

I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. — *Philippians 3:8*



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March 13, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent | 13 de marzo de 2016 Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

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

■ **SCRAPING OFF THE RUST FROM OUR
 DISTRACTED SOULS**

Lent is not what it used to be, although many Catholics still think that it is. Fasting and abstinence have been reduced to a minimum. Crowds to Masses and devotions have trickled and ebbed. Few Christians renounce anything for the sake of the Kingdom. Still, Lent remains our great ascetical season.

The Desert

The desert is the place where we go to find our spiritual freedom, where there is nothing to distract us to pull us away from the primeval yearning of the heart to commune with God. That is where Jesus went. It does not have to be a physical place so much as a spiritual place, as Fr. John Conley, SJ describes it, where “we sharpen a will that has grown dull and rediscover the Christian liberty to adore and serve God as our supreme desire.”

The Evangelical Counsels

What are they? Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. More than vows taken by the religious of the Church, they are the virtues of any Christian who seeks to love God as a true disciple lucid about the world’s seductions, Fr. Conley writes.

Poverty

Poverty frees us from the material goods that attract us to buy and use them. Of course, we are more than our physical appetites. Trying to be more poor during Lent encourages us not to surrender automatically to our hungers. What is truly a necessary part of our routine? That may take some thinking because we are so conditioned.

Contemplation and Conversation

Can contemplation and conversation replace noise? Try a practice of less noise, less television, fewer iPhones in the ear, less radio while driving. The desert of Lent can challenge the encircling chatter and help us to recognize how deeply our daily slavery to it has drugged our spiritual senses to sleep, Fr. Conley writes.

Chastity

Try not to reduce anyone, whether spouse, girlfriend or someone walking along, to an object of imaginative fantasy. The same goes for pornography. Try the purification of our desire to use others as objects of carnal conquest, Fr. Conley suggests. Chastity is not just about our own integrity. It is also about the other person’s integrity. One Lenten practice is to embrace what is pure, simple and unadorned.

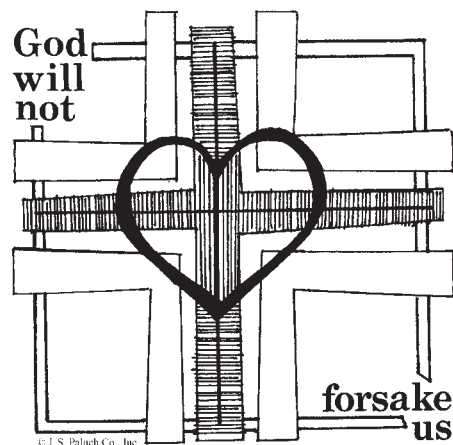
Obedience

Everything should exist in a rational and harmonious pattern. Part of doing God’s will is to bring human science, art and morality together. We are a whole person. All of creation is whole. Whatever we do that is wholesome is bringing about the will and the great plan of God. That is how God makes progress. We praise God when we are fully alive in body, mind and spirit. Obedience is not following just rules; it is listening for the Word from God before multiplying our own.

We find such poverty, chastity and obedience in Jesus. That is how he was wired from the very beginning. We are wired in exactly the same way, the Season of Lent reminds us. The death of Jesus encourages us to trust God, and discern the more inconvenient way that reveals a God who helps us to make the right choices and to arrive at our fulfillment.

There are still three weeks in Lent. It is never too late to begin Lent.

(From Fr. John Conley’s article, see Philosophers’ Notebook, “Lenten Freedom,” 2/2916 America)



PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER**

We want to invite everyone in our parish to register. You might think that you were automatically registered if:

- you were married here
- you or your children were baptized here
- your children attended Faith Formation here
- or if your children attended Bible Camp

One of the easiest ways to know if you are registered is if you get mailings from the parish like our Christmas or Easter letters.

So now you know you aren’t registered—or you’re thinking you might not be registered? So you ask yourself: why should you bother registering?

Here are the 10 top reasons to register as a parishioner at St. Bonaventure.

