



Candle Lighting from the Christian Unity Prayer Service. Photo Credit: Anthony Arteaga

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### 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



**LENT ARRIVES  
 WEDNESDAY**

**PRAY DEEPLY**

**LIVE SINCERELY**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

#### ■ WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LENT?

Before you decide what you are going to do or what you are going to give up for Lent, you need to consider the dual purpose of Lent. The original reason for the Season of Lent was to prepare the Catechumens, those adults preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, to celebrate Easter and the Easter Sacraments.

The second purpose was to invite all those already baptized to celebrate Easter and to renew the promises of their Baptism. Two groups prepare to celebrate the same thing: one group for the first time; the other group has done it many times before.

The Church of the Middle Ages focused on the Crucified Christ, the forgiveness of sins and the identification with the Jesus who suffered and died for them. For many centuries, people found great comfort and courage in that focus, since they had suffered greatly through life as well.

Today, the focus is not so much on the suffering of Jesus, but rather on his extraordinary love, tenderness and dedication to the plan and will of God for Him, even to his death. The focus is not the manner of his death but the

faithfulness of his entire life, extending even to his death. That is worthy of your imitation, and if you could focus on that, you will spend a very productive Lent.

What does giving up chocolate, dessert and alcohol have to do with that? That is something that each person who gives up these things has to figure out. It may not mean anything more than that you want to be as disciplined and faithful in doing like Jesus did, being faithful in living his life.

You could also make it a point to save the money not spent on what you have given up and put it toward our Rice Bowl collection that goes to Catholic Relief Services, or you could remember, each day in prayer, the people who grow and harvest the chocolate for a low and unjust wage. The point is that whatever you are going to do has to have some concrete connection to Jesus and to your Baptism.

I encourage all parishioners to be enlightened and thinking Catholics. There is no miraculous benefit in giving up anything unless you are an alcoholic who needs to give up drinking. What you give up has to be like a living prayer. The purpose of giving up anything is not to torture yourself, or to make yourself sad or depressed. The purpose is to focus on Jesus and your Baptism and the kind of a person that God wants you to be.

#### ■ DO ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES HAVE MYSTICAL POWERS?

No! They are a sign to myself that I want to draw close to God because I am very well aware of my sins and my selfishness and my brokenness. I am aware that only God can fix me. I feel that I have betrayed God and my truest self.

It is an ancient custom, sometimes used to appease God. It does not trick God into believing that we are sincere, because He can read our hearts and innermost thoughts. Ashes are a sacramental, something that can encourage us to turn our lives around and bring our hearts closer to God. That is why they are blessed and why the priest or lay minister says: “Remember, Man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

“You must get your ashes,” grandmothers have told their grandchildren, but they need to tell them the reasons why - that you want to draw close to God in the six weeks of Lent like you never have before. Take the ashes from your head; let them flow into your hearts; renew every fiber of your being. And the whole point of fasting is to abstain from sinful thoughts and activities. Fasting is meant to be a sign that I want to break all my bad habits. I give something up as I sign that I want to give up being far away from God.

It would be good to remember every day during Lent what I heard the priest or lay minister say when he placed the ashes on my head.

#### ■ WHAT DOES PASCHAL, PASCHAL LAMB, PASCHAL MYSTERY MEAN?

You will hear the word “Paschal” a lot during the Season of Lent. It comes from the Hebrew and Greek word for The Passover. It refers to the Angel of Death, flying over and protecting the people of Israel and bringing death to the first-born of Egypt, ushering in the great Exodus - freedom from Egypt.

“Paschal” refers to the lamb that was sacrificed and eaten on the night of the first Passover and at every Passover thereafter. The early church applied the name to Jesus who died on the cross, replacing the sacrifices of lambs and goats in the temple sacrifices of the Old Testament liturgy.

The Paschal Mystery refers to the presence of God raising Jesus from the Dead and how God does that for us through the Sacrament of our Baptism. Every Easter Sunday, we renew the promises of our Baptism and we rise from the dead and from our sins. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we rise from the dead and from our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is at the heart of our Catholic Christian Faith.



### ■ WHERE DOES THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY FIT IN?

Mercy is the whole purpose of Lent. Jesus is the purpose of God's mercy. The life, death and Resurrection of Jesus is the purpose of God's mercy. The Sacraments of the Church are the purpose of God's mercy. What is there not to understand? The Lenten practice is Mercy. If giving up whatever you are going to give up does not infuse you with mercy, you are wasting your time. If you fast out of respect for the rules of the Church or even because of remorse for your sins, and you are not infused with God's mercy, you are wasting your time. And if you give all kinds of money away as alms for the poor and you are not infused with mercy, there is no spiritual advantage. Lent is the time of mercy par excellence.

You have to ask yourself the right questions. Is Lent what I do or is Lent what God does for and in me? If Mercy comes from the very guts and womb of God, the actual root meaning of the word, where do I find mercy? What do I have to do to receive mercy? To whom do I appeal? Do I have to do something to get it? There is no jumping through hoops - **only** an open heart and desire to let it come forth from the heart of God to you. Don't chunk mercy up. Let it be real. It is not something you do for God and then you get it. The only thing that you have to do is to be real and sincere. Mercy sees the heart. Mercy enters the true heart. Mercy flows from the true heart to others.

