you have attended their Christmas concerts, you know that every year the money that is collected provides Christmas presents for the children of the Food Pantry Families. Come and enjoy an evening of Vintage Harmonies and help Vintage once again put a smile on the faces of the children of the Food Pantry Families.



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

**Weekend of November 11 & 12
Collection**

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$29,669
Over: \$ 4,229

2nd Collection
Fire Disaster: \$7,010.50
Holiday Boutique: \$19,902
Food for Family: 787 (2 weeks)

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

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Respond to Pope Francis' call for the 1st World Day of the Poor. Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.org/cchd/collection.



**GOOD
NEWS
for You**

READINGS for the WEEK

MON: 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; PS 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; LK 18:35-43

TUE: 2 MC 6:18-31; PS 3:2-7; LK 19:1-10

WED: 2 MC 7:1, 20-31; PS 17:1BCD, 5-6, 8B, 15; LK 19:11-28

THU: 1 MC 2:15-29; PS 50:1B-2, 5-6, 14-15; LK 19:41-44; THANKSGIVING DAY, SUGGESTED: SIR 50:22-24; PS 145:2-11; 1 COR 1:3-9; LK 17:11-19

FRI: 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 CHR 29:10BCD, 11-12; LK 19:45-48

SAT: 1 MC 6:1-13; PS 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; LK 20:27-40

SUN: EZ 34:11-12, 15-17; PS 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 COR 15:20-26, 28; MT 25:31-46



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

We are already planning our two children's Christmas Pageants that will be held on Christmas Eve: the Early Childhood Christmas Pageant will be at the 3PM Mass and the Elementary School Pageant will be at the 5:30PM Mass.

The **Early Childhood Christmas Pageant** will feature children in pre-school-age 4 and Kindergarten, as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus. Please contact Rosa Rico by November 15 to register your child for the pageant. Rosa is the Early Childhood Pageant coordinator and can be reached at 383-3066. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 19 in Classroom B-5 after the 9AM Mass.

The **Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant** will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Rosann Halick at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at rhalick@stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29 at 4pm in the Church.

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM, A FAMILY EVENT

Pancake Breakfast
Crafts and activities for children
Visit from Santa
Saturday, December 9
9AM to 11:30AM in the Large Hall

Experience the magic and wonder of the Christmas Season as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! St. Bonaventure's Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast.

Cost is \$7 per person. Tickets are available in the Church Office. Deadline for ticket sales is Wednesday, December 6. Contact Rosann Halick if you have any questions - 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or e-mail rhalick@stbonaventure.net

There will be a special visit from Santa!

LIFE AND JUSTICE

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION & SERVICE

The Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition is pleased to announce that Hina Khan-Mukhtar will be speaking at the Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Celebration and Service on Sunday, November 19 @4:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Congregational Church in Pleasant Hill. Hina is a member of the San Ramon Valley Islamic Center. She will teach us from the principles of Islam about justice and poverty. Please join us for this service to share gratitude and find inspiration. Our prayers will be led by faith leaders from across Contra Costa County. Our souls will be lifted by music from a Multi-Faith Choir and the Grant Street Players - high school and young adult singers who have a story to tell.

Gift Cards Needed: Please consider bringing a gift card from a gas company, grocery or department store in an amount not to exceed \$25. They will help people in need because of the fires in the North Bay, homelessness or recent arrival as refugees.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

MAKING A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL PLAN

A one-evening discussion about strategies for surviving stress and loneliness after the loss of a loved one. All adults are welcome, if you or haven't participated in the 'Healing the Heart' sessions previously. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30pm in Classroom B1**. Reservation requested by December 1, so we have enough cookies and chairs!! Call Helene at 925-681-8105 with questions or to reserve.