1. You get informative letters from Father Richard that are personalized and autographed. You will know things your neighbors do not. If the priest, bishop or even the Pope wants to get in touch with you ... they can!
2. Even though God may know you belong to our Church, our office staff may not. Make sure they know too. That way they know they are reaching *all* of us.
3. You will get the Catholic Voice. If your picture is in there and you aren’t registered, you will miss your 15 minutes of fame.
4. You will get stylish envelopes. You can be in the cool crowd that looks like they know what they are doing during the Offering.
5. You will get a tax letter for the IRS. God knows what you gave, but the tax man may not believe you and you can’t subpoena God as a witness.
6. You will never ever again miss a Holy Day of Obligation. You will get a Christmas and Easter schedule and avoid the embarrassment of coming to church to an empty parking lot or coming to Mass after the homily. (No, you really aren’t supposed to do that!)

- 7. In an emergency, the priests or office staff will know how to get in touch with you or your family when your friends call and leave a message.
- 8. You will always be in the know and won't miss your invitation to events, dinners and receptions. There is awesome food and they break out the *good* wine. Don't miss out!
- 9. You will get your raffle tickets. You can't win if you don't play! And no, Father Richard will not follow you around reaching for your wallet.
- 10. You will sleep better at night knowing you are counted as one of the flock in our registry.

How to Register:

Just go to www.stbonaventure.net, go to "About" at the top menu bar and click on "Parish Registration." You will find a form that you can fill out on your computer. Fill it out, save it, then email it to vteran@stbonaventure.net.

Or pick up a form in the church foyer or office, fill it out and return it to the office.

■ ELECTRONIC GIVING AT ST. BONAVENTURE



St. Bonaventure has changed the service provider for our Electronic Giving

Program. The decision for this change was made after review and discussion by the Parish Finance Council. With 'Faith Direct' will come many options in giving that parishioners have asked for, including 2nd Collection giving. The service is also less expense for the parish with lower fees and improved services. *Faith Direct* has worked with hundreds of Catholic parishes throughout the United States for over ten-years, and with many in Northern California. It provides the critical third party security needed to keep your information secure.

To those of you who have been participating in this type of giving for several years, thank you. You can make the change-over by going to the "Giving Outreach" tab on our parish web site www.stbonaventure.net. *Our parish code*

is CA725. If you do not make this change, your electronic giving will end in the near future. Because your information is secure, the parish staff cannot transfer your giving to Faith Direct. We can *only terminate* the giving with the current service. Please take a few minutes and sign up with the new system.

If you are new to Electronic Giving, this is a great time to sign up. Electronic Giving gives you a convenient and consistent way to support our parish community, even when you are away from Mass. This is a solution to a situation many families face on their way to Mass, when they ask "Where did I put my envelopes?" It's green—no paper. No writing checks or using envelopes. There is no charge to parishioners for enrolling. To enroll, go to the "Giving Outreach" tab on our parish web site www.stbonaventure.net. *Our parish code is CA725.* You can elect to have your specified bank or credit card account debited on either the 4th or 15th of the month for both Sunday giving and any second collections you support. You can change it at any time. You're in control.

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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 ☎ 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of March 5 & 6 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$ 26,761
Over: \$ 1,321

Loan Interest: \$2,116
Food for the Family: 717

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

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■ YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CALL TO WELCOME REFUGEE FAMILIES

Our parish has had a 'Family to Family Ministry' for many years. You may remember our first leader, Mike Farnham, getting up and introducing the new ministry to us. It is a team of parishioners who work in partnership with Catholic Charities to walk with a local family from instability to stability. There are eighteen other parishes in our diocese who offer this ministry.

We are friends, coaches, cheerleaders, and family to our families. We face the barriers to success with them. We don't remove them; we help them find resources and solutions to overcome the challenges they are facing. That can mean we introduce them to professionals like lawyers, connect them with services like mechanics or job development specialists, invite them for a barbecue, and assist them in getting to an appointment. The list is endless but our energies are not. We spend about a year to a year-and-a-half with each family we support. For some families it's shorter, for some a bit longer.

This ministry is expanding. If you have been listening to Pope Francis or Bishop Barber, you may have heard the call to parishes to sponsor a refugee family. The Family to Family Ministry is an ideal model to answer this call. Our Parish is ready to answer the call. We will continue to adopt and support a local family, but we will also be sponsoring and supporting a refugee family.

Our support for the refugee families will be a little different. Refugees by their very situation arrive in a different position from local families. Refugees arrive at the airport with a suitcase per person and need to build a life here. We have the opportunity to welcome them when their flight arrives and to help them furnish and build this new life.

With the increased opportunity to minister, we need to increase our Ministry Team. We have a strong core group, but need more volunteers.