### ■ EACH SUNDAY OF LENT HAS A "MERCY" QUESTION

Each week, we are going to look at and reflect upon a different aspect of God's Mercy in our lives. Where does the gift come from? How do we receive the gift? And how do we show it to others?

The question for the First Sunday of Lent: Looking pious is not enough for God, is it? We have to translate faith into action. How can you make Lent a "Season of Active Mercy"? What are some of the ways in which you can show the mercy of Jesus to your family and friends?

### ■ "LOVE YOUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS" PANEL CONVERSATION

Interested in learning how you can support Muslims in our community against Islamophobia and racism? Want to be a part of building solid relationships with our Muslim neighbors? Come to this panel and be a part of this important interfaith conversation on Monday, February 15 at 7:30 pm, in the Church. Presented in partnership with the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. Cosponsored with St. John's Episcopal Church and Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS  
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

### ■ 40 CANS IN 40 DAYS TO FEED THE HUNGRY

We are entering the season of Lent when we are called to fast. But fast from what? We aren't just fasting for the sake of doing without, but to join in solidarity with those who need. The Knights of Columbus *40 Cans for Lent* program is a wonderful opportunity to answer the question of "from what" with a positive action.

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to feed the hungry. Your gift of food allows for us, as a community, to feed our hungry brothers and sisters who come to our door. If you have participated in the past, thank you and please continue. If you have not participated in the past, please consider joining our effort this year and help us meet and exceed our goal. **To reach our goal of 12,000 food items by Easter, we need increased participation.**

The impact of your generosity is three-fold. First, it helps the many families that come to the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry each week. Second, it reduces the cash outlay from the Parish General Fund. And third, there is a non-quantifiable spiritual effect for the people who think about the hungry while shopping for themselves. Those few minutes that you take to select some extra items for the hungry are like a prayer.

"A can a day" is all we ask. We have bins at all the entrances of the church with "Preferred Items" lists. Please take a "Preferred Items" list and keep it with your shopping list or on your refrigerator as a reminder. These items are the staples that families need each week.

### ■ LENTEN BOOK GROUP- MERCY IN THE CITY

Are you wondering how you can fit the acts of Mercy into your busy schedule? So did Kerry Weber, a young Mercy Associate and managing editor of *America* magazine with a full work and social schedule.

We will be following her Lenten Journey of practicing the seven Corporal Works of Mercy in a meaningful way. Can she do it? Can we? We're going to find out together.

This Lent we are offering two groups: an afternoon and evening group. You can jump back and forth as your schedules require. If you miss a week, don't worry - we'll still be here. Join us when you can.

#### Details:

The book: *Mercy in the City*, by Kerry Weber

The day: Tuesdays (5 weeks) starting February 9 followed by Feb. 16, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, Mar. 15

The times: Afternoon meetings from 1:30 to 3:00pm

Evening meetings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm

The Place:

Afternoons: Classroom A-1

Evenings: Classroom A-3

**More details:** Books will be available in the parish office for \$15. You can also purchase it in digital format for your e-book reader. We do ask that you *sign-up* for your time of preference, but you can always show up at the other time. You can sign-up at the parish office or by emailing eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net.



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LITURGY & PRAYER

■ **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
February 7, 2016, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis calls us to share with everyone the tender compassion of God that we ourselves have experienced. In today's Gospel, Luke uses a special Greek word conveying just such tenderness. In the other Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples to be "fishers," *haleis*, the same word that means catching fish with hooks or nets, to be killed and eaten. But Luke uses *zogron*, from *zoe* or "life," meaning "catch or gather people alive," as animal lovers capture without harming, rescue from "the wild" for a better life, and protect in aquarium or zoo, tenderly cared for by professionals committed to the creatures' well-being. So in Luke's vision—and Pope Francis' as well—we who have been "caught alive" by God's mercy ourselves are to become "missionaries of mercy" during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, rescuing fellow sinners from danger and gathering them into Jesus' community to enjoy fullness of life.

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■ **IT IS TIME TO RECYCLE LAST YEAR'S PALMS**

As Lent approaches, you are invited to gather all of your old palms and bring them back to be burned on the day before Ash Wednesday (which is sometimes called Shrove Tuesday). The ashes from these palms will be used on Ash Wednesday. Palms can be brought to the office during the week or placed in the basket you will find in the foyer when you come to Mass.



■ **FEBRUARY 10: ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

6:30 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Mass
12:15 PM	Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes
4:00 PM	Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes
7:30 PM	Bi-lingual Mass

*Between services, a blessing and distribution of ashes will be given in the church for those who cannot attend one of the above liturgies, from 10:30-11:30am, 2-3pm, and 5:30-6:30pm.*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY:</b> 1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13; PS 132:6-7, 8-10; MK 6:53-56
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30; PS 84:3-5, 10-11; MK 7:1-13
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> JL 2:12-18; PS 51:3-6AB, 12-14, 17; 2 COR 5:20 — 6:2; MT 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THURSDAY:</b> DT 30:15-20; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 9:22-25
<b>FRIDAY:</b> IS 58:1-9A; PS 51:3-6AB, 18-19; MT 9:14-15
<b>SATURDAY:</b> IS 58:9B-14; PS 86:1-6; LK 5:27-32
<b>SUNDAY:</b> DT 26:4-10; PS 91:1-2, 10-15; ROM 10:8-13; LK 4:1-13

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ **AN INVITATION TO SERVE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

You are invited to serve people in need by joining the St Bonaventure Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your assistance to people in our parish area needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other needs will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? Please come join us next Tuesday, February 9 at 6:15pm in the Small Hall to learn more. Contact Dan Gabe (408-5964), parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference President, for more details.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **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 February 9 at 6:00pm in room A2. **You must pre-register for childcare.** The link can be found on the homepage of our parish website [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net). Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if questions.

