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June 14, 2020

The Most Holy *Body and Blood* of Christ

Jesus said:
“I am the living bread
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from heaven;
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bread will live forever.”

John 6:51



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SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Congratulations to: Connie & John Banker (36 years) Wedding Anniversary Blessings

June 14 9:30 am Derrick Koller †

June 15 9 am Jim McGraw †

June 18 9 am Egla Koellner †

June 19 9 am Joselito Asuncion †

June 20 5:00 pm Leonard Pauplis †

June 21 9:30 am Jim McGraw †

***all weekend intentions prayed for at the
Saturday 5 pm vigil mass**

**All Masses streamed live with videos
available to watch later**

Masses: Drive-in / lawn: schedule inside

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

June 15 9 am Mike Cooke †

June 16 9 am Pasquale Martirani †

June 17 9 am Pat Caprez †

June 18 9 am Paul L. Smith †

June 19 9 am Eddie Connell †

Saturday, June 20

5 pm Jeremias & Salome Romana †

***Sunday, June 21**

7 am Todd Kettwig †

8 am Betty Madden †

9:15 am Melody Quezon

10:45 am CTK/SS Parishioners

12:15 pm Jeremias & Salome Romana †

6 pm Catherine Valigorsky †

Dear Friends,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has been following closely the social unrest and peaceful demonstrations on our streets in the United States as well as around the world. He said, "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism or exclusion in our society and claim to defend the sacredness of life."



Until June 1, no Catholic bishop had publicly participated in the gesture but that day, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, became the first. Surrounded by priests from his diocese who also knelt with him and held a "Black Lives Matter" sign, he put both knees on the grass at El Paso's Memorial Park, where a protest had taken place a day earlier and closed his eyes. Was he nervous?

"Oh, yeah," he said in a June 3 interview with Catholic News Service. "It's difficult to know what a bishop should do. But I've had some excellent advisers, people and priests. I tried to listen to them, listened to my heart. Sometimes, you just have to take the leap into the unknown." The photo of him kneeling went around the world via Twitter and ended up on an Italian website for the Diocese of Rome. Perhaps it was there that his boss, Pope Francis, saw it. The Pope called him and congratulated him for his courage and leadership.

CTK and St. Stephen communities joined together with 4 other Christian denominations and led a peaceful march towards the City Hall, where we prayed for our nation and our city. This Tuesday, at the 9.00am Mass which was held outdoors, Fr. Brian and I took a knee together with many of you for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, lifting our nation in prayer to God, our Father. The document ***Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*** was developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and approved in November 2018. I have just ordered a book ***"White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism"*** by Robin DiAngelo, PhD. I would like to invite you to read both the document and the book, and we can arrange conversations around this topic in the days to come.

We have started letting people into the grass area in front of the altar. **Our county has allowed 100 people socially distanced to attend services outdoors.** If you plan to join us on the grass, bring your own chairs, shades and dress yourself for the outdoors as necessary. We will follow "First come, First served" rule. Park your cars away from the area, leaving nearby spots to others. Communion stations will be from now on the parking lots, and during communion time we invite you to come to the stations. If you have someone in your car who needs communion served due to handicaps, just let the ushers know and they will arrange ministers to come to you. If you are on the grass, follow directions by the priest. As always, wear masks and sanitize your hands before leaving the car for communion. Collection will be taken as you leave the premises. Have your donations ready as you leave. I would encourage you to sign up for online giving as over 50% of you have done. Our staff will assist you to sign up.

On June 21, Father's Day, we shall celebrate Fr. Mike Dibble's 60 years of priesthood at the 9.00am mass. You can send cards and wishes to the church and we will hand them over to him. He was ordained on May 28th 1960. **Look for the YouTube video of an interview with Fr. Mike.** Congratulations and felicitations Mike. You are a wonderful priest.

In the beatitudes, Jesus articulated a radical vision of a kingdom of God in which the poor were blessed and those who exploited them were called to repentance and change of life. I cannot but see the beatitudes today in the context of what is going on in our society as well as my own heart. For those of us who are hiding behind the adage, "All Lives Matter," let me tell you that it completely collapses in the beatitudes. Listen to Jesus as he addresses particular lives: "Blessed are the poor, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek, blessed are those who are persecuted...." Jesus is very pointed and focused. **"Blessed are the poor, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek," and I would add, "Blessed are the Black Lives."** Mother Teresa who lived the beatitudes fully said, "At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.' " May God bless our communities!

