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December 20, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Advent | *20 de diciembre de 2015 Cuarto Domingo de Adviento*

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

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday/Lunes,
Martes, Jueves y Viernes: 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday/Martes, Miércoles y
Jueves: 6:30 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday & Friday/Lunes y Viernes: 6:30 AM
Wednesday/Miércoles: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.
This requires two months preparation. *En Español:*
Los Sábados 10:00 AM. Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere 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 hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de preparación.*

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*



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. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **GREET EVERYONE WITH MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PRAYER**

Christmas is indeed a “Revolution of Tenderness.” For God to step forward from billions of light-years away is a revolution. For God to step into one small planet, Earth, is a revolution. For God to step into not only one human life, but into the lives of everyone who has ever been created, is indeed a revolution and a miracle.

But isn’t that what Christmas is about?

That was what both the Eastern Christian Church was trying to remember and to celebrate when it decided to celebrate the great Feast of the Epiphany in January, and what the Western Christian Church celebrated later when it created the Feast of Christmas.

As Western Christians whose center was Rome, we are aware of the happy Roman Feast of Lights, welcoming and celebrating the Sun God as each day grew more brightly in sunlight from the winter solstice forward. We can understand how the Catholic Church baptized a pagan feast with some of its customs, to point out the Son of God, Jesus, as the true Sun in our lives. The difficulty with baptizing pagan feasts is that some of the pagan atmosphere continues to hang on in the excessive exchange of gifts, raucous parties and over-drinking. Once again today, a Christian must make a special effort to keep Christ in Christmas.

We are just four days away from Christmas Eve.

Are you behind in all your preparations? Have you thoughtfully purchased gifts for all your loved ones? Have you figured out your menu or are you getting off easy this Christmas? And what have you done for your Soul? Advent--what was that? When did it begin? Oops! God is not interested in your becoming guilty, but He does provide you now the opportunity to take ten minutes every day from now until Christmas Day to pause, to reflect, to thank him, to realize that He is near and

that He invites each one of you to become part of his Revolution of Mercy.

Christmas for Christians is a season with a reason.

Think of the Reason. Draw the Season into your heart. Bless others with Reason for the Season. Try to make the traditional Christmas greeting, “Merry Christmas,” a prayer and a blessing when you offer it to others. As you say “Merry Christmas,” look each person in the eye with a silent prayer in your heart for each one: “May god bless you, keep you well, and help you to fulfill your life.”

I do the same for all of you as I wish you a Merry Christmas!

■ **THE RE-JESUSING OF THE CHURCH**

What does that mean? Read the article by Gary Wills, the Boston Globe, November 19, 2015. Here is the link: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2015/11/19/jesusing-catholic-church/em8hdPAqRMMS6B3aTxccJ/story.html>

There is much that goes on in the Catholic Church that is not of Jesus. It is of the “Institution.” Pope Francis knows this very well. He is being blocked at various points by people who want to keep their perks, best hidden and not reported. Read the article.

What about your own Catholic life? Does it need “Re-Jesusing”? Is Jesus truly at the center of your spiritual life? It is not difficult to answer the question. The personality of our life reveals the answer. Our personal actions and words reveal the answer. Our dreams and wishes reveal our answers.

We would do well to Re-Jesus Christmas. There is very little about the Christmas Holidays that have to do with Jesus, unless a person has a conscious awareness and makes a conscious decision to do so. To ‘Re-Jesus’ our personal faith in Jesus requires us to read and pray and think through any one of the Gospels about Jesus. To Re-Jesus our Catholic life requires us to straighten out or to discover our relationship to him and to nurture

it. To Re-Jesus our Catholic life requires thoughtful, prayerful silence before Him who is the Son of God.

We need to rethink a lot of notions and theologies about God and Jesus. Otherwise all that we are left with is hollow nonsense pieces of buildings where people once worshipped, and have left in their ignorance, rushing through life to “Jingle Bells.”