■ **2016 MEN'S RETREAT: REGISTRATION OPEN!**

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat, which will be held March 4-6 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Our theme this year, "Merciful Like the Father," is inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our retreat master will be Fr. Leo Edgerly, pastor of Corpus Christi parish in Oakland, CA. For more information, call Peter Nixon at 925-381-7853 or Matt Remington at 925-672-4006 Registration is available online at <http://www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/adult-faith/mens-spiritual-network>.

**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 **June 25 and 26, 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.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Let us begin the New Year spending time with God in quiet prayer. Give yourself the 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 from 4:05-4:30pm and/or **Thursday** (a change from Wednesday) from 7:15-7:45am. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

**COUPLES WHO WANT TO BE MARRIED IN THE CHURCH**

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 2:00p.m.

For the past couple of years, we have offered the opportunity for couples married civilly to participate in a Communal Marriage Blessing. It is a beautiful experience and we would like to continue this offering.

June 18 will be a communal renewal of vows at a Wedding Mass, followed by a reception.

Many young married couples who come to celebrate the baptism of their children have not been married in the church. If interested, we ask you to follow up by

speaking first to Eileen Limberg (925-672-5800 x2217) before February 15. She will put you in contact with one of the priests or deacons. You can designate whichever priest or deacon whom you would like to get you started.

What do you need to do? What do you need to know? Those who come forward will help decide on details and specifics of the celebration.

**Items:**

- **Participation in a Saturday retreat.**
- **Normal application forms** for being married in the church need to be filled out.
- **Normal witness forms** need to be filled out.
- **Selection of two official witnesses is required.**
- The Blessing of the Marriage will be **entered into St. Bonaventure’s Marriage Register**
- **The couple may invite as many guests as they wish**
- **There is no expense** except a donation to the church, if the couple wishes
- **Couples will help prepare the ceremony and reception.**

Put your wedding celebration in the church on your calendar – Saturday, June 18, 2:00p.m.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

The Gospel today shows us that trusting in Jesus and doing what He tells us to do can make a powerful difference in our lives! Allow Jesus to 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.oaklandwwme.org](http://www.oaklandwwme.org). Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**Weekend of January 30 & 31 Collection**  
 Goal: \$25,440  
 Actual: \$ 26,456  
 Over: \$1,016

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**2nd Collection**  
**St. Vincent de Paul: \$4,786**  
**Food for the Family: 256**  
*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures*

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#### PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

##### ■ SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 11 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$12 per person.

Come share your love in the spirit of Valentine's Day. We will enjoy Italian cuisine prepared by the Pavilion Restaurant. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday February 8 by calling George or Mary Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on February 6 or 7. Adults of all ages are welcome!

##### ■ SAVE THE DATE: MINI PILGRIMAGE TO SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

On Wednesday, February 24

The cost will be \$82 per person. We will leave St. Bonaventure at 8 AM. The pilgrimage includes a motor coach trip to Mission San Juan Bautista for a guided tour, and lunch in San Juan Bautista at the Happy Rooster, with the following choice of entrees: (1) ground beef steak w/veggies and mashed potatoes, (2) chicken fettuccini Alfredo, (3) broiled salmon w/veggies, rice and Cajun cream sauce. Salad, French chocolate silk pie, soda and coffee is included.

After lunch we will continue our trip to Mission Santa Clara for a self-guided tour. We will be home about 5:30pm.

##### ■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry.

Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **February 6 – 7**. After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we'll have wine, soda, cheese, cookies and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

##### ■ PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

##### ■ ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND

Please help us provide cakes and coffee to serve with our pasta dinner for poor seniors. We also need small prizes for bingo after the meal. Items can be left in the Small Hall marked for St. Mary's, before the 11:00 Mass on 2/21. Coffee or cash for coffee can be left in the office at any time. Questions? Call Carol and Jim Riley at 672-4383 or Pete and Carol Chrobak at 672-7158.

##### ■ HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2016- ADDING EVENING CRAFTING

Each Wednesday, beginning February 3, room A1 is open from 10am-2pm for any and all crafters. Bring a bag lunch, a friend or two, and a craft you're working on (or a desire to help someone else!). Come for the full 4 hours or just stop in when you can.

We are also starting an *evening* craft session. Does daytime crafting conflict with your schedule? Join us on Tuesday evenings, starting on February 16 from 6-9 pm, in room A1 for a few hours of fun and fellowship. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

##### ■ NEW PARISHIONERS

Patrick & Elise Braganza  
 Dale & Jennifer Burgham  
 Mike & Carrie Guasco  
 Rexford Francis & Larquel Go  
 Darryl & Vanessa Gois  
 Rigoberto & Isabel Cristina Gonzalez  
 Jarrod & Lindsay Heath  
 Helene Lee  
 Delia Leon  
 Edward & Dorothy McLain  
 Dennis & Lorie O'Brien  
 Jose & Amber Schoppe  
 Christopher & Pearl Smith  
 Joanna Vogt & Jesse Adcock  
 Beatriz Vasquez

#### OUTSIDE PARISH

##### ■ THE EXORCIST IS COMING!

Father Gary Thomas is a pastor and exorcist for the San Jose diocese. He is a front-line defender of the faith as he challenges the aggression of evil on a daily basis in our everyday world. He is profiled in a book and the widely acclaimed movie "The Rite."