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 Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on December 6**. 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

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. — (Mt 6:6)

The practice of Contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: "practice." It's not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls." Spouses, find value in one another by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend together. **The next weekends will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on January 12-14 and May 18-20**. 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

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Please stop by the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" table to shop for this year's Christmas cards. We have a beautiful assortment of religious cards, Advent wreaths, replacement candles and more. When you want to send the very best, send "Christ" at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS SALE

Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 444, chartered by St. Bonaventure Church, will be selling Holiday wreaths on **Sunday, December 3**, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

We will have on hand, in limited quantities:

- 28-inch Mixed Evergreen Wreaths for \$35
- 22-inch Mixed Evergreen Wreaths for \$25
- 22-inch Noble Fir Wreaths for \$25
- 10-foot long Western Cedar Garlands for \$23
- Noble Fir Door Swags for \$20
- Center-piece arrangements for \$17.



Proceeds will help the boys and girls defray the cost of summer camps and other Scouting activities.

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree is here! If you would like to make Christmas merry for a needy person in our community, here's what you can do: there are paper ornaments decorating Christmas trees in the foyer and near the side entrances to the Church. These paper ornaments have the gift wish for a specific person. Choose an ornament, and then purchase the gift indicated on the ornament. Wrap your gift, and attach the ornament to the **outside** of the gift. Return your gift to the Church by **Sunday, December 10**. You can pick as many ornaments as you like, just be sure you can return all of the gifts by the due date. Please don't overextend yourself or your budget at this busy time of year. Your generosity is appreciated more than ever!

Reminders::

1. Please be very careful with your ornaments. Each ornament is for a specific person, and we don't want anyone to be left out without a gift on Christmas. *Please, please, please be very careful with your ornament and keep it in a safe place!!!*
2. Please return your gifts no later than **Sunday, December 10**.
3. Please be sure to securely tape the paper ornament to the **outside** of your wrapped gift so that we can make sure it gets to the right person.
4. You are invited to join us for *Sort Night on Sunday, December 10* after the 5 o'clock Mass. It is truly a beautiful sight to behold the **huge** stack of gifts and the festive atmosphere as parishioners bustle about organizing presents in the Church. Each gift sparkles with the love that God has for all of us, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus!
5. **Cash Donations.** You might have noticed requests for cash donations on our trees. The cash we collect through Giving Tree does **not** go directly to anyone. Every year, we have some ornaments that are left on the trees, or which are not returned. Volunteers for Giving Tree use the cash donations to go and buy those missing gifts, so everyone we put on our tree gets a gift! (We have some very savvy shoppers on our committee, who can really stretch a dollar!) As in years past, your generosity and

compassion are greatly appreciated, and will allow St. Bonaventure to provide Christmas gifts to hundreds of families, children, and seniors in our community.

Thank you for supporting the Giving Tree Ministry!!

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.

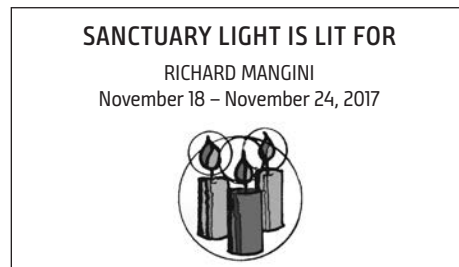
OUTSIDE PARISH

"VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS" BENEFITTING YOUNG WOMEN'S EDUCATION: NOV. 28-DEC. 3

Kick off the holiday season with Carondelet High School at one of our **fabulous teas** or at our family **Breakfast with Santa**.

Everyday guests will enjoy food catered by A Sweet Affair Bakery, a silent auction, Christmas tree raffle, shopping in our boutique and roaming carolers singing holiday cheer. Wine, champagne and sparkling cider will be available for purchase. Don't miss your chance to win one of our extravagant raffle trees and all of the gifts underneath.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit CarondeletHS.org/Visions.



