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and Deacon Phil Nelson



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SATURDAY EVENING VIGILS

English 5:00PM & Spanish 6:30PM

SUNDAY MORNING

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Spanish 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS

M-F 9:00AM

Saturday 8AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9:30AM-10:30PM

PRAYER LINE

Contact Parish Office

WEDDINGS

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BAPTISMS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS

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PRIVATE PRAYER

Church open Mon-Sat

10AM-4PM

Jesus said,

*"Where two or three are gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:20



September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Kirks Message September 06, 2020

At my very first meeting with our Pastoral Council last September, one of the agenda items was the invasive shot hole borer beetle that has taken up residence in the Ojai Valley, and has been observed attacking some of our trees. While I was initially alarmed about this situation, I determined to educate myself as thoroughly as possible in order to discern what a sensible course of action to address the beetles might be. I first contacted a private company that came out and gave a preliminary assessment of the beetle's activity. Some month later, a large group of academics and government agriculture staff spent a couple of days examining our trees and the beetle activity on our campus.

Finally, to my alarm, I was contacted by an employee of the Ventura County Agriculture Commission wishing to speak to me about beetle related tree removal! From the very beginning of my navigating this subject, the name of our longtime parishioner Jim Downer was raised as a good source of information about all things related to trees. After a visit from the Agriculture Commission, I was encouraged by the county employee to contact Jim for an opinion on the County's proposed course of action, including tree removal.

Happily, after walking the property with me, Jim recommends that none of our trees are in jeopardy at this time, and no action is needed. As the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation this week, let us all be grateful for the generosity of Spirit of Jim Downer in offering his considerable expertise in support of our keeping our beautiful trees.

Wishing you all a blessed week,
Fr. Kirk

Mensaje del Padre Kirk.

06 de Septiembre de 2020

En mi primera reunión con nuestro Consejo Pastoral el pasado mes de septiembre, uno de los puntos del orden del día fue el escarabajo perforador de agujeros invasivos que se ha asalado en el valle de Ojai, y se ha observado atacando algunos de nuestros árboles. Aunque inicialmente estaba alarmado por esta situación, decidí educarme lo más a fondo posible para discernir lo que podría ser un curso de acción sensato para abordar los escarabajos. Primero me puse en contacto con una empresa privada que salió y di una evaluación preliminar de la actividad del escarabajo. Un mes más tarde, un gran grupo de académicos y personal de agricultura del gobierno pasaron un par de días examinando nuestros árboles y la actividad de escarabajos en nuestro campus. Por último, para mi alarma, me contactó un empleado de la Comisión de Agricultura del Condado de Ventura que deseaba hablarme sobre la remoción de árboles relacionados con escarabajos! Desde el principio de mi navegación por este tema, el nombre de nuestro antiguo feligresio Jim Downer fue levantado como una buena fuente de información sobre todas las cosas relacionadas con los árboles. Después de una visita de la Comisión de Agricultura, el empleado del condado me animó a ponerme en contacto con Jim para obtener una opinión sobre el curso de acción propuesto por el condado, incluida la remoción de árboles. Afortunadamente, después de caminar por la propiedad conmigo, Jim recomienda que ninguno de nuestros árboles están en peligro en este momento, y no se necesita ninguna acción. Mientras la Iglesia celebra esta semana la Jornada mundial de oración por el cuidado de la creación, agradezcamos a todos la generosidad del Espíritu de Jim Downer al ofrecer su considerable experiencia en apoyo de nuestros hermosos árboles.

Deseándoles a todos una semana bendita,
P. Kirk

In Observance of
Labor Day
September 7, 2020
Our Parish Office
will be closed



En cumplimiento de
Día del Trabajo
7 de septiembre de
2020
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estará cerca

Jesus said,
 "Where two or three
 are gathered together
 in my name,
 there am I
 in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD
 SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 6
 2020

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The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other

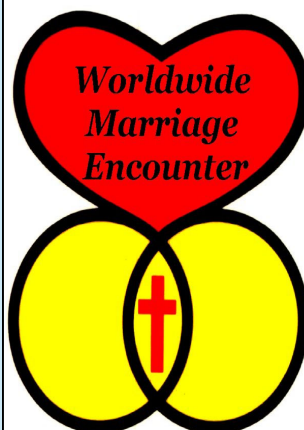
devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts," says today's psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today's readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

Today's Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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Don't take a summer vacation from caring for your marriage. God wants to be part of your marriage all summer long. Bring a breath of fresh air to your relationship. The next Worldwide marriage Encounter Weekend is Nov 6th-8th in Ventura. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at (818) 848-6729 or www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.



ENCUENTRO DE MATRIMONIO MUNDIAL

No te tomes unas vacaciones de verano cuidando tu matrimonio. Dios quiere ser parte de tu matrimonio todo el verano. Trae un soplo de aire fresco a tu relación. El próximo fin de semana de encuentro matrimonial mundial es del 6 al 8 de noviembre en Ventura. El registro anticipado es muy Recomendado. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Ed y Jo Lara al (818) 848-6729 o www.twocanlove.org. Ayudamos a mejorar los buenos matrimonios.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Somos responsables unos de otros y debemos guiarnos mutuamente por el buen camino (Ezequiel 33:7-9).

Salmo — Si hoy escuchas su voz, no endurezcas tu corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — La ley del amor nos obliga (Romanos 13:8-10).