Fr. Thomas is the speaker at the Catholics@Work breakfast forum on Tuesday, February 9.

**Diana Nagy, president of Catholics@Work** says "Father Thomas is a priest who literally can and does intervene to help people free themselves from the grasp of Satan". Don't miss this amazing speaker; go to [www.catholicsatwork.com](http://www.catholicsatwork.com) to register for this breakfast."

All Catholics@Work events begin at 7 a.m. with a full buffet breakfast. They are held at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. The forum ends promptly at 8:15 a.m. Mass is celebrated at 6:30 am for those who are able to attend.

Walks-in are welcome.

##### ■ SAINT AGNES PARISH AND WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER — St. Agnes Church Hall, 3966 Chestnut Ave. Concord

Starts Saturday, February 13, at 1:00pm and concludes with 5:00pm Mass and Renewal of Vows

Reception immediately following Mass.

St. Agnes cordially invites you to an **Enrichment for Married Couples**, based on the book written by Dr. Frank W. Nelson, "Love Never Ends."

Advance registration required. Email [mikerhodawwme@yahoo.com](mailto:mikerhodawwme@yahoo.com) or mail registration to: Mike and Rhoda Pereira, 1234 Kings River Rd. Livermore, CA 94550

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## LENT 2016: A QUESTION OF MERCY

**I**N keeping with our yearlong theme, *Opening the Doors to Mercy*, which focuses on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, our “subtheme” for Lent is “A Question of Mercy.” Each week we will ponder different aspects of mercy in our lives, such as how we receive God’s mercy, how we show mercy to others, etc., through our weekend homilies, bulletin articles, and social media.

**Week 1:** Looking pious is not enough for God, is it? We have to translate faith into action. How can you make this a “season of active mercy”? What are some of the ways in which you can show the mercy of Christ to your friends and family this Lent?

**Week 2:** When were you scared and felt all alone? Who helped you and showed God’s compassionate mercy?

**Week 3:** What “fertilizer” do you need to add to your spiritual life now? What are you waiting for?

**Week 4:** What are some ways people have been merciful and forgiving toward you? How can you practice forgiving others?

**Week 5:** How can you resist the feelings of desiring to “cast the first stone” when you disapprove of someone’s behavior? How can you show respectful mercy?

**Week 6:** When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus? How do you forgive yourself?

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 10, marks the beginning of Lent. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of both our mortality and our sinfulness and need for penance. We invite you to join us at one of our many liturgies this day.

Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 6:30am  
Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 9:00am  
Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes ~ 12:15pm

Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 4:00pm

Bi-Lingual Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ~ 7:30pm

*Between services, a blessing and distribution of ashes will be given in the church for those who cannot attend one of the above liturgies from 10:30-11:30am, 2-3pm, & 5:30-6:30pm*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS AND THOSE PREPARING TO BE FULLY INITIATED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THESE FINAL DAYS OF THEIR PREPARATION:

#### ADULTS

Patrick Egloria  
Ryan Seto  
Lorie O’Brien

#### CHILDREN

Julio Flores-Carrasco  
Saul Jimenez  
Bryan Medrano  
Emily Romero  
Martin Romero  
Marco Vazques  
Roblero  
Molly Wolfe



### THREE PILLARS OF LENT

During Lent, we are called to use the three elements the Gospel recommends for spiritual growth: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

On Ash Wednesday of last year, Pope Francis gave a homily focused on a line from the prophet Joel: “Rend your hearts, not your garments.” The prophet, he said, “reminds us that conversion can’t be reduced to exterior forms or vague resolutions, but involves and transforms one’s entire existence, starting with the center of the person, the conscience.”

#### Prayer:

Prayer is where we turn down the volume of our own voice and the noise of the external world and open ourselves to the presence of God. This Lent, increase the quality, not just the quantity of prayer. Enhance time with God by “unplugging” from the TV, smartphone, iPod, computer, and the car radio.

If you are more comfortable with active or external prayer, try keeping a journal, reading the psalms aloud, or singing sacred music. Invite your body into prayer through walking meditation.

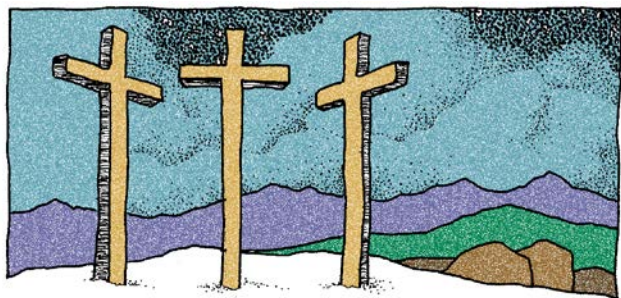
#### Fasting:

It is appealing to give up those actions and items that further us from our physical ideal. Giving up candy, alcohol, caffeine may enhance our physical health, but we need to ask: is our sacrifice enhancing our spiritual life? We want to answer yes. Perhaps, fasting on temptations that separate us from God such as anger, blame and entitlement will bring us to yes. Or feasting on forgiveness, affirmation and the common good is the answer this Lent.