MASS INTENTIONS

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FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 Cherney Sangalang
David Larwood
Marilyn McNamee
Tony Sammut

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:30 David Larwood
Tony Sammut
Emidio Busuttill
Shanely G. Chan

9:00 Fely Crusit
Joey Mangini
Frank Verello
Tony Sammut

11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 Kathleen Severini
Norma Evaristo & Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 People with mental illness
Glenda de Guzman
9:00 Fely Crusit
Grace Ebarvia
Feliza Adela

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30 Victims of violent crimes
9:00 Hallie Stevens
Pat Conroy
Tony Sammut
Harry Purpur

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:30 For all world leaders
9:00 Ajay Parecadan

THURSDAY, THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 NO MASS
9:00 Ramon Martinez
Juana & Francisco Cuenco
Lapaz Velasco Family
Mercy Fajardo
William M. Jordan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

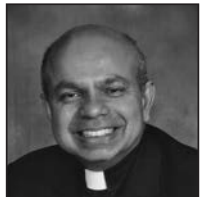
6:30 Newborn babies
9:00 Ingwer Hanson
Mary Ann Pallotta
Dimitris Argyriou
Pat Conroy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:00 Cecil Palma
Elena Villanueva
Jeanne Mueller
Frank & Blanca Medrano



PENSAMIENTOS



de
Padre Mat

Queridos Feligreses,

Esta semana se celebra el Día de Acción de Gracias. Un cristiano místico Meister Eckhart dijo: "Si la única oración que dices en toda tu vida es 'gracias', eso sería suficiente". Sospecho que tiene razón.

San Pablo nos exhorta a; "Siempre estar agradecidos". Es un deber cristiano, así como un privilegio estar agradecidos por las bendiciones de Dios. "Doy gracias al Señor, porque él es bueno. Su amor perdura para siempre" (sal. 118:1). Debemos sentir la necesidad de agradecer a Dios por el don de la vida y la salud, por proveer nuestras necesidades espirituales y físicas, por nuestras familias y por la gracia de la salvación. Seamos agradecidos con nuestros padres y bienhechores. Honrar a nuestros padres es el nivel más básico de gratitud.

También seamos agradecidos por las innumerables buenas personas, cada una de las cuales nos trajeron sus propios dones especiales. Hoy, vamos a recordar a cada uno con reverencia y gratitud. Un proverbio irlandés dice: "Una vez me quejé porque no tenía zapatos hasta que vi un hombre que no tenía pies."

¿Qué tan larga sería su lista si hace un inventario de sus bendiciones... y agrega una nueva cada día? ¿Usted estaría sorprendido del tamaño de la lista?

Yo agradezco a Dios este año por traerme aquí a esta maravillosa Parroquia de San Buenaventura. Por favor, sepa que aprecio a cada uno de ustedes y estoy sinceramente agradecido por lo que son. Aprecio su amor y apoyo mientras hacemos de nuestra parroquia una parroquia increíble. Ustedes son verdaderamente una bendición para mí.

Les deseo un maravilloso Día de Acción de Gracias.— Padre Mat

Reflexión del Padre Oscar Rojas

¿CUÁL ES MI TALENTO?

En este domingo, día del Señor, encontramos en el Evangelio de San Mateo la maravillosa parábola de los talentos. Jesús les presentó esta parábola a sus discípulos para enseñarles a que se parece el reino de los cielos. Como seres humanos constantemente pensamos: Cómo será el reino de los cielos, y muchas veces no logramos ni imaginarnos lo maravilloso que es el reino de los cielos. Jesús dice que se parece a un hombre que se fue de viaje a tierras lejanas, pero llamó a sus servidores de confianza y les encargó los bienes. A cada servidor le dio cierta cantidad de talentos: a uno cinco, a otro dos, a otro tres y a otro un talento según la cantidad. Sin embargo, cada uno pensó diferente en la manera de poner a trabajar sus talentos. El servidor que recibió cinco talentos se sintió feliz y contento y encontró una gran oportunidad de hacer crecer los cinco talentos. Con el tiempo ganó otros cinco. Y el que recibió tres también trabajó los talentos y ganó el doble. Sin embargo, el servidor que recibió un talento pensó lo contrario. Se sintió comprometido de aquello que había recibido y se sintió incapaz de poder cuidarlo o ponerlo a trabajar porque tuvo miedo a perder ese talento y no poder volverlo a recuperar. Por ese miedo y temor a perderlo, decidió enterrarlo donde nadie supiera y al regreso del dueño poder regresarlo sin ningún problema. Tenía una imagen tan exigente del dueño que prefirió esconderlo para entregárselo al regreso.