Evangelio — Jesús está presente entre nosotros siempre que haya dos o tres reunidos en su nombre (Mateo 18:15-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7, 12; Lc 6:6-11, o las lecturas de la Misa "Por la santificación del trabajo"

Martes: Mi 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Miércoles: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Sal 45 (44):11-12, 14-17; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lc 6:27-38

Viernes: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Sal 84 (83):3-6, 12; Lc 6:39-42

Sábado: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 17-18; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Eclo 27:30 — 28:7; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Día del Trabajo

Martes: La Natividad de la Bienaventurada Virgen María

Miércoles: San Pedro Claver

Viernes: Día de los Patriotas

Sábado: El Santísimo Nombre de la Virgen María; Bienaventurada Virgen María

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	Sept 05	5:00 PM	Eddie & Bobbie Del Toro ☼	By: Scott & Sharon Morgan
Sunday	Sept 06	9:30 AM	Rene & Irma Rangel 5th Anniversary ♥	
Monday	Sept 07	9:00 AM	Nicholas Spanola †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Sept 08	9:00 AM	Anna Marie Dickenson ☼	By: Ed & Rosie Devine
Wednesday	Sept 09	9:00 AM	Rev. Michael Hayden †	By: Quackenbush Family
Thursday	Sept 10	9:00 AM	Fr. Carrol Laubacher †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Friday	Sept 11	9:00 AM	Joseph Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Saturday	Sept 12	8:00 AM	Geri Dimmick †	By: Les & Mary Baker

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please submit your bulletin requests to the office or by email to bulletin@stacojai.org by 3:00PM Friday



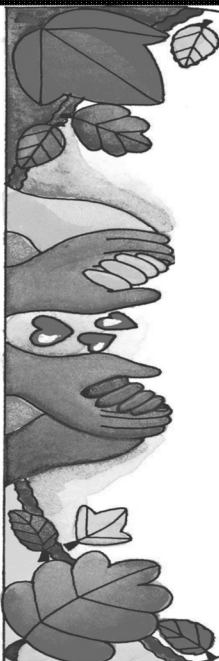
Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,

Unborn Children

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please keep our unborn in your daily prayers.

God's Word for Children



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul wrote of "the one who . . . has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).

Do you know who it is?

To find out, cross out each letter that appears in the grid five times.

Write the answer at the bottom.

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h	c	w	o	m	o	r
k	o	j	c	j	k	e
t	m	c	i	s	n	m
c	j	e	o	e	k	h



Saint Bonaventure High School Accepting Applications for 2020-2021

Saint Bonaventure High School is accepting applications for incoming 9th graders and transfer students for the 2020-2021 school year. Prospective families are able to take a virtual tour of the campus by visiting the school website at www.saintbonaventure.com

For more information regarding the SBHS admissions process, contact David Palomares at dpalomares@sbhsvta.org or 648-6836 x124.

Santa Barbara Regional Congress of Religious Education

If you've always wondered what the Santa Barbara Regional Congress of Religious Education was but didn't have time to attend in person, here is your chance to register for a virtual Congress 2.0. Many speakers and workshops available and the virtual congress open to everyone!

For information on all other Online Regional Congresses check out our website:

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REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS

Registrations for preparation of Sacraments:

First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin on September 1, 2020. Registration forms and requirements will be posted on the parish website.

We as a church are responsible for praying, helping and affirming the family in teaching the catholic faith. Family Catechesis is empowering the family to teach about their Catholic faith in their homes.

Since at this time we are not able to meet in person (because of the Covid-19 virus restrictions) we will be having our instruction through the virtual platform, Zoom and we are committed to helping parents model faith and prepare their children to receive the sacraments, in their homes. Pray for our families and catechists as we embark on a new and creative delivery of faith formation.

INSCRIPCION PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

Inscripciones para la preparación de Sacramentos:

La Primera Comunión y La Confirmación comenzarán 1 de septiembre de 2020. Los formularios y requisitos de inscripción se publicarán en el sitio web de la parroquia.

Nosotros, como iglesia, somos responsables de orar, ayudar y afirmando a la familia en la enseñanza de la fe católica. Familia La catequesis está empoderando a la familia para que enseñe Fe católica en sus hogares. Dado que en este momento no podemos reunirnos en persona (debido a las restricciones del virus Covid-19) tendremos nuestra instrucción a través de la plataforma virtual, Zoom y estamos comprometidos a ayudar a los padres a modelar la fe y preparar a sus hijos para recibir los sacramentos, en sus hogares. Oren por nuestras familias y catequistas mientras nos embarcamos en una nueva y creativa entrega de la formación de la fe.

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

— Matthew 18:19

"Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo para pedir algo, sea lo que fuere, mi Padre celestial se los concederá".

— Mateo 18:19

**280
FAMILIES**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY

September 19, 2020

St Vincent de Paul's Pantry will be open and distributing to our customers, drive up, open your trunk and pre-bagged groceries will be placed in your car.

St Vincent de Paul's Pantry is always on the **3rd Saturday of each month**.

St. Vincent de Paul's pantry is also running food share this **Monday at 10:00AM-12:00PM**

For everyone's safety boxes are place in the trunk of your car.

Share the Harvest is also available on the **1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM**

Thank you all the volunteers and supporters, all your help is go graciously appreciated.

The pantry is in much need of the following Items:

Canned meats: tuna, spam, chicken, ham...etc.

Paper towels, toilet paper, cereal of all kinds, pasta of all kinds, rice, beans, jam, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, soups. Baby products are also in need, Diapers of any size, especially in need of size #3 Canned and non-perishable needed as well.

We need volunteers to help bag on the Friday at 2:30PM before and help distribute on Saturday 7:30 AM.

Monies donations: Please make checks out to: **"ST VINCENT DE PAULS"** and place it in a **CLEARLY MARKED ENVELOPE** and drop off your envelope at the church office.

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