“Put Jesus Back into Christmas” is a favorite publicity invite this time of year. Gary Wills’ article about the Re-Jesusing of the Church is enlightening and threatening to the status quo.

Actually, the Catholic Church has needed to Re-Jesus itself for a long time!

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **OPENING OUR DOORS**

Pope Francis has said that “The Church is the house of mercy.” Each of our homes is a small house of faith. As we enter the Church’s Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are working to create opportunities for intimate gatherings where parishioners can come together and get to know each other.

During the Easter season this year, we had six neighborhood gatherings where parishioners hosted their neighbors for an evening of fellowship and prayer. The responses were wonderful. So following those gatherings, we are once again opening our doors to our Catholic friends and neighbors.

To open the doors of mercy to each other so we can experience God’s love and mercy as a community, during this Year of Mercy we will be providing several different styles of gatherings in different venues, with different hosts and clergy. All of our offerings will include hospitality, conversation and prayer.

The first gathering will be at the rectory on February 17 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. An invitation is extended to all, but especially to those parishioners who want to get to know others in our Church family, or want to learn more about the

great offerings and opportunities at St. Bonaventure. We want to meet you, greet you and welcome you into the full life of God's house of mercy.

Because the rectory is a home, with limited space, and we want to offer an intimate gathering, there is a maximum number of guests whom we can accommodate, which necessitates an RSVP from all guests.

This is an adult-only evening. Later in the year, we will be offering an opportunity with children.

Please respond by Sunday, February 7th by following the link <http://whoozin.com/FPT-PJV-UNFY>.

If you have any questions, please contact Christa Fairfield at christa.fairfield@stbonaventure.net.

■ GIFTS OF LIGHT: PARISH CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

We want to thank those who responded to our recent invitation to include the parish in your special Christmas giving.

We are blessed with the financial gifts that you share on Christmas. These gifts provide us cash for our work into the first quarter of the year. Thank you for your generosity at Christmas.

We want to invite your further generosity with some other special parish needs. To make one of these gifts or any other special gift, you can put it in an envelope with a note designating your intention and place it in the Sunday basket. If you would like a Christmas card that indicates your gift was made in someone's name, please contact Marion Guglielmo at marion.guglielmo@stbonaventure.net. She will be happy to provide you with the card. Below is the list of special parish needs:

- \$25 to provide a Bible for our children preparing for 1st Communion (We provide one Bible for each of our children preparing for the sacrament. This includes tax and shipping.)
- \$100 to bring a visiting priest to help our parish priests when they need respite or to serve off campus

- \$100 to purchase one of the 3 new trees we are buying for the Christmas environment
- \$180 to sponsor a Confirmation teen's attendance at the Confirmation Weekend Retreat (This expense can be a substantial burden for some of our families.)
- \$1,500 to construct a Parish Directory sign that will provide a map of our parish facilities for visitors. (Following the construction of this sign, we are planning distinct building signage.)
- \$2,500 to replace our aging hall tables and chairs
- \$4,000 to provide industrial ceiling fans for the Large Hall. (The heat in the hall can be oppressive in warmer months.)
- Volunteering to help our parish ministries grow. Several are seeking new members:
 - Garden Angels
 - Hospitality Sunday
 - St. Vincent de Paul
 - Family to Family
- And may we not forget to include prayers for the continued life of Christ being lived out in our parish.

■ DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?

If so, you can raise money for St. Bonaventure Faith Formation while you shop. All you have to do is log on to www.smile.amazon.com and choose "St. Bonaventure Church Concord." You can shop as you normally would and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to the parish.

■ HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Thursday, December 24 to Friday, 25
Thursday, December 31 to Friday,
January 1

■ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraiser event for the Knights of Columbus will be held on January 30, 2016. In years past it has been a "Crab Feed". This year, because of the uncertain condition (and expense) of the local Dungeness crab, the Knights

of Columbus have decided to change the event to a "Super Bowl Surf & Turf Party" catered by Wilma Lott Catering and served by the Knights of Columbus. We will be serving great hot and cold appetizers, salad, Shrimp Scampi and New York Strip Steak. We will also be introducing a Dessert Auction, numerous big raffle prizes and a live auction of such items as a cruise and a one-week vacation opportunity. Please come and support the many charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus, such as the 130 new coats given to needy families who come to the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry, the support given to local seminarians and the assistance provided to the parish for the sound system in the Large Hall. These activities are made possible by your generous support of our annual fundraiser. Tickets for this fundraising event are available after the Masses from now until the weekend before the event, and in the Parish Office. Ticket price is \$45 per person or \$40 per person for a table of eight.

■ THANK YOU FROM THE GIVING TREE MINISTRY

Thank you all for making this year's Giving Tree a success. Your generosity, compassion and support have helped to make this a joyous Christmas season for over 1200 family members in our community. Each gift sparkled with the love God has for all of us. Thank you again, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. God Bless. - The Giving Tree Ministry

■ WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY UPDATE

Wheelchair Sunday on October 24 and 25: the Knights of Columbus and the American Wheelchair Mission made a plea for donations to purchase wheelchairs for the California Veterans. We are pleased to announce that as of December 2 the St. Bonaventure parishioners have contributed \$29,806 to this cause. The Knights of Columbus, the American Wheelchair Mission and the California Veterans thank you for your generosity.

PROCEDURE FOR DISPLAYING EVENTS IN CHURCH FOYER

We've noticed in recent months many things being left in the foyer for people to pick-up. Many times, we don't know who left them and/or anything about the organization or event. It also makes the table by the entrance to the church look crowded and messy. In an effort to manage the display of these promotional materials, we are instituting a procedure for displaying these items in the church foyer:

- As a rule, unless something is being sponsored by the parish, diocese or USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), we do not allow flyers in the foyer.
- For all material meeting the above rule, the flyer originals must be stamped for approval by the parish office. After being stamped, they may be copied.
- Flyers are not to be placed on the table by the entrance to the church. There are slots in the Plexiglas notice wall by the door to the hospitality room.

Questions? Contact Christa Fairfield or Eileen Limber (925)672-5800 or eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: SG 2:8-14 OR ZEP 3:14-18A; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45

TUESDAY: 1 SM 1:24-28; 1 SM 2:1, 4-8ABCD; LK 1:46-56

WEDNESDAY: MAL 3:1-4, 23-34; PS 25:4-5AB, 8-10, 14; LK 1:57-66

THURSDAY: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS 89:2-5, 27, 29; LK 1:67-79

FRIDAY: VIGIL: IS 62:1-5; PS 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25; MT 1:1-25 [18-25]
NIGHT: IS 9:1-6; PS 96:1-3, 11-13; TI 2:11-14; LK 2:1-14
DAWN: IS 62:11-12; PS 97:1, 6, 11-12; TI 3:4-7; LK 2:15-20
DAY: IS 52:7-10; PS 98:1-6; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SATURDAY: ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6, 8AB, 16BC, 17; MT 10:17-22

SUNDAY: SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 OR 1 SM 1:20-22, 24-28; PS 128:1-5 OR PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 [12-17] OR 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LK 2:41-52

LITURGY & PRAYER



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY DECEMBER 20, 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In proclaiming the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis proclaimed his desire that this Holy Year be “steeped in mercy,” as we disciples “go out to every man and woman,” bringing the “balm of mercy” to “believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 5). In her visitation of Elizabeth, Mary beautifully presents just such an image. Despite the perils of her pregnancy, not to mention her preoccupations as a young unwed mother, Mary instantly, unselfishly, “goes out” of herself, hastening far and over dangerous terrain, to “bring the balm of God’s tender mercy” in assistance rendered to her older relative. Since baptism and the Eucharist have made us, in a way, bearers of the living Christ within, as Mary was, such selfless “going out” of ourselves to be of loving service to others in mercy should especially mark our Christmas season this Jubilee Year.

