



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community

Adult Faith Formation Newsletter

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Ongoing Events



Morning Prayer

(Liturgy of the Hours)
M-F @ 8:05 am for 20 minutes
In the Chapel

Drive thru Prayer

M-F, 5-6 PM in the parking lot
(weather permitting)

Contemplative Prayer

Chapel
Tuesdays 4:05-4:30pm

Moms Group

The group will resume its meetings in
September.
moms@stbonaventure.net

Senior Luncheon

Resumes August 9
Usually the 2nd Thursday of the month,
11:30am in the Large Hall. \$13/person.
Call George to sign-up (363-4708)

Women in Prayer

July 12
2nd Thursday of the month,
7:15pm in the Chapel

Healing the Heart

Resumes August 21
Drop in for monthly grief support
meetings at 7:30PM on the 3rd Tuesday
of the month. Please contact Helene for
inquiries or to register 925-681-8105 /
fuzzyfrank@aol.com. Six week grief

Greetings!

Do you hear the shouts and cheers for Jesus? Bible Camp returns to St. Bonaventure July 16-20. I find the children's and teens' energy to be contagious, reminding me of just joyous Christianity can be. This year adults are invited to join the fun with our first Adult Bible Camp Evening on July 17 (more below).

July also features celebrations of two of my favorite saints, St. Bonaventure (July 15) and St. Mary Magdalene (July 22). St. Bonaventure was a priest, professor, and Minister General of the Franciscans. He combined a strong intellectual tradition, a keen sense of God's love, and a passion for charity in his quest to know God and make God better known. One of his beautiful images is of the spiritual life as a circle, with God and the human person both journeying together and seeking each other. Learn more about St. Bonaventure on our [parish website](#).

St. Mary Magdalene has been mislabeled over the years as a prostitute and confused with other women in the Gospels. More recently she has come back to her early designation as the "Apostle to the Apostles," the first person to meet the risen Jesus and to proclaim his resurrection to the disciples. She was one of a group of women who followed Jesus during his ministry and helped to support his work. The story of her meeting Jesus in the garden on Easter morning ([John 20:11-18](#)) is one of my favorite stories in scripture, with the tears of her longing for Jesus eclipsed by her joy when he calls her by name.

May we always share the joy of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Bonaventure in bringing the good news of Jesus to everyone we meet.

workshop begins Sept. 11.

Men's Spiritual Network

July 28

Last Saturday of the Month

8:00-9:30am in A1

Many blessings,

Gina

Gina Cattalini

Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation and Initiation

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

Do you know someone whom God might be calling to baptism in the Catholic Church? Are you that someone? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination, but feel drawn toward Catholicism? 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 meeting in August. Individuals will celebrate their sacraments at the Easter Vigil (April 20, 2019). For more information and registration, please contact Gina at 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net. This is a great time to invite someone in your life who might be ready for the next step in their faith journey.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION PLANNING GROUP

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our recent Adult Faith Formation ice cream social and brainstorming evening. An Adult Faith Formation Planning Group will begin meeting periodically to continue exploring how we help each other to

CELEBRATING THE MASS

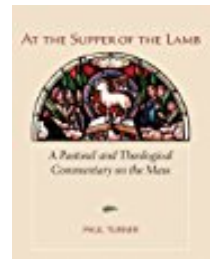
Dive more deeply into the joy of the Mass in the month of July at St. Bonaventure. Our "Celebrating the Mass" series includes teaching Masses that focus on different sections of the liturgy, a book study exploring the Mass in depth, and an on-line video and discussion series.



This is our first experiment with on-line education and discussions, so we hope you will try it out and let us know your opinions. To sign up for the video series through our parish Flocknote group, just text the letters "CTM" to 84576. This will register you for weekly emails in July with links to videos from Bishop Robert Barron and the opportunity for on-line discussion with our parish community. You will be invited to sign up for other Flocknote groups at the same time. Please be sure to check "Adult Faith Formation" to receive our monthly newsletter, which we hope to move to Flocknote very soon.

Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net if you have any questions about the series or about connecting to Flocknote.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS AT ANTHONY'S UPCOMING BOOK STUDY



As a tie-in to our July "teaching Mass" series, Anthony Arteaga will be leading a four-week book study for those who want to go a little deeper in learning about the parts of the Mass and some history. We will be using *At the Supper of the Lamb* by Fr. Paul Turner. Books are now available in the parish office for \$20. They may also be purchased on your own. Sessions will be on Thursdays from July 12th through August 2nd at 10am and 7pm. (No morning session July 19th due to Bible Camp.) Please join us! Email gcattalini@stbonaventure.net to register or stop by the parish office.

ADULT BIBLE CAMP EVENING

It's Not Just for Kids Anymore

Combine your spiritual nourishment with fun and games at our first ever adult Bible Camp evening. Don't let



know Jesus and to make Him better known. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net if you are interested in being part of this group.

**BISHOP BARBER
STATEMENT ON
IMMIGRATION
AND
FAMILY
SEPARATION**

Bishop Michael Barber asks us to continue to pray and work toward a solution to stop the separation of children from their families at our borders. His full statement is available on the Oakland Diocese [website](#).

For more information and background, visit the U.S. Catholic bishops' [Justice for Immigrants Campaign](#) (JFI). Catholic Charities also has an [Action Center](#) online with suggestions for how to get more information and what you can do to help.

the kids have all the excitement! Enjoy an evening exploring the Bible with creativity and fun, whether you are new to the Bible or experienced with scripture study. All adults are invited to join the fun, especially parents with children in Bible Camp.

Tuesday, July 17th, 7:00 pm in the Church. Child care is available if you register in advance, by Sunday July 15. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net to reply or if you have any questions about this event. RSVPs are helpful for planning but not required (except for childcare).

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, July 28th
6 - 10:30pm



Simple Meal Preps - All Menus Are the Same No Shopping - the Committee Buys it All

Wine & Food Pickup Friday 3-7pm
Everybody contributes - those who don't host bring appetizers!

6pm - Appetizers at the Hall
7:15 - Bread & Salad with Host 1
8:30 - Dinner & Dessert with Host 2

Guest Lists Shuffled for each Course - Meet Other Parishioners

Signups after Masses Beginning July 7th
Volunteers to help and/or to host, please call Dan: 685-4563

Please continue to check the bulletin and [website](#) for parish events. If you have questions or want other types of information included in this newsletter please let me know. If you would like me to remove you from this list, please email me and I will do that. God bless and have a wonderful day!

