

JESUS SAID
to his parents,

“WHY WERE
YOU
LOOKING
FOR ME?”

Did you not know that I must be
in my Father's house?”

- Luke 2:49

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December 27, 2015 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | 27 de diciembre de 2015 La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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**

**■ THE PAUSING THAT MAKES THE
 DIFFERENCE**

The next feast of the Christmas Season is today's Holy Family, a reminder that it is also a place for the Incarnation of God to live. We see the Incarnation of God more when we are on our best behavior than when we are on our worst.

Fostering good wholesome family life is a goal and a challenge. Controlling stress and making adequate time to cultivate endearing relationships are key. What is all the purpose of working so hard to achieve a certain style of life if there is coldness, anger and negativity all around?

Parents: Don't forget to bless your children before you send them off to school. Don't forget to gather your children to talk, to share about their daily life and experiences. Don't sign your children up for everything. They need "to be" more than they need "to do." Savor the Holiday time to be together and to do things together. Things and activities do not substitute for the "Spirit of the Family."

The Holy Family is pictured as a three-some, genuinely human and wholesome, we imagine. Their times were much more simple than ours and so were their challenges. With fewer distractions and opportunities, and with more cultural expectations and ideals about how to relate to one another, they probably were much more close-knit.

The point is not them, but how we do family today in the best sense of the word. Be creative. Be inventive and do not leave God and the spiritual life out of the picture. There is something wrong with the picture when sports and activities replace Sunday morning Mass. That is where the spiritual life and the spiritual instinct is developed.

Pray Psalm 46: "Come think of God's marvels, the astounding things he has done in the world," verse 8, and "Pause awhile and know that I am God," verse 10. It's the "pausing" that makes all the difference in our personal and family lives.

**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>.

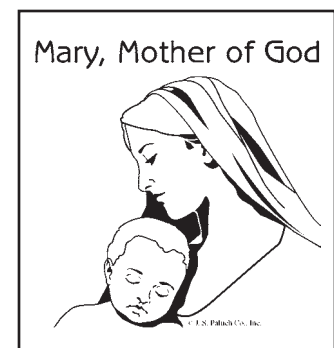
If you have any questions, please contact Christa Fairfield at christa.fairfield@stbonaventure.net.

■ HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

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.



NEED A NEIGHBOR?

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

We Offer:

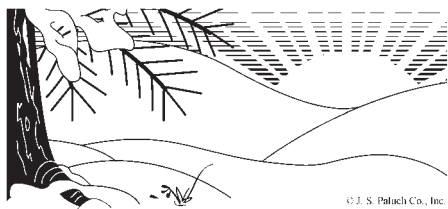
- Assistance with transportation to the parish, the grocery store or doctor. *We can assist in finding regular rides to a specific Mass or parish offering
- Assistance with an errand or a light task
- Visiting the sick or homebound

For assistance leave a message at 672-5800 x2238. We will pick up calls Monday-Friday. Every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of the call. Please note that the ministry is not designed for immediate or emergency needs. It can take a few days to locate a volunteer to meet the need.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 JN 1:5 — 2:2; PS 124:2-5, 7B-8; MT 2:13-18
TUESDAY: 1 JN 2:3-11; PS 96:1-3, 5B-6; LK 2:22-35
WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 2:12-17; PS 96:7-10; LK 2:36-40
THURSDAY: 1 JN 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-13; JN 1:1-18
FRIDAY: NM 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21
SATURDAY: 1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1-4; JN 1:19-28
SUNDAY: IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12



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LITURGY & PRAYER



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**■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
 DECEMBER 27, 2015
 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
 JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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■ FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELED

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



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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

The child
grew to maturity



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and was
filled with wisdom

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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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ MOMS' GROUP

An Invitation to all mothers: Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting! We welcome mothers of all ages on the 1st Wednesday of the month (January 6) at 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center A3. Free babysitting provided! We also have an evening Moms' group led by Gwen Crane on the first Tuesday of the month (January 5) in A4, 7:30-9:00pm. Come to "Moms' Night Out" the first Friday of the month and join our Yahoo Group to keep connected to St. Bonaventure moms, even if you can't make the meetings.