El Evangelio nos hace una invitación personal y un llamado a continuar descubriendo nuestros talentos. Vivimos en un mundo ruidoso y lleno de muchas ofertas fáciles que nos llevan a la pérdida de nuestra aspiración futura. El mundo nos absorbe todo el tiempo en el trabajo, páginas de comunicación y descuidamos el hecho de poner a trabajar los talentos para ganar el doble. El mundo nos ciega, ensordece, nos hace infructíferos y estériles en nuestros talentos. ¿Cuántos de nosotros nos damos cuenta o tenemos conocimiento de nuestros talentos? Es una invitación a descubrir ese tesoro que Dios nos ha dado y que quizás todavía no nos damos cuenta que lo tenemos. O cuántos de nosotros sí sabemos cuáles son nuestros talentos. Sin embargo, conociéndolos, no los ponemos en práctica o al servicio de los demás. ¿Cuántos utilizan sus talentos para

enriquecerse o para oprimir a los demás? ¿Cuántos de nosotros hemos escondido nuestros talentos? Las habilidades y nuestra capacidad de desarrollarnos con facilidad en nuestra vida son talentos que Dios nos ha dado para ponerlos al servicio de los demás. Todos hemos recibido talentos, pero muchas veces no hemos descubierto esos talentos y otros abusan de esos talentos. No tengamos miedo en poner nuestros talentos al servicio de los demás. Encontremos paz y amor en el corazón al hacer feliz a los demás por medio de nuestros talentos. Todo lo que tenemos no nos pertenece a nosotros mismos: le pertenece a Dios. Él es quien nos da todo para que sirvamos a los demás. Si todavía no haz descubierto cuál es tu talento acércate a Dios y él te ayudará a descubrirlo.

Cuando el dueño regresó y pidió los talentos el primero había ganado otros cinco talentos, el segundo ganó otros tres y el tercero ganó dos y el último entregó el mismo que le fue dado. El dueño felicitó a los que habían trabajado y al que escondió su tesoro lo reprendió y le dijo: "Siervo malvado y perezoso". Entonces, mando quitarle el talento para entregárselo al que tenía diez y enviarlo a las tinieblas donde hay llanto y desesperación. El Evangelio nos invita a poner en práctica nuestros talentos todos los días. Un día Dios nos preguntará que hicimos con nuestros talentos. Dichoso el hombre y la mujer con cuyos talentos se construyó el reino de Dios aquí entre nosotros. Se construyó una comunidad de amor y unidad. ¿Cuál es tu talento para seguir construyendo el Reino de los Cielos? ¡Descúbrelo con Jesús en la Eucaristía!

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HOY SE NECESITAN ALIMENTOS PARA LA DESPENSA PARA EL DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

La dispensa de comida necesita su generosidad, donando alimentos para la distribución de comida para el Día de Acción de Gracias. Estaremos recogiendo las donaciones desde este fin de semana hasta el día martes 21 de noviembre. Necesitamos los productos enumerados a continuación. Por favor coloque los productos en uno de los compartimientos en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, o por favor tráigalos a la oficina.

Agradecemos la donación de los siguientes artículos: pavos, pollos, jamones, relleno, caldo de pollo, salsa de arándanos, mezcla de pan de maíz, papas, batatas, calabaza, rellenos de pastel, apio, cebolla, harina, azúcar, leche evaporada, huevos, almidón de maíz, masa lista para empanadas, mezclas de torta, mezcla de pancake, lata de hamburguesa "Helper", atún "Helper", espaguetis, pastas, arroz, macarrones y queso, carne de vaca guisado, spam, cereales, mantequilla de cacahuete, judías verdes, guisantes verdes, maíz, zanahorias, espinacas, aceitunas, setas, frijoles, fruta, zumos de fruta, fruta fresca, gelatina, budines, galletas, mezclas del mollete, aceite de ensalada especias, mayonesa, jaleas y mermeladas, jarabe, carnes enlatadas, atún, salsa de tomate, pasta de tomate, arroz "Roni", queso parmesano, cátsup, mostaza, café, té. Las donaciones en efectivo pueden ser hechas colocando el sobre en el canasto de colecta el domingo, favor marcar en el sobre para **Food Pantry**. Su contribución ayudara a los necesitados a tener un feliz Día de Acción de Gracias.