Fr. Paulson

Body and Blood of Christ June 14, 2020

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. In his farewell speech, Moses makes it clear that when they settle in the new land they must never forget all the wonderful things God did for them during their 40 years in the desert.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The Jewish people believed that when they sacrificed an animal to God and then ate a portion of the sacrifice themselves, they were in communion with God to whom they had given the other portion. Applying this to the Eucharist, Paul reminds us that when we receive Holy Communion, we can become one with the sacrifice of Jesus.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass

Live streamed from our chapel on facebook.

6 pm Thursday Outdoor Mass includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Weekends:

Saturdays ~ 5 pm Vigil Mass Drive-In/Lawn

Sundays ~ Masses Drive-In/Lawn at 9 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm

Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 - 12pm Sundays.

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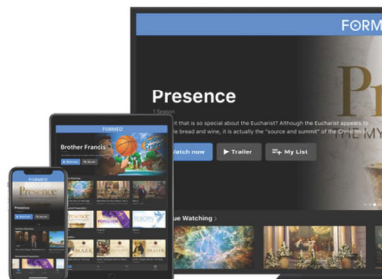
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How Best to Enjoy Mass on the Grass!

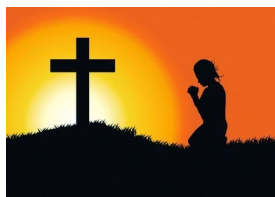
- * First 100 parishioners will be allowed on the grass.
 - * Choose a marked X for your family unit.
 - * Bring chairs or blanket, sunglasses, hats
Dress for the weather!
 - * Park your cars away from the grass area and walk to the grass.
 - * For communion, follow the instructions of the priest.
 - * Wear masks and sanitize your hands!
- Saturday at 5 pm, Sundays at 9 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm.

If you prefer, you can also stay in your car!



Prayer Works!

Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@ctkph.org



St Bonaventure's Vacation Bible Camp 2020



LIVE on YouTube June 22-26 Registration fee: \$40 Registration begins 5/18 Grades K-6

We at St. Bonaventure are so excited to bring you a re-imagined Vacation Bible Camp filled with familiar fun! While we might not be able to do our normal camp this year, we will be using YouTube LIVE to bring some of our favorite parts of Bible Camp right to your home, including our opening and closing programs for each day, music, skits, crafts, games, bible lessons and more! Our theme this year is Rocky Railway: Jesus' power pulls us through! May His love pull us through even these unprecedented times. Registration begins on 5/18. More details to come! Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. We hope you'll join us! 925-672-5800 x2204

St. Stephen Update

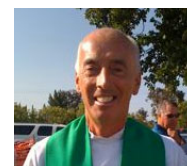
Currently the only Mass at St. Stephen is the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays. We are still working on sound issues, but it has been going well. This past Sunday we were able to sit on the lawn, making it more personable and easier to hear. Bring your lawn chairs, sun hats, umbrellas, to create your personal space for enjoying Mass. Of course, you are welcome to stay in your cars if you prefer. If you are planning on getting out of your car, please leave the center spots facing the lawn for those staying in their cars.

Communion at the foot of the path worked out well and we are planning on continuing to use that spot. If someone in your car is unable to come up for communion, you can ask one of the ministers to come to them, or they can receive as you exit the parking lot after Mass. We will continue to have a station near the gate just for that purpose. For those that are unable to come to Mass but still want communion, between 10:30-11:00 am you can drive in just for communion. **REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASKS.**

Donations can be dropped in the basket as you enter or leave the parking lot.

Fr. Donie O'Connor update! Fr.

Donie will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of his ordination on June 19, 2020. He is currently in Dublin living in his Order's retirement home. He is helping other priests who have been stricken by the Corona Virus. If you would like to send him a card to boost his spirits, his address is:



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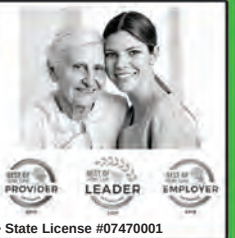
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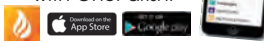


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