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■ FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELED

There will be NO Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Day, December 25 and New Year’s Day, January 1 due to the holiday season. We will resume to regular schedule on Friday, January 8, 2016.



Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24

3:00 PM Christmas Mass with
Early Childhood
Christmas Pageant

5:30 PM Christmas Mass with
Elementary Children’s
Christmas Pageant

8:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

*12:00 AM Christmas Midnight
Mass (time change)

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

8:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
(English)

10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
(English)

12:45 PM Christmas Day Mass
(Spanish)

New Year’s Eve/Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 5:00 PM

Begin your New Year’s Eve celebration by giving thanks to God for all that He has blessed you with throughout 2015. This will also be a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Mass will be held at 5:00 PM in the church.

New Year’s Day/The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Friday, January 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM

This is a holy day of obligation. We celebrate the motherhood of Mary as well as the start of a new calendar year. The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek *Theotokos*, which means “God-bearer”. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Mass will be held at 10:00 AM in the church.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING

ENTRANCE ACCESS:

All vehicles are to **enter** the parish parking lot **through the Clayton Road entrance**. The gate at **Indiana Drive is for Exit only**. Please do not park on Indiana Drive.

EXIT:

All vehicles in the southwest (**back**) lot **are to exit through the Indiana Drive gate**. All vehicles in the northeast (**front**) lot **are to exit through the Clayton Road exit**. Crossing over between lots will congest traffic and create a safety issue.

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

We have 14 designated Handicapped Parking spaces. We know this is insufficient for heavy attendance Masses. **We encourage those who can walk the distance to park accordingly and leave the handicapped spaces for those most in need.** Your handicap placard must be clearly displayed.

NO PARKING AREAS:

- Parking in front of the rectory garage is prohibited.
- Striped areas at the ends of rows and red curbs anywhere on the property are **no-parking** areas. Vehicles parked in these areas may be ticketed and towed. We must observe the City Codes that require emergency vehicle access to the property.
- Parking on Farm Bureau property is strictly prohibited. Your vehicle may be towed.
- Our neighbors strongly request that we not park on the local streets, since it leaves no parking for their friends or family who might be visiting. We encourage you to honor their needs. Any car parking in such a way that a residential driveway is blocked may be towed.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Many people each year comment on the beauty of the Church and Chapel environment during the Christmas season. Each year we use multiple fresh trees and over 100 poinsettias to create a space that celebrates the birth of Christ. This effort can only be realized through the generous donations of our parishioners.

You can honor a loved one either living or deceased with a gift to our Christmas Flower Fund. You may either use the envelopes found at the exits of the church, or you may fill out the information found in the bulletin, cut it out and send it (or bring it) to the office. What a wonderful way to remember someone special.

Amount Enclosed

Donor

Phone

Address 1

Address 2

Given in Name of

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of December 12 & 13
Collection

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$27,840
Over: \$2,400

2nd Collection
Religious Retirement: \$7,584

Food for the Family: 306

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

■ BAPTISMS – NOVEMBER 2015

God's Blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Brogan Santiago Allen, son of Brian and Gabina

Alexandra Vonn Ayres, daughter of Cory and Shannon

Mariah Michelle Blanch, daughter of Michael and Michelle

Margaret Danielle Boykin, daughter of Robert and Danielle

Nicolas Noah Brown, son of Jason and Tina

Noah David Doperalski, son of David and Stephanie

Julia Denise Grant, daughter of William and Sara

Camille Rose Bautista Ramos, daughter of Carlos and Angela

Addyson Noel Santos, daughter of Matthew and Arlene

Jasmine Wayne Santos, daughter of Frank and Regina

Keanu Aiden Bautista Santos, son of Gerald and Marites

Isaac Angel Teves, son of Joshua and Bernice



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LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CC INTERFAITH HOUSING