MISA DEL DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS: NOVIEMBRE 23, 9:00AM (BILINGUE)

Antes de comenzar las últimas preparaciones para el Día De Acción de Gracias, reúnanse con su familia de la parroquia a dar gracias a Dios por las muchas bendiciones que ha recibido. Nuestra Misa celebrará el amor y la bondad de Dios y recordaremos por todo lo que estamos agradecidos.

BAUTIZOS 2017 – 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 01/13/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/26	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/17/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/02	7-9:30 p.m.

“QUE MUSICA MAS DULCE”

Presentada por El Coro de Resurrección, Amigos y Orquesta Vengan, acompañenos en una experiencia Navideña enriquecedora para la historia del nacimiento de Cristo dicha a través de lecciones de las escrituras y hermosas presentaciones corales. Usted se deleitará escuchando el coro. Los esperamos el sábado, 2 de diciembre a las 7:30pm en la Iglesia.

ARBOL DE NAVIDAD

¡El árbol de Navidad está aquí! Si deseas alegrar la Navidad a una persona necesitada de nuestra comunidad, aquí lo puedes hacer: hay adornos de papel decorando los árboles de Navidad en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia y cerca de las entradas laterales de la Iglesia. Estos adornos de papel tienen específicamente lo que una persona desea recibir en esta Navidad. Tienes que elegir un adorno y comprar el regalo indicado en el ornamento. Envolver el regalo y colocar el adorno de papel en el exterior del regalo. Regresar el regalo que escogió regalar no más tarde del domingo 10 de diciembre en la Iglesia. Usted puede escoger cuantos ornamentos desee, sólo, asegúrese de que puede devolver todos los regalos en la fecha de vencimiento, por favor no exceda su presupuesto en esta época ajetreada del año. ¡Su generosidad es apreciada más que nunca!

Recordatorios:

Por favor tenga mucho cuidado con el ornamento. Cada ornamento es específicamente para una persona, y no queremos que nadie se quede sin regalo en la Navidad. **¡Por favor, por favor, tenga mucho cuidado con el ornamento, manténgalo en un lugar seguro!!!**

Por favor entregue sus regalos a más tardar el domingo, diciembre 10.

Por favor asegúrese que el ornamento de papel este bien asegurado en el exterior del regalo para que podemos hacerlo llegar a la persona adecuada.

Los invitamos a unirse a nosotros para ordenar los regalos la noche del domingo, 10 de diciembre después de la Misa de 5:00. Es realmente un hermoso espectáculo para la vista la ENORME cantidad de regalos y el ambiente festivo como feligreses ayudando a organizar los regalos en la Iglesia. ¡Cada regalo brilla con el amor que Dios tiene para todos nosotros, así como también celebramos el mayor regalo de todos, el nacimiento de Jesús!

Donaciones en efectivo. Usted puede haber notado las solicitudes de donaciones en efectivo en nuestros árboles. El dinero que recolectamos a través del árbol no va directamente a nadie. Cada año, tenemos algunos adornos que quedan en los árboles, o que no se devuelven. ¡Los voluntarios del programa utilizan las donaciones de dinero en efectivo para ir a comprar los regalos que faltan, para que cada uno que ponemos en nuestro árbol reciba un regalo! Como en años pasados, su generosidad y compasión son muy apreciadas y permitirán a San Buenaventura a proporcionar regalos de Navidad a cientos de familias, niños y personas mayores en nuestra comunidad.

¡Gracias por apoyar el Ministerio del Árbol de la Navidad!!!!

FAITH DIRECT

Demos una bienvenida este otoño a dando electrónicamente a través de Faith Direct, la manera más conveniente y segura para que usted pueda hacer su oferta semanal a St. Bonaventure. Sus contribuciones automáticas a través de Faith Direct ahorrará tiempo valioso para usted y nuestro personal de la parroquia.

Visite a www.faithdirect.net y usa nuestro código de la iglesia: CA725.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial! Dios los bendiga. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