Contact Tara Sundy for more info: (925) 890-1343 or tnaughto@hotmail.com

■ 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.

■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Give yourself an evening away to nurture your relationship. Free childcare provided! Once a month, on a Tuesday evening, we are offering an enrichment series for parents, in collaboration with Worldwide Marriage Encounter, entitled "Love Never Ends." Our next gathering is January 12

at 6:00pm in A2. **You must pre-register for childcare.** The link can be found on the homepage of our parish website www.stbonaventure.net. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

■ HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we'd like to invite you to attend the **Healing the Heart** workshop. The workshop provides a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one. Our grief companions have also lost someone who is dear to them and know the value of having someone listen with their heart. They recognize that each person's grief is unique. The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused and sad. These feelings may linger for years.

The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. It is a Christ-centered program, but you do not have to be a member of St. Bonaventure's parish or a Catholic to attend. It is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The loss may have been a recent one or a long time ago. **The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening January 26, 2016 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. Registration is required. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Please call Helene Billeci at (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register. You may also send your information via e-mail to: healingtheheart@stbonaventure.net**

■ 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

■ **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Mt 6:6)

The practice of Contemplative (or silent) Prayer is just that: "practice". It's not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We have two opportunities during the week to practice Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm and/or Wednesday 7:15-7:45am. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

■ **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

May your marriage experience the blessings and joy that Christmas promises. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: February 26-28 or 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.oakland-wme.org Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

■ **TAI CHI FOR HEALTH**

Blessings from Tai Chi for Health! Join us in the powerful, playful practice of Tai Chi & Qi Gong. Sessions are each Wednesday, in the Small Hall, and Friday in A4, from 10am to 11am. Bring an open mind and bottled water. Love offerings \$10. Contact Instructor Ben at 925 565-4636 with questions.

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*

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Christmas Flowers Offering

Because of Jesus Christ, we believe in the Communion of Saints. As we celebrate Christmas and bless each other with grace, love and gifts, we honor living family members; and we remember those who have preceded us to the New Life by our Christmas Church decorations and flowers.

Mari Alcantara
 The Anelli Family
 Cosimo Arena
 Robert Arena
 Heidi Arseno
 The Arteaga Family
 Michael Basarich
 John & Candace Bass
 Cynthia Borcena &
 David Blankenhorn
 Sr. Anne Burgard
 The Caballero Family
 Mildred & Ralph Cheda
 Milagro Cienfuegos
 Jane Colaco
 Jeffrey Cross
 Jeanann & Don Davis
 The De Guzman Family
 Dominador de Guzman
 Maria Gisela de Guzman
 Tirso de Guzman
 Alfredo Diaz & Family
 Maria Diaz & Family
 The Directo Family
 Gary Dykman
 Annabelle & Robert Earl
 Martha Ehrick
 Shirley Elsberry
 The Ely Family
 Gustavo & Vicky Escruceria
 Antonio M. Estrada
 The Exten Family
 The Fairfield Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ferri
 The Fink Family
 Donald E. Fitzgerald
 Fred & Elizabeth Flecklin
 Roger Foo
 Robert Gallagher

Bill & Sylvia Gall
 The Gareis & Mullen Families
 Jim Grundman
 Marion & John Gugliemo
 Conchita & Sam Guzman
 The Halick Family
 Margaret & Tony Haubrich
 Bernhard & Mildred Helling
 Albin & Mary Hericks
 Robert & Stella Hopkins
 Jennifer Johnson
 Uy Kimchin, Sr.
 Millie Knodt
 Fr. David Lawrence
 Elva Leary
 André & Suzette Leblanc
 The Leehy Family
 William Leigh
 Deceased family & friends of
 the Levada & Mangini Families
 Hazel Leveroni
 The Limberg Family
 Fr. Richard Mangini
 Kenneth Manning
 Phyllis Manning
 Fr. Thomas Martin
 Jim & Sue Martling
 Delia McConnon
 Joseph McConnon
 Vicente & Estrella Mercader
 The Milcetic Family
 Kitty Nemitz
 Cathy Olsen & Family
 Julia Olvarado
 The O'Toole Family
 The Ouimet Family
 Eleanore Paulus
 The Palmeri Family
 The Picallo Family