Seeking In-Kind Donations: Diapers of all sizes for families at Garden Park and Lakeside Apartments. Throughout the year, we provide incentive prizes to students for good report cards or demonstrating good school habits. We hand out \$5 Starbucks cards to high school students, \$5 Jamba Juice cards to all students, and \$5 toy gifts to grades K-5. We also need Safeway, Target and/or Costco gift cards for our Youth Enrichment Coordinators to purchase food and supplies for after-school snacks and meals.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOUR END-OF-LIFE WISHES

Fr. Richard invites you to begin a conversation about your end-of-life wishes. This is a four-week series. Each evening will include large-group and small-group discussions.

Some topics discussed will be:

- Identifying your wishes,
- Society's perspectives on dying and death
- Communicating your wishes to family and loved ones
- Funeral planning

The series is on Monday evenings (January 11, 25, February 1 & 8) at 7pm in the Ministry Center Room A2. There is no cost. Registration is required. To register, please contact Eileen Limberg.

■ WOMEN'S (WCF) RETREAT FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

We invite you to mark your calendars for the Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat "Blessed are the Merciful." Jan 29-31, 2016. It will be led by Dr. Margaret Turek, the head of Evangelization and Catechesis in the Oakland diocese, and Fr Patrick Summerhays, a priest in the San Francisco diocese. Cost: \$190; at St Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel. Start the New Year on the right track with other women who

will soon become new friends. Questions? Maureen 925-360-1621.

■ ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are you planning to marry in the Church in the next year? St. Bonaventure offers three preparation weekends throughout the year. Couples are invited to attend the next weekend on February 20 & 21, 2016. It is never too early to attend a weekend. It is usually recommended that couples attend at least 3 months before the wedding. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and discern your future life together. The cost is \$125/couple. Contact Matthew & Stacey Remington (672-4006) for more information, or to register for the weekend.

■ 2016 MEN'S RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE

The annual St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat will be held March 4-6, 2016 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Registration opens soon. For more information call Peter Nixon at 925-363-5884 or Matt Remington at 925-672-4006

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas, let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 26-28 and August 5-7. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, 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 Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

Pray For

HOMELESS FAMILIES

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
RICHARD & LORRAINE GOEBEL

December 19 – 25, 2015



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **ADULT ACTIVITIES:**

SAVE THE DATE: MINI-PILGRIMAGE TO SAN JUAN BAUTISTA: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

■ **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.

■ **ST. BONAVENTURE CANCER SUPPORT**

A community of parishioners and survivors of cancer are waiting and willing to share your experience, pray with you and be there to help you through your ordeal. We offer ourselves in love and prayer to be at your side in many ways. *Please call us; know that you are not alone:* ☎ Elaine Shingleton at 672-1850, or Maria Padilla Fulmore (*Que habla Español*) 686-6916. *Section: Outside of Parish*

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ **ST. AGNES OPEN HOUSE:**
January 31, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon

Come join our loving, faith-filled school community. There will be refreshments and a Book Fair. Kinder Information Night will be January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

■ **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 11am-1pm
 866 Oak Grove Road, Concord.
 Applications for the upcoming school year will be available. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office – 925-682-5414.

■ **AN INTRODUCTORY CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP**

One of the rich spiritual practices of the Christian faith is a silent form of prayer called Centering Prayer; a receptive method of prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. This workshop consists of four presentations: 1) Prayer as Relationship, 2) The Method of Centering Prayer, 3) Thoughts and the Use of the Sacred Word, 4) Deepening our Relationship with God.

Presented by Eileen Halliburton at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill on January 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2:00-4:00pm. Must attend the first session January 10. Cost is \$50.00. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. To inquire or register, email: 2sai1621@gmail.com or call 925 943 3190.