#### Almsgiving:

Almsgiving is a powerful way of acknowledging our blessings. It is tempting to identify with what we don’t have and what our lives are missing. It is God who gives of all life, all gifts. That includes gifts that enable us to earn comfort, money, and security. We affirm this when we connect our almsgiving to our gratitude.

In the observance of Lent, we must never forget that following the rules and regulations is not an end to itself. As we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we must remember that our ultimate goal is deepening our relationship with Christ.



### LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 and older.

**Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Ash Wednesday is forty-six days before Easter, but Lent is considered forty days long because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent. Fasting is considered inappropriate on Sunday, the day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.

### Reconciliation Services

As we begin our annual Lenten retreat, we are signed with ashes on Ash Wednesday and hear the words “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” This is the time with the entire Church enters into the period of purification and enlightenment as we journey along with our elect and catechumens who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments.

**You are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare this Lent.**

**Communal Reconciliation Service, English**  
Thursday, March 10 @ 7:30 PM

**Communal Reconciliation Service, Spanish**  
Tuesday, March 8 @ 7:30 PM

**Last Opportunity for Individual Confession**  
Saturday, March 19 @ 3:30 PM





## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### MARCH 20 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday ~ 5:00pm  
 Sunday ~ English  
 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm  
 Spanish ~12:45pm

### MARCH 24 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30pm, Bilingual

### MARCH 25 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am  
 Stations of the Cross ~ 11:00am ~ *Garden*  
 Ecumenical Good Friday Service ~ 12:15pm ~ *Church*  
 Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 3:00pm ~ *Church*  
 Solemn Liturgy in Spanish ~ 6:30pm ~ *Church*  
 Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 7:30pm ~ *Parish Hall*

### MARCH 26 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am  
 Easter Vigil ~ 7:30pm ~ Bilingual

### MARCH 27 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*Masses in English*  
*Church:* 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am  
*Parish Hall:* 9:15am, 11:15am

*Mass in Spanish*  
*Church:* 12:45pm

**THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS  
 ON EASTER SUNDAY**




## FRIDAY LENTEN PRAYER OFFERINGS

**O**N Friday evenings we are providing a variety of Prayer Opportunities; some traditional, some with a more contemporary feel. We invite you to join us to experience God's invitation in a different manner each week.

\*\*The Knights of Columbus will host a simple Soup dinner on three Fridays in Lent in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and precede the Stations of the Cross on Feb 26, Mar 11 & Mar 18. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

### February 12 @ 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross on the Path of Ecological Conversion


Throughout his pontificate, Pope John Paul II consistently emphasized the gravity of the environmental crisis and the urgent need for the Church to respond to its moral and spiritual dimensions. This is also a clear concern of our current Holy Father, Pope Francis, as evident in his recent encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. Pope John Paul II once said that "the penitential season of Lent offers a profound lesson to respect the environment." It is in this spirit that we will present to you these Stations of the Cross.

 February 19 @ 7:30 PM  
**The Passion & Death of Our Lord**  
 Join us as we gather to remember the final moments in the mortal life of Jesus Christ as he hung on the cross. We will reflect on the last seven phrases that Jesus uttered on the cross and also turn to his mother Mary as we reflect on how she was affected by the painful experience of His crucifixion. Music will be provided by the Resurrection Choir.

### \*\*February 26 @ 7:30 PM Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis


Pope Francis has called the Church to become more merciful. We are invited to imitate Christ who, in his way of

the cross, offered mercy to the world. Even though we continued to live in selfishness and sin, he loved us with the tender heart of God. He revealed God's face to us: a Father of Mercy.

 March 4 @ 7:30 PM  
**The Scriptural Way of the Cross**  
 Since of the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, only eight have clear scriptural foundation, Pope John Paul II introduced a new form, the Scriptural Way of the Cross on Good Friday 1991. We will commemorate the passion and death of Christ biblically as our late Holy Father envisioned.

### \*\*March 11 @ 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross Against Violence

In the Passion, Jesus laid bare the way that God's children have used the death of the innocent to distance themselves from their own dependence on violence. By removing the scales from our eyes, Jesus has broken forever the power of violence in our lives. We will never again be able to convince ourselves that we can save ourselves by violence without some lingering concern for those who die. Without our blindness to the cost to the victim, violence doesn't offer the salvation it once did. Instead, we have no choice but to rely on the one thing that does save us, God's mercy.

 March 18 @ 4:00 PM  
**Stations of the Cross for Families**  
 A dramatic re-enactment of the 14 stations presented by the 4th and 5th grade Monday Faith Formation classes. We will walk with Jesus through the last moments of his life and reflect on his great love for us through prayer, reflection and song. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow.

\*\*@ 7:30 PM  
**Stations of the Cross**  
 Traditional Stations of the Cross led by a lay-president. Join us as we remember the Passion & Death of our Lord through a simple reflection on the Stations of the Cross.

## LENTEN BOOK STUDY

As Pope Francis invites us into action during this Year of Mercy, are you wondering how you can fit the works of Mercy into your busy schedule? So did Kerry Weber a young Mercy Associate and managing editor of America magazine with a full work and social schedule.