We invite you to come learn more about what volunteering for this ministry means. We have two information meetings where you can learn more.

**Monday, March 14, 10:00 to 11:00 am
 OR 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

We will meet in Classroom A2. We would love to know you are coming. To reply, email Irene Alonzo-Perez at ialonzo-perez@msn.com.

■ SVDP EARNS \$500 RICE BOWL GRANT

The St Bonaventure Conference of St Vincent DePaul (SVdP) was one of several conferences in the diocese to be awarded a \$500 food grant from the proceeds of last year's Rice Bowl collection. Our application for the grant, written by Sheila Driscoll, was favorably reviewed and, on its merits and the merits of our work in support of the locally poor and underserved, we were awarded the money. It is the second year running that our SVdP Conference has benefited from the Rice Bowl collection. Sheila Driscoll and Ron Costanzo were present at Christ the Light Cathedral in January to personally receive the check from Bishop Barber. Fully 20% of the Rice Bowl collection this year will again be re-distributed to the diocesan parishes, so in addition to support of our neighbors, the parish often benefits from this fund drive in other ways.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 IMELDA JOVEL
 March 12 - 18, 2016**



Pray For

Juana Cuenco
 Earthquake Victims in Indonesia

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

Well, Easter is almost here and we want to see if we can improve on the parking procedures. So here are some important facts that will aid the Parking Enforcement Officers to get you parked quickly, keep all of us safe, whether on foot or in a car, and keep traffic flowing on Clayton Road, and through the parking lot

1. Enter the Church parking lot on Clayton Road. The back gate is for exiting only, so do not attempt to enter through the back gate or you will be turned away and slow the parking process down.
2. The parking plan is to fill from the back lot to the front. This allows us a clear line of sight to insure we know where all the empty spaces are, so that we can keep traffic moving, get you to a parking spot more quickly, improve safety, and clear Clayton Road as quickly as possible.
3. Please follow the instructions of the officers. Believe me, it will save time and get you parked the fastest. The officers will maintain control of the traffic flow. So look for their direction – they know where the parking is.
4. Please do not run over a traffic control device. They may not damage your bumper, but will damage your undercarriage and damage the sensors under the newer cars. On the lower cars, they get caught and begin to burn/melt against the exhaust, and they smell. Many times you will need to jack up the car to get them out.
5. The officers will keep extra places for handicapped drivers open near the Church. If you do not have handicap plates, please have the plaque visible, so the officer can direct you.
6. If you need to just drop someone off, let the officer know and, after dropping off, get back into the flow of cars to get parked. The officers will be looking for those who try to abuse this service.
7. Parking at the Rectory parking lot will be for musicians and choir only.
8. Please lower the window and turn down the radio, so you can hear the instructions from the officers.

LITURGY & PRAYER

■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy’s theme, took place the last time today’s Gospel about Jesus’ encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. “Jesus’ attitude is striking,” Francis declared. “We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: ‘Neither do I condemn you’ ” (John 8:11). Francis continued: “God’s face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God’s patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God’s] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us” if we return ‘with a contrite heart’ ” (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus’ raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those “raised” from the “death” of sin,

Jesus defines the community’s “mission of mercy” — “Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).

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■ LENT 2016: A QUESTION OF MERCY

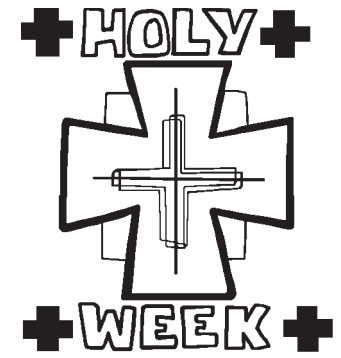
In keeping with our yearlong theme, Opening the Doors to Mercy, which focuses on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, our “subtheme” for Lent is “A Question of Mercy.” Each week we will ponder different aspects of mercy in our lives, such as how we receive God’s mercy, how we show mercy to others, etc., through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

Week 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?

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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

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

You can honor a loved one, either living or deceased, with a gift to our Easter Flower Fund. Envelopes can be found at the exits of the church, or you may fill out the information below, cut it out, then send it or bring it to the office. What a wonderful way to remember someone special!

Name

Address

Phone

Amount:

Designation (*please list*):

Gift:

In Honor of

In Memory of:

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■ **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 and Death of our Lord through a simple reflection on the Stations of the Cross

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple soup dinner in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

■ **FULL PALM BRANCHES NEEDED**

Our Art & Environment group needs good quality full palm branches for use in our Palm Sunday procession and environment. If you are willing to donate a branch or more, please contact Anthony Artega at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office to make arrangements.