■ **DISCERNMENT DAY**

Have you ever wondered what life is like as a nun? Are you drawn to a life of prayer for the world, for our Mother Church and for souls? The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA, will host a Discernment Day for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on January 16th. Respond by January 11th, or for more information contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at: <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Adoration, Rosary, Conferences, vocation stories, and more, given by our Dominican nuns and friars.

Mass Intentions For The Week 

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 Jan & Brian Smith
 Kathleen Muller
 Robert Ackerman
 Soul in Purgatory
 Lou Ellis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 Donald Fitzgerald
 Marie Sutti
 Lucy Walsh
 Mitch Mendoza
 9:00 Joey Mangini
 Ingwer Hanson
 Frank & Caterina Sinatra
 Judy Unger
 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 5:00 Frank Verello
 Kepris Meletiou
 Paul David Czarnecki
 Margaret Stomes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Lilian Samayoa
 Trevor & Oscar D'Souza
 Fran Ford
 Ana Stacia Lloren

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 Victims of the San Bernardino shooting
 9:00 Bob Kautilla
 Mr. & Mrs. Martin B. Kosaka
 Chito Santacruz
 Florencia Victorio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30 End to violence
 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 Bev Ipsen
 Dora Ipsen
 Lester Ipsen
 Bob Sager
 5:30 Patrick Smith
 Hallie Stevens
 Cuenco Family
 Jack Darcy
 8:00 Lawrence Tadeo
 Mercader Family
 Norma M. Evaristo
 Sister Roberta Carson & Family
 12:00 Guillermo "Memo" Preza
 Rolando Lacer
 Brigido & Severina Lao
 Teran Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 Mike Geraghty
 Sophia & Lawrence Lozitone
 Ramon Evaristo
 Linda Mercader
 10:00 To HOMELESS FAMILIES m Keehn
 Jim Elsberry
 Marion Gleason
 Lawrence Tadeo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00 Ronnie & Verna
 Souls in Purgatory
 Rolando V. Llacer
 Justina Lusiana

■ LUCAS 1:39-45

En aquellos días, María se encamino apresurada a un pueblo de las montañas de Judea, y entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludo a Isabel. En cuánto ésta oyó el saludo de María, la criatura saltó en su seno. Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo, y levantando la voz, exclamó: “¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! ¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor.”

Jesús es la Salvación de Dios en la

Historia. Jesús es el nombre que el Arcángel de Dios ordenó poner al futuro Hijo de la Virgen. En el Evangelio se nos cuenta que aquel fruto de las entrañas de María va a tomar un nombre impuesto por el mismo Dios. A José le encarga: “Le pondrás por nombre “Jesús.” Contracción hebrea que quiere decir: “¡Dios salva!”

Esto es Jesús: ¡Dios salva! Es la salvación de Dios que se hace niño en Belén, que se hace crucificado en el Calvario, que se hace Iglesia prolongando la vida de Jesús en la historia.

Salvará al pueblo de sus pecados. Es interesante lo que dice el documento de Puebla acerca de María: María es el punto de la historia que se junta con el cielo y trae la vida de Dios a la humanidad.

María embarazada de Jesús. María se presenta en el Evangelio de hoy fecunda de esta salvación que ya ha venido y que va en sus entrañas.