We will be following her Lenten Journey of practicing the seven Corporal Works of Mercy in a meaningful way. Can she do it? Can we? We're going to find out together.

This Lent we are offering two groups, an afternoon and evening group. You can jump back and forth as your schedules require. If you miss a week don't worry, we'll still be here, join us when you can.

The book: *Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber

The day: Tuesdays (5 weeks) starting February 9 followed by Feb. 16, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, Mar. 15

The times: Afternoon meetings 1:30 to 3:00pm  
Evening meetings 7:30 to 9:00 pm

The Place: Afternoons: Classroom A-1  
Evenings: Classroom A-3

**More details:** Books will be available in the parish office for \$15. You can also purchase it in digital format for your e-book reader. We do ask that you *sign-up for your time of preference*, but you can always show up at the other time. You can sign-up at the parish office or by emailing eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net.



## PARISH MISSION WITH FATHER MARK WIESNER

February 22 & 23  
10:00am-11:30am or  
7:00pm-8:30pm  
Church

What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy?

What does it mean to counsel the

doubtful? How do I bear wrongs patiently? Are there ways to forgive injuries outside of Confession? What place does the Sacrament of Reconciliation hold in my life? Fr. Mark Wiesner is the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Livermore was chosen by Bishop Barber, and commissioned by Pope Francis in Rome on Ash Wednesday to be a Missionary of Mercy throughout the country. Listen as he helps us come to a deeper understanding of God's mercy in our lives, and how we can live that mercy daily.

## A LENTEN DAY OF WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Saturday, February 27, 10am to 3:00 pm  
Registration required \$10 to cover lunch

JESUS spoke to us in parables, revealing the way through stories. We share the gift of storytelling, though we often aren't aware of it. Through our stories we can see God and know Jesus. We all have stories to tell. But we are often not comfortable expressing ourselves, especially with pen and paper. It may be the memory of late nights struggling to finish the high school essay or being shamed by a teacher in the third grade. Or maybe it's "just not your thing," you're not creative that way.

But writing as a spiritual practice is about appreciating that we are created in the image of God. One of the great and unique gifts God has given each of us is our voice. Yet, we often don't feel comfortable with it. We don't recognize the uniqueness of how God created us.

This day of writing is an opportunity to be present to God through the stories we carry within and to celebrate your relationship with God through pen and paper.

Together, as a community, we will write. What comes may be a funny story, a prayer, a poem, or touching story of love. Each piece is different. The form is not defined. It is inspired. A prompt, which is some form of inspiration such as a poem or item(s), will be given and then the group will be invited to write for a set period of time. Then within a safe and secure environment, we are invited to share our writing. This is an invitation. There is no pressure or expectation, it is only an invitation.

We will write three times with a break for lunch. Due to the sharing nature of the group, we are limited to 20 participants. If you are interested, you can register at the parish office. If you have any questions, you can contact Christa Fairfield, the facilitator of the retreat. She can be reached at 925-844-9005 or [christa.fairfield@stbonaventure.net](mailto:christa.fairfield@stbonaventure.net).

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■ **ST. AGNES CHURCH PRESENTS 'THE WAY OF THE CROSS'**

This is an unforgettable experience presented by the Salesian Mystery Players from Salesian High School. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Lenten journey. We strongly encourage all adults and teens to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on Friday, February 19 at 7pm at St. Agnes Church, 3966 Chestnut Ave. Concord. Admission is **free!** For more information, contact Marlene at 925-689-0838 or email: marlene.stagneparish@gmail.com.

■ **MISSIONARY DISCIPLES FORMATION PROGRAM: GOING FORTH IN JOY**

Saturday, February 20, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood

Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy for an inspiring Mercy and Mary Weekend Retreat, featuring bestselling author and speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The retreat includes:

- 3 Conferences with Fr. Gaitley
- Book signing with Fr. Gaitley
- Q & A with Fr. Gaitley
- Personal witness: Marian Missionaries
- Rosary, Chaplet, Benediction, community prayers
- And much more to help you experience the Year of Mercy!

Registration is required. Lunch is included with a general admission fee of \$49.

Mail-in registrations, for check payments only, will be accepted until February 14 while space is open. All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit <http://www.events.marianmissionaries.org/> for registration form. Send registration form to Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy, PO Box 1401, Stockbridge, MA 01262 ATTN: Mercy & Mary Retreat/CA

■ **VOCATION RETREAT FOR WOMEN**


Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women, ages 18-40, are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, March 4-6, Los Altos Hills, CA. For reservations and more information contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.**, 650/949-8890 or 213-210-9903, or email [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org); or go to [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/)

■ **RETRouvaille MARRIAGE HELP**

*February 26-28, Jeff & Donna Heusler, 510-276-4118, [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org)*

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with post-weekend sessions. The program, which emphasizes communication, provides the tools to help put marriages in order again. The program offers the opportunity for couples to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. The program has been highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. To register or obtain more information, visit [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org) or call Jeff & Donna Heusler at 510-276-4118.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR  
 MARLENE GONSALVES  
 February 6 - 12, 2016**



**Pray For**



GEORGE BROWN  
 RAMONCITO EVARISTO

**Mass Intentions For The Week**   
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

- 5:00 Patrick Smith & Brothers  
 Mary Vitale Peacock  
 Carlos Luis Brenes  
 Special Intentions to St. Joseph