Ellen & Peter Pliska
 Anita Poblete
 Jose Poblete, Sr.
 The Preza Family
 Joan Purcell
 The Ripoli Family
 Jim Riso
 Sarah & Peter Riso
 Joann Russo
 The Sangalang Family
 The Schnick Family
 Joan Sorenson
 Carmen Talavera
 Virginia Talavera
 Diana Tegge & Family
 Mathilde & Fred Temps
 The Teran Family
 The Trespalacios Family
 The Venturino Family
 The Villalba Family
 Hunah H. Villamil
 Pat & Tom Walsh
 Evelyn Wong
 The Yonge Family
 For Healing and World Peace



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.

Pray For
 THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 JOE HEILMANN**
 December 26 – January 1, 2015

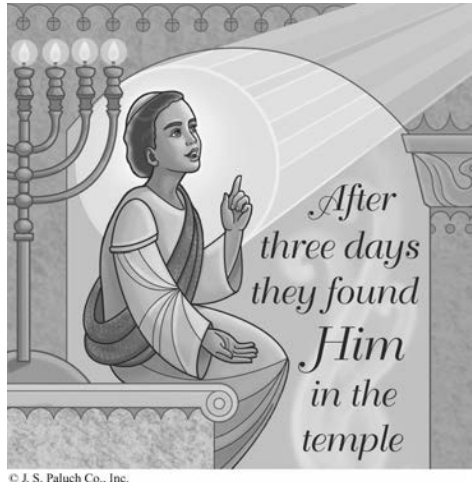


DISCERNMENT DAY

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.

BENEFIT RECITAL SUPPORTING BIRTHRIGHT

Featuring Gonzaga University Vocal Performance Major Teresa Halsey
Saturday, January 9, 2016
 At: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 1101 Keaveny Ct., Walnut Creek
 Recital: 7:30 pm. Light snacks following.
 Free admission, but donations gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to support Birthright. Birthright is a non-profit organization committed to offering free help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child.



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Mass Intentions For The Week



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- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**
- 5:00 Ronnie & Verna
 Souls in Purgatory
 Rolando V. Llacer
 Justina Lusiana
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**
- 7:30 Fr. George
 Isabel Santos
 - 9:00 Joe Mangini
 Joe Ferreira
 Mary Ferreira
 Bill Shinn
 - 11:00 Kathleen Muller
 Janusz Zelazny
 Joanna Brud
 Frances & Caroline Ferrer
 - 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**
- 6:30 Communion Service
 - 9:00 Precop Colaco
 Fran Ford
 Johanna Untal
 Dick Vargas
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**
- 6:30 Food Pantry Volunteers
 - 9:00 Estrella Mercader
 Bev Salmon
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**
- 6:30 St. Bonaventure Front
 Office Volunteers
 - 9:00 Communion Service
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**
- 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers
 - 9:00 World Peace
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**
- 6:30 Communion Service
 - 10:00 Lloyd Craft
 Felix Adolfo Flores
 Mamerto & Lauro Lao
 Thanksgiving from
 Llacer-Dimaandal Family
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**
- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

■ LLUCAS 2, 41-52

Solían ir cada año a Jerusalén por las fiestas de Pascua. En primer lugar, en las lecturas de hoy lo que sobresale es esa relación íntima entre Dios y familia; familia y Dios. ¿Qué otra cosa es el Evangelio sino la encarnación de Dios en una familia y la trascendencia de esa familia; María, José el niño, trascendiendo hacia Dios? Ya dijimos hacia donde nos presenta caminando a la familia de Nazaret, hacia el templo, el centro nacional religioso de Israel. Todas las pascuas eran fiestas religiosas-nacionales para los judíos y esta buena familia de los israelitas como todas las familias, va año con año, como nuestras familias de los campos a celebrar las fiestas patronales. Es el signo de que camina la familia hacia Dios.

¡Qué hermoso es ver, viniendo a la Misa dominical, a las familias! Ojalá el espectáculo del Evangelio de hoy se repitiera en nuestras ciudades y en nuestros campos. Las familias buscando a Dios.