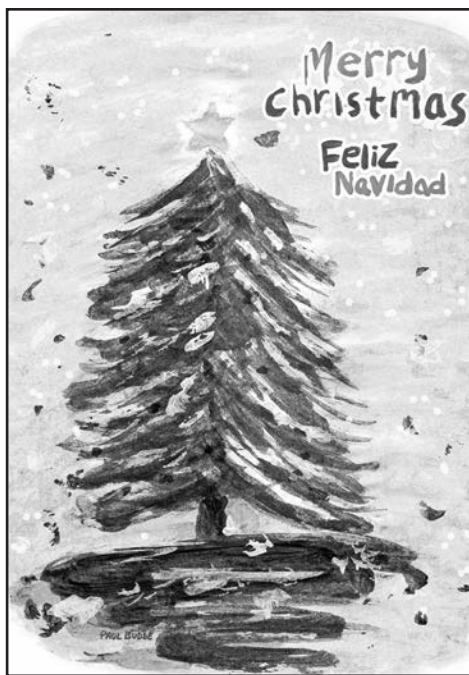
Desencadena ya la fuerza salvadora del Espíritu en Israel y Juan. Al llegar a la casa de su prima Isabel sucede la santificación de Juan Bautista aún sin nacer: “Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, ha saltado de gozo la criatura en mis entrañas!” Juan Bautista va a nacer sin pecado porque lo ha santificado ya la salvación de Dios que llegó en las entrañas de María a su propia casa.

Isabel llama a María la Madre de mi Señor. ¡Qué encuentro más maravilloso el de estas dos mujeres! “Dichosa porque

has creído— dice el Evangelio que saluda Isabel a María--, porque lo que te ha dicho el Señor se cumplirá” ¿Qué le dice el Señor a María? Le ha revelado el proyecto de salvación.

La salvación que predicamos no hay que desvirtuarla con proyectos parciales. La salvación que predicamos en la Iglesia de Cristo no es otra que aquella que María creyó e inicio al dar su consentimiento y hacerse fecunda de la salvación de Dios. Por eso la Iglesia es tan celosa de cuidar esa fe de María, ese proyecto de Dios en la salvación de los hombres. Y por eso no tolera que se mezcle con proyectos meramente humanos, los santifica todos, los penetra todos.

Todo esfuerzo de liberación en los pueblos solamente será eficaz y según el corazón de Dios, si se deja penetrar de la fe del proyecto de Dios para salvar en nuestros tiempos. Además son propicios para felicitar a María y para escuchar de María que quiere Dios en la liberación de nuestro país y de nuestro pueblo, y para no dejarnos seducir de falsas liberaciones, para ser siempre- en la prolongación de la historia- la salvación de Dios que ha venido por las entrañas de María, en la fe de María, a dar vida a todos los esfuerzos salvadores de la tierra. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.



■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

“Que la Virgen María nos ayude a abatir las barreras y los obstáculos que impiden nuestra conversión, es decir, nuestro camino de encuentro con el Señor”, porque “¡Solo Él puede dar cumplimiento a todas las esperanzas del hombre!”

■ PROCEDIMIENTO PARA DEJAR ANUNCIOS EN LA ENTRADA DE LA IGLESIA

Hemos notado que en los últimos meses, se han dejado muchos artículos y anuncios en la entrada de la Iglesia para uso de los feligreses. Muchas veces, no sabemos quién los deja o cualquier información acerca de la organización o del evento. Además la mesa de la entrada a la Iglesia se ve muy desordenada. Para poder mantener el orden, organizamos un nuevo protocolo para cualquier material de anuncio en la Iglesia.

Como regla general, **no se permite ningún anuncio en la entrada de la Iglesia**, excepto cuando es anuncio de la Parroquia, de la Diócesis o de USCCB.

Todo anuncio debe ser aprobado y sellado por la oficina de la Iglesia ANTES de hacer copias o colocarlo.

Los anuncios no deben ser puestos en la mesa a la entrada de la Iglesia. Hay compartimientos en el presentador de plástico en la pared por la puerta del salón de hospitalidad.

¿Preguntas? Por favor contactarse con Christa Fairfield o Eileen Limberg (925) 672-5800 o eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net

■ MISA DE NAVIDAD

La Misa de Navidad, **Viernes 25 de diciembre**, será en su horario habitual, **12:45 PM.**

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Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Viernes: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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Que el Señor de los Milagros este presente con Ustedes en estas Navidades y los llene de Bendiciones para el 2016. **Les deseamos unas Felices Navidades y un Prospero Año Nuevo**



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