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- 7:30 Eugene Sanchez  
 Lucille Walsh  
 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
 11:00 Yelba Sneij  
 Job Vibal  
 Mike Masiello  
 Lourdes Manuel  
 5:00 Marcela & Abelardo Mercado

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Elsa Finnen  
 Patricia A. Cannon

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 6:30 For engaged couples  
 9:00 Frank Billeci

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
 ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00 George Brown  
 7:30 Lil Fichtenkort  
 Pat Walsh

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 6:30 Emma Jean Panjada  
 9:00 St. Bonaventure Ministry Heads

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 For more priestly  
 and religious vocations

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 5:00 Laste Vargas  
 Mary Vitale Peacock  
 Frank Scerri  
 Charlie Buegeta

**■ QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: LUCAS 5: 1-11**

*En aquel tiempo, Jesús estaba a orillas del lago de Genesaret y la gente se agolpaba en torno suyo para oír la palabra de Dios. Jesús vio dos barcas que estaban junto a la orilla. Los pescadores habían desembarcado y estaban lavando las redes. Subió Jesús a una de las barcas, la de Simón, le pidió que la alejara un poco de la tierra, y sentado en la barca, enseñaba a la multitud.*

*Cuando acabó de hablar, dijo a Simón: “Lleva la barca mar adentro y echen sus redes para pescar”. Simón replicó: “Maestro, hemos trabajado toda la noche y no hemos pescado nada; pero, confiado en tu palabra, echaré las redes”. Así lo hizo y cogieron tal cantidad de pescados, que las redes se rompían. Entonces hicieron señas a sus compañeros, que estaban en la otra barca, para que vinieran a ayudarlos. Vinieron ellos y llenaron tanto las dos barcas que casi se hundían.*

*Al ver esto, Simón Pedro se arrojó a los pies de Jesús y le dijo: “¡Apártate de mí, Señor, porque soy un pecador!” Porque tanto él como sus compañeros estaban llenos de asombro al ver la pesca que habían conseguido. Lo mismo les pasaba a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que eran compañeros de Simón.*

*Entonces Jesús le dijo a Simón: “No temas desde ahora serás pescador de hombres”. Luego llevaron las barcas a tierra, y dejándolo todo, lo siguieron.*

Se enuncia el pensamiento eterno de Dios, según el cual el mal y el pecado no pueden desanimar. Dios quiere salvar a todo su pueblo elegido por él, y hoy en el Evangelio, Lucas nos muestra a Jesús dispuesto a realizar su misión, comenzando en enseñar a la gente y darles confianza a través de su palabra.

Esta salvación o liberación ya había sido anunciado por Isaías 800 años antes que naciera Jesús, en el cual se está cumpliendo hoy este nuevo éxodo para todo aquel pueblo esclavizado por el pecado y para hoy en nosotros que aún no estamos liberados.

En Isaías 6: 1-8 reconoce que sus labios son impuros y por lo tanto no puede

ser el mensajero del Señor, pero las limitaciones humanas no son insalvables para Dios, el mismo Dios lo purifica y el profeta desarrolla su misión. Ser profeta nunca es fácil, porque hay que decir la verdad, separarse del pecado y condenar la injusticia.

El profeta debe aclamar la santidad de Dios para poder hablar con propiedad. En efecto Dios busca a alguien para una misión que va a marcar una nueva etapa en la historia de la salvación en todas las etapas de la vida de este mundo para toda la raza humana. Según Pablo en I Corintios: 15, 1-11, recuerda a los Corintios, una comunidad muy pecadora, que aumenten su fe para su salvación. “Cristo murió por nuestros pecados”, Pablo nos recuerda lo que Jesús dijo en la última cena: “Esto es mi cuerpo entregado por ustedes” y “Este cáliz es el cáliz de la nueva Alianza sellada con mi sangre para el perdón de sus pecados”. El Hijo del Hombre ha venido a dar su vida para rescatarnos a todos. Pablo hace referencia a la muerte sacrificial de Cristo por nuestros pecados.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Lucas nos presenta que Jesús llama sus primeros discípulos que se encontraban en el lago de Genesaret, que significa “Lago del Jardín de la riqueza”. Estos discípulos, aunque dudosos, aceptan el llamado y unen su corazón con Cristo, para que sigan a Cristo y encuentren su salvación.

Hoy Jesús sigue llamando a hombres y mujeres para ser “Pescadores” de los perdidos y solitarios. Posiblemente hasta hoy hayamos pescado poco, pero con Cristo como guía y ayuda, descubriremos que nada es imposible. El Señor necesita como nunca que vayamos con nuestros anzuelos y redes a nuestros trabajos, hogares, amigos, prisiones, hospitales, a todas las áreas del mundo donde reinan las tinieblas. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza

**Horario de Oficina:**  
**Diácono Mariano Preza**  
**Teléfono ☎ (925) 844-9015**  
Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30p.m.  
Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Viernes: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**■ FORMACIÓN DE LÍDERES, MINISTROS Y PARROQUIANOS**

Se invita a los ministros, a los líderes y a la comunidad en general a la formación teológica impartida por el diácono Mariano Preza. Muchas personas de la comunidad han aprovechado esta formación antes, pero cada clase es una nueva experiencia al conocimiento, el programa está abierto a toda la comunidad y es gratis. Esta formación ayudará a conocer mejor y a ampliar nuestra visión de Dios. En este Año de la Misericordia, regalémonos la oportunidad de aprender, reconocer y vivir el amor de Dios.