■ **EASTER DECORATING HELP NEEDED**

Our Art & Environment group needs extra helpers to prepare and decorate the church for Easter. Both women and men are welcome as some strong people are needed to help lift heavy and/or bulky items. Decorating for Easter will take place the morning of Saturday, March 26. If you are able to help, please contact Anthony Artega at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.

JR HIGH AND YOUTH MINISTRY
(9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE)

■ **WHAT DID YOU DO LAST WEEKEND?**
Come and Experience Venture Crew 444's Open House

Tuesday, March 15 — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.,
 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 5562
 Clayton Rd, Concord – Room B5

“Venturing” is a coed program for youths age 13 who have completed the 8th grade, or ages 14 to 21. For more information, contact crew444@astound.net

■ **PLAN YOUR SUMMER FOR A FOOT-STOMPING GOOD TIME AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S BARNYARD ROUNDUP: JULY 18-22**

Gather ‘Round cuz we are gonna have our very own Barn-Raising right here at St. Bonaventure! Yep, that’s right – think of farm animals, green pastures, farm-fresh snacks, foot-stomping music and blue ribbon crafts! We are gonna have a bale of fun as we hear Gospel stories of how Jesus is our Good Shepherd who gathers us together and cares for His flock!

Now is the time to plan activities for those sunny days of summer. We offer a pre-school program for 3 and 4 year olds which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6th grade program meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6th Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really “moo”-ving camp activities.

We will begin registration on Saturday, May 7 at 9AM – 1PM in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$65 for pre-schoolers and \$80 for elementary-aged students.

Adults, we need you to be our Farm Leaders. All you need is a desire to have a wheel-barrel full of fun with kids! Contact Rosann Halick, ☎ 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or rhalick@stbonaventure.net for more information.

Teens – 7th grade through high school - don’t be left out in the pastures – we need you to be our Farm hands. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact

Miranda Ripoli, 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or mripoli@stbonaventure.net.

So gather your overalls, farm hat and boots, and get ready for a “farm-tastic” experience in the farmlands of America at Barnyard RoundUp Bible Camp!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **BOOK STUDY**

The Four Things That Matter Most: A Book About Living by Ira Byock, M.D.

Eleven words can enrich and heal relationships. They are: Please forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you. Such simple words, but often hard to remember or share. As we study the book together, we will see the value of saying these Four Things regularly. Your heart will be touched with the real stories about real people Dr. Byock has gathered in the ten years since his book was first published. Join us April 19, 26, May 3 & 10 from 1:30-3:00pm in A1. Books are available in the office for \$22. Please sign up in the office or by contacting Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217)

■ **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.

■ **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Jesus has such compassion on the woman in the Gospel reading today as he forgives her and gives her mercy and grace instead of judgment and condemnation. We are in turn called to extend that same love and compassion to others, especially in our marriage relationship. Sign up today to attend our Worldwide Marriage

Encounter Weekend on 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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S DINNER IN OAKLAND

Thank you, thank you to all who made the St. Mary's Dinner in Oakland a success on February 21. We are so grateful for our cooks: Karen and Gary and all other workers: Carol and Jim Riley, Carol and Pete Chrobak, Claudia, Jorge, Neco Tejada, Charlotte Picallo, Linda Mercader, Jonel Sangalang, Gloria Leigh, Gladys de Guzman, Denise Kruft and Helga and the cake bakers. Thank you, too, for those parishioners who donated silverware and fabulous bingo prizes! They were so appreciated. Please watch for our bulletin announcement for our next dinner.

■ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, April 9 in the Large Hall from 10 AM to 4 PM

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. So that the process will be efficient and effective we are asking that you schedule an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled for every 15 minutes by calling 1-800-Red Cross (☎ 800-733-2767), by logging on the redcrossblood.org website and entering Sponsor Code: St. Bonaventure, by signing up after Mass on March 19/20, March 26/27 or April 2/3, or by calling Denis Thomson at 925-673-0720. Every day in the U.S. roughly 44,000 pints of blood are needed. That means nearly every two seconds someone needs blood. Every donation may help save up to three lives. Won't you be part of this life-saving journey?

■ HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2016 — ADDING EVENING CRAