



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

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent *Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma*

## March 18, 2018

### MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/*Sábado*: 5:00 PM

Sunday/*Domingo* 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

### MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

*Domingo*: 12:45 PM

### DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday/*Lunes* thru Friday/*Viernes* : 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

### BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process. This requires two months preparation

*En Español: Llame a la oficina para solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo dos meses de preparación.*

### MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or Deacon. This requires six months preparation.

*Llame a la oficina para solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo seis meses de preparación.*

### RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment.

*Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita con el Sacerdote.*

### Mission

As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

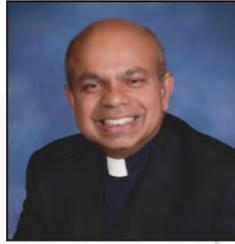
**Keep** connected to our parish community,

**Nurture** the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ,

**Offer** to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure,

**Worship** through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments.

## THOUGHTS FROM FR. MATHEW VELLANKAL



Dear Parishioners,

This is the fifth Sunday of Lent and we are quickly coming to the end of this holy season. Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus, which Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification." The readings offer us a challenge. Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we, too, must possess heaven by dying to self and by spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the old covenant of judgment with a new covenant of forgiveness of sins. This new or renewed covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

The gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the new and everlasting Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "hour," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, resurrection and exaltation. He also considers his "hour" as the way of glorifying his heavenly father and of being glorified by his Father. In addition, it is the way by which Jesus draws all people into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into heavenly glory by resurrection and ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

Today's gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by burning its wick and melting its wax. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

Only a life spent for others will be glorified in heaven, and sometimes even in this world. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. St. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career, and with just 17 cents in her pocket began her challenging life for the poorest of the poor in the crowded streets of Calcutta. We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life. They chose to burn out rather than to rust out. Let us, too, spend ourselves for others.

## PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

We are in the Lenten time of Prayer, Fasting and Alms. What is your prayer life like? Would you like to spend a little more time with God? Join us on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm in the Chapel. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.



## LENLEN REFLECTIONS

Thank you to parishioner Mary Franceschini for writing our Lenten Reflections this year. Every week, the reflections for the upcoming week will be found on page 3 of the bulletin. You can also sign up to receive the reflections every morning in your email. Go to the parish website: [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net) and sign up through the link on the front page.

### MARCH 18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."* Jer 31: 31-34

Jesus is the fulfillment of the new law.

*The Ten Commandments were on tablets of stone. The new covenant, the new law, will be written in people's hearts, and it will be eternal. It will not shatter like tablets of stone. The lives of the people will shine with the knowledge of God. Our lives will reflect God. In these days leading up to Palm Sunday and the Passion of Jesus, let's ask ourselves if our lives truly reflect God.*

### MARCH 19 MONDAY SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home."* Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

A dream restores Joseph's dreams with his beloved Mary.

*Here is a simple man, a carpenter betrothed to the woman he loves, who finds herself pregnant with a child not his own. Like any other man he surely feels anger, frustration to see his dream shattered. Yet he wants to spare her an agonizing death by stoning. He would divorce her quietly. All seems lost, but it isn't. In a dream, he is reassured by an angel of the Lord. This simple man played a great role in the life of Jesus and Mary and he proves that we don't have to be great to do great things.*

### MARCH 20 TUESDAY

*"When the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."* Jn 8: 21-30

The Messiah was amongst them, yet they didn't recognize him or refused to.

*It seems that nothing that Jesus does or says can convince some Jews that he is the Messiah. Jesus has told them that everything he does or says comes from the Father. Blasphemous! At least according to their way of thinking. The Messiah was supposed to come in power, not from some obscure place such as Nazareth. Yet, they were in for a surprise and a shock. The name 'Jesus of Nazareth' would soon become a flame that would set the world on fire.*

### MARCH 21 WEDNESDAY

*"...we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up."* Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95

Our choices can be good or bad.

*In our everyday life we are called to make choices. We won't be forced to worship golden statues, but who forces us to "worship" every single new gadget that is presented to us? The latest of this new phone, tablet, etc. the must-have? A necessity is one thing, but to get trapped into buying something because others have it? Our choices can tell us what god we serve.*

### MARCH 22 THURSDAY

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM."* Jn 8: 51-59

Jesus is since forever.

*The Jews accuse Jesus of being possessed and of being a Samaritan. The Samaritans were interested in magical powers, and Jesus's miracles came down to that for them. Jesus stays firm in that he doesn't seek his glory but that of the Father in everything that he does. He stuns them by declaring that he is since FOREVER, before Abraham or anyone else. If we really stop to think about it, we will end up feeling humbled and awed. That FOREVER is ours, too!*

### MARCH 23 FRIDAY

*"Yes, I hear the whisperings of many: "Terror on every side! Denounce! Let us denounce him!"* Jer 20: 10-13

Jeremiah's words will ring true in the coming days.

*Jeremiah experienced an interior crisis. He was close to despairing. His words will ring true in the coming days for Jesus. Jesus, who was one with the Father and sought to do his will, was also human just like us. In his humanity, he felt the hate, the deception, of those who wanted to do away with him. That is why when life gives us more than we can handle in woes, we can turn to him. He's been there. He may not make the problems disappear, but he will hold our hand and uphold us.*

### MARCH 24 SATURDAY

*"So from that day on, they planned to kill him."* Jn 11: 45-56

Jesus's hour is approaching.

*Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. The Pharisees and the chief priests were at odds as to what to do with him, because he was performing many signs. Ironically, Caiaphas, the high priest, sets the stage for the reason of Jesus having been born. The only difference is his reasoning- Jesus was to die for the nation. Jesus, instead, would die for all mankind.*

Parish Highlights and Upcoming Events  
on the Back Cover



## READINGS for the WEEK



**MONDAY:** 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; PS 89:2-5, 27, 29; ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22; MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A

**TUESDAY:** NM 21:4-9; PS 102:2-3, 16-21; JN 8:21-30

**WEDNESDAY:** DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; DN 3:52-56; JN 8:31-42

**THURSDAY:** GN 17:3-9; PS 105:4-9; JN 8:51-59

**FRIDAY:** JER 20:10-13; PS 18:2-7; JN 10:31-42

**SATURDAY:** EZ 37:21-28; JER 31:10, 11-13; JN 11:45-56

**SUNDAY:** MK 11:1-10 OR JN 12:12-16; (PROCESSION)  
IS 50:4-7; PS 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MK 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Brian & Jenna Allen & Family

Justin & Camilla Barker

Enrique & Liboria Betancourt & Family

Jonathan & Louise Compton

Christopher & Maria Patricia

Dawson & Family

Mark & Heather Dressor

Cory & Kimberly Foskett

Kevin & Karolina Mancino

Cristino & Lorena Palomera

Maria Panesi

David & Ida Pipal & Family

Sara Shuler

Pete & Suzanne Yorkunas



## Pray for

Jovita Cristobal  
Greg Scaletti

### SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR



JUANA & FRANCISCO CUENCO  
MARCH 17-23, 2018

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### MARCH 24/25 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ English

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm

Spanish ~12:45pm

### MARCH 29 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30pm,  
Bilingual

### MARCH 30 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Stations of the Cross

11:00am ~ Garden

Ecumenical Service

12:15pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English

3:00pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in Spanish

6:30pm ~ Church

Solemn Liturgy in English

7:30pm ~ Parish Hall

### MARCH 31 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am

Easter Vigil ~ 7:30pm ~ Bilingual

### APRIL 1 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses in English: Church

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Masses in English: Parish Hall

9:15am, 11:15am

Mass in Spanish: Church

12:45pm

THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON  
EASTER SUNDAY

# MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

5:00 Dr. Patricio Pongol  
Eliseo Yanga  
Raymonda Rabino  
Joan Gnekow

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community  
9:00 Joe Mangini  
Luz G. de Guzman  
Yvonne & Christopher Jones  
Joseph Snajkowski  
11:00 Jacob Arevalo  
Ben Camera  
Mario Maggio  
Amelia de Leon  
Eva Gonzalez  
5:00 Renato Miyamoto  
Norma & John Evaristo  
Mercader & Evaristo Family  
Jo Nichols

### MONDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 Pregnant women  
9:00 Mauzi Brossard  
Alejandro Elnar & Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 People with depression  
Imelda Gonzalez  
9:00 William M. Jordan  
Benedict Camera  
Jo Nichols  
Patricia D. Santos

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Cancer patients  
9:00 Mariyam Kunjipali

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Children with cancer  
9:00 Juana Cuenco  
Eleuterio Acosta

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 All souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Norm Ponti

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

5:00 William Emes  
Jane Scen  
Michael Scen  
Joan Gnekow



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## PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL

### QUERIDOS FELIGRESES:

Este es el quinto domingo de Cuaresma y rápidamente estamos llegando al final del



tiempo santo. Las lecturas de hoy se concentran en la muerte de Jesús, Pablo lo considera un sacrificio sacerdotal y Juan lo considera un momento de "exaltación" y "glorificación" de Jesús. Las lecturas nos ofrecen un reto. Así como Jesús se convirtió en el "Mesías Prometido de la Gloria" y el "Conquistador Hijo del hombre", ofreciendo su vida por los demás, nosotros también, debemos poseer el cielo al morir por la dedicación de nuestras vidas de entrega al servicio y sacrificio.

La primera lectura, tomada del libro del profeta Jeremías, explica cómo Dios va a reemplazar el antiguo pacto de juicio con un nuevo pacto de perdón de los pecados. Este pacto nuevo o renovado profetizado por Jeremías se cumplió, al menos en parte, a través de la vida de Jesús, la muerte y resurrección.

El evangelio nos indica la lucha interna de Jesús en la aceptación de la copa del sufrimiento para inaugurar la Alianza nueva y eterna. Sin embargo, Jesús acepta la cruz como su "hora", es decir el punto de apoyo a su pasión, muerte, resurrección y exaltación. También considera su "hora" como la forma de glorificar a su padre celestial y de ser glorificado por su Padre.

Además, es el camino por el cual Jesús atrae a todas las personas en la acción salvadora de Dios. Por último, la "elevación" de Jesús en la cruz y más tarde a la gloria celestial de la resurrección y ascensión es la garantía de nuestra propia exaltación y glorificación, siempre que aceptemos nuestras cruces.

El Evangelio de hoy nos enseña que es posible una vida nueva y eterna sólo por nuestra muerte a través del sufrimiento y el servicio. La sal da su sabor al disolverla en agua. Una vela da luz cuando se enciende la mecha y se derrite su cera. La ostra produce una perla invaluable mediante la transformación de un grano de arena a través de un proceso largo y doloroso. Los padres amorosos se sacrifican para que sus hijos puedan disfrutar de una vida mejor de la que ellos tuvieron. Oremos para que podamos adquirir este espíritu de auto-sacrificio, especialmente durante la Cuaresma.

Sólo una vida dedicada a los demás será glorificada en el cielo y en algunas ocasiones hasta en este mundo. Sabemos que el mundo debe todo a las personas que han pasado su tiempo y talentos a Dios y los demás seres humanos. Santa Madre Teresa, por ejemplo, renunció a su carrera de enseñanza cómoda y con solo 17 centavos en el bolsillo empezó su vida para los más pobres de los pobres en las calles aglomeradas de Calcuta. Vemos casos similares en la historia de los grandes santos, los científicos, los benefactores de la humanidad y en todos los ámbitos de la vida. Ellos eligieron quemarse en lugar de oxidarse. Nosotros también dediquémonos a los demás.

### CUARESMA. SEMANA SANTA

Hermanos y hermanas, la Cuaresma es un tiempo de conversión que nos prepara para la celebración de la Pascua. Es un tiempo litúrgico distinguido por el color morado que significa luto y penitencia. Es un tiempo de reflexión penitencia, conversión espiritual para celebrar la Pascua.

Estamos a las puertas de llegar a la Semana Santa, la Semana Grande para unirnos a la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Iniciando el Domingo de Ramos donde Jesús hace su entrada triunfal al Jerusalén; la gente iba alfombrando el camino con sus vestidos: "**Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor, Hosanna el Hijo de David**".

Les invito a vivir esta semana Santa con gozo y vivir de cerca el sufrimiento de Jesús camino al calvario. Caminemos junto a Jesús y meditemos cuanto amor nos ha tenido, que nos ha dado la salvación pagando con su sangre. Vivamos intensamente el triduo pascual:

**Inicia el día Jueves Santo:** celebramos la Institución de la Eucaristía, el sacerdocio y el mandamiento del amor; amarnos unos a otros como él nos enseñó, lavándonos los pies a sus discípulos.

**El Viernes Santos;** Este día está centrado totalmente en la Cruz del Señor. Proclamamos la pasión y la adoración de la cruz, recordando el misterio del amor de Jesús al dar la vida para la salvación de toda la humanidad. Día en que Jesús venció la muerte y demostró su amor en la cruz. La muerte de Jesús se convierte en la victoria destruyendo la muerte.

**Sábado Santo:** es un día de silencio propicio para reflexionar y orar antes de llegar a la Vigilia Pascual que es la noche santa en la que la Iglesia celebra la victoria de Jesús sobre la muerte.

**Vía Crucis** (Durante los viernes de Cuaresma 8:00pm en la Iglesia)

**Reflexiones sobre la Cuaresma.** (Durante los Lunes 7:00pm. En el salón B-1)

### TRIDUO PASCUAL

**Jueves Santos** (iglesia 7:30pm)

**Viernes Santo:** vía crucis, santos oficios y santo entierro :6:30pm...)

**Sábado Santo:** Vigilia Pascual (iglesia 7:30pm)

**Domingo de Resurrección** (santa misa 12:45pm)

Te esperamos, vive y camina con Jesús esta Semana Santa

### HORARIO DE OFICINA PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

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Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm

Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND  
LENTEN SOUP MEAL**

March 23@ 7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross in  
Times of Conflict\*\*

During times of conflict our faith can be tested to the full. We share the desolation of people torn apart by suffering and wonder whether life is really stronger than death. Yet, Jesus walked through death to new life. We join together to trust in His word and look to the future with confidence that all shall be well.

*\*\*The Knights of Columbus will host a simple Soup dinner on the Fridays in Lent in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:15pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.*



**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION  
SERVICE: Tuesday, March 20 @ 7:30 PM**

We gather together because we are confident and grateful that God is merciful. Lent is the time when the entire Church enters into the period of purification and enlightenment as we journey along with our elect and catechumens who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. You are invited and encouraged to join us and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare for this Lent.

*Last Opportunity for Individual Confession:  
Saturday, March 24 @ 3:30 PM*



**REDISCOVER JESUS BOOK STUDY**

Fr. Mathew invites you to break open the book the parish gifted you at Christmas. Come and discuss how we can "rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily." Mondays, March 19 and 26 in Classroom A2. Come either from 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm. Please call the office (or Eileen) to sign up (so we have enough seating). Free copies of the book are still available if you've already given your copy away.



**EXPLORING CATHOLICS**

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

Is this you?

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

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



**AN INVITATION TO SERVE FROM  
ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

You are invited to serve people in need by joining the St Bonaventure Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your assistance to people in our parish area needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other needs will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? Please come join us on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30pm in Classroom A-1 to learn more. Contact Dan Gabe (408-5964 or dan.gabe@gmail.com), for more details.



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*of Treasure*

**Weekend of March 10 & 11 Collection**

Goal: \$26,123  
Actual: \$27,780  
Over: \$1,657

Catholic Relief Services: \$2,860  
Food for Family: 325

**RICE BOWL WILL BE COLLECTED NEXT  
WEEKEND, MARCH 24/25**

**Upcoming Special Collections**

March 29 (Holy Thursday): Loaves & Fishes  
March 30 (Good Friday): Holy Land  
April 1: Easter

*EFT included in above figures*