Las clases son los lunes y empiezan el lunes, 25 de enero, 2016.

**Cuando:** Lunes

**Hora:** 7:00-9:00 PM

**Lugar:** Salón de clases B-1

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO**

“Soportar las pruebas con coraje no es ‘sodomismo’. Tribulaciones, entrega y paz. Son las tres palabras en las que el Papa Francisco meditó. El Santo Padre explicó que el cristiano no tiene una ‘actitud sodomista’ frente a las dificultades sino que se encomienda al Señor con confianza y esperanza.”

**■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA**

Durante este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, El Papa Francisco nos invita a compartir la ternura que hemos experimentado de Dios con las demás personas. En el Evangelio de hoy Lucas usa una palabra griega especial para transportarnos a tal ternura. En los otros Evangelios, Jesús llama a los discípulos para ser “pescadores”, haleis, la misma palabra que significa la captura de peces con anzuelos o redes, para ser asesinados y comidos. Pero Lucas usa la palabra zogron de zoe que significa “vida.” “Atrapar o recoger a personas vivas,” como los amantes de los animales los capturan sin hacerles daño, así Dios nos rescata de la vida “salvaje” a una vida mejor, protegiéndonos tiernamente.

En la visión de Lucas y el Papa Francisco ya que hemos sido “capturados vivos” por la misericordia de Dios nos tenemos que convertir en “misioneros de la misericordia.” Durante este Año Jubilar de Misericordia, rescatemos a los demás y rescatémonos a nosotros mismos del peligro del pecado y entremos a la comunidad de Jesús para poder disfrutar a plenitud de la vida.

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Miércoles  
de Ceniza

■ **FEBRERO 10: MIERCOLES DE CENIZA**  
**HORARIO**

6:30 AM Misa  
9:00 AM Misa  
12:15 PM Comunión y  
Distribución de Ceniza  
4:00 PM Liturgia de la Palabra y  
Distribución de Ceniza  
7:30 PM Misa Bilingüe

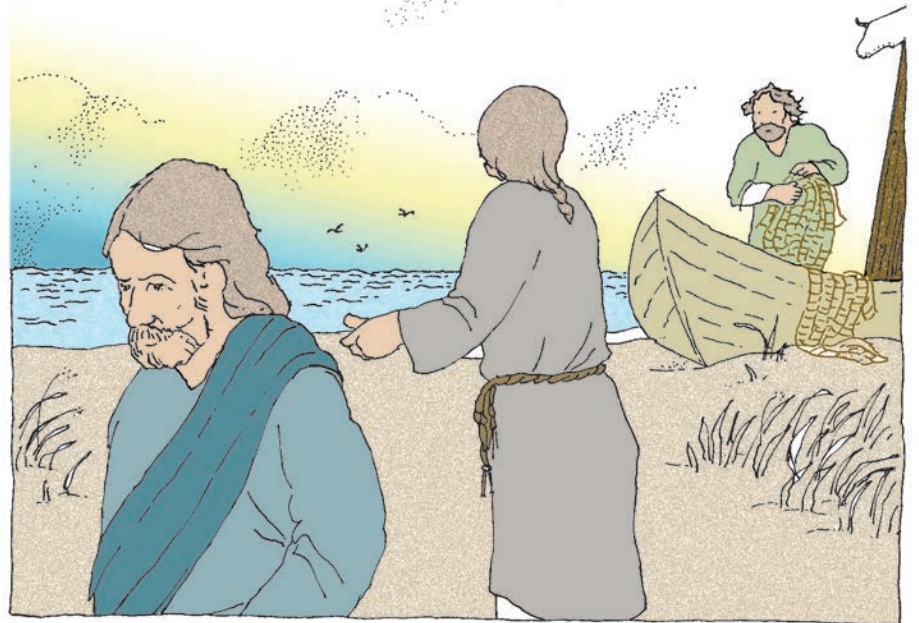
Para aquellos que no pueden venir a los servicios antes mencionados, pueden venir de 10:30-11:30am, 2-3pm, y de 5:30-6:30pm

■ **ES TIEMPO DE RECICLAR LAS PALMAS**

Es hora de reciclar las palmas utilizadas en la Semana Santa del año pasado. Se les invita a reunir sus palmas viejas y traerlas de vuelta a la parroquia para ser quemadas el martes anterior al Miércoles de Ceniza. Las cenizas obtenidas de quemarlas se utilizarán el Miércoles de Ceniza. Las palmas del año pasado pueden ser llevadas a la oficina durante la semana o colocadas en la canasta que hay en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia cuando vengan a Misa.



# Dejaron todo y lo siguieron



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**BAUTIZOS 2016**

LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1

ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, 826-5102

\*\*\*\*PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA\*\*\*\*

FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 02/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/12	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/04	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/19	2:00 p.m.	Fri 03/11	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/02	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/01	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/09	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/14	12:00 p.m.	Fri 05/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/21	2:00 p.m.	Fri 05/13	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 05/20	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/25	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/09	12:00 p.m.	Fri 07/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/16	12:00 p.m.	Fri 07/15 Chapel	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/05	7-9:30 p.m.