Se acentúa el carácter sagrado de la familia.= Obediencia al Padre. Hay un diálogo entre Jesús y sus padres, para decirles que por encima del padre y de la madre de la tierra, hay un Padre de los cielos, cuya voluntad tiene que hacer todo miembro de familia. El joven no tiene que ser manipulado ni por su papá ni por su mamá, cuando se trata de voluntad del Padre que está en los cielos. “Hijo-le dice la Virgen a Jesús-, ¿Por qué lo has hecho así?” Y Jesús, con toda la ternura de un hijo, pero también con la valentía de un hijo de Dios, le dice: “¿Por qué me buscabais?, ¿No sabes que debía de ocuparme de las cosas de mi Padre?” Todo hombre tiene que decir esta realidad. Si es cierto que hay un amor muy grande entre los esposos, amor hasta la muerte, santificado por Dios, debe estar siempre subordinado al querer de Dios. La ley de Dios por encima de todo.

Cristo es el ejemplo de la familia orientada hacia Dios. La obediencia al Padre. “¿Para qué me quiere Dios?” Es importante saber discernir por encima de todos los considerandos económicos y familiares: “¿para qué me quiere Dios?”

Cuántas veces se oye decir: “Yo quisiera ser sacerdote pero soy muy pobre.” No importa, buscad el Reino de Dios y su justicia, obediencia a vuestra vocación y todo lo demás vendrá por añadidura: ¿Qué no somos pobres la mayoría de los que somos sacerdotes? ¿Qué no sentimos en los labios de nuestra madre el lamento: cómo quisiera darte gusto pero no puedo, soy pobre? Y aquí estamos de sacerdotes muchos que encontramos esa dificultad pero que gracias a Dios, siguiendo la voluntad del Señor, se presentaron los medios. Dios quiere las cosas y muchas veces somete a prueba nuestras mismas facultades.

Y, luego, cuando regresan en aquel hogar de Nazaret, donde Pablo VI un día, recién elegido Pontífice, fue a visitar Tierra Santa y allí en la casa de Nazaret-donde hoy se levanta una hermosa Iglesia-decía: “¿Quién pudiera vivir con aquella compañía santa de la familia de Nazaret y aprender aquí la sencillez de la vida, el silencio, el trabajo, la oración.” Quien pudiera, queridos jóvenes, queridos hermanos, que nuestra casa, por humilde que sea fuera de verdad la casa de Nazaret. Y allí, la primera lectura de hoy nos ofrece esos deberes rutinarios de familia pero convertidos en un culto a Dios.

Dios es familia. (Juan Pablo II). Me gusta en este momento recordarles la hermosa frase del Papa Juan Pablo II hablando de la familia en México. La familia y su relación con Dios, lo más profundo que se puede decir es esto: “Se ha dicho en forma bella y profunda que nuestro Dios en su misterio más íntimo no es una soledad, sino una familia, puesto que lleva en sí mismo paternidad, filiación y la esencia de la familia que es el amor. Este amor en la familia divina, es el Espíritu Santo.” El tema de la familia, pues, no es ajeno al tema del Espíritu Santo. Es preciso saber que Dios es familia. Que en Dios hay Padre, Hijo y lo que une esa relación, el amor que se hace persona, el Espíritu Santo, como la unción, el lazo que une esas relaciones de familia.

Por eso, en la tierra, cuando Dios dijo: “hagamos el hombre a nuestra imagen y semejanza,” lo hizo hombre y mujer, para que amándose en matrimonio procediera

la fecundidad de la familia y todo lo ungiera el amor, el Espíritu de Dios.

■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

“Cuando somos llamados a compartir alegrías o dolores, ¿sabemos sinceramente llorar con quién llora y alegrarnos con quien se alegra? Cuando debemos expresar nuestra fe, ¿sabemos hacerlo con **coraje** y **simplicidad**, sin avergonzarnos del Evangelio?” “Y así podríamos hacernos muchas preguntas. No es suficiente, siempre debemos convertirnos, tener los sentimientos que tenía Jesús.”

■ 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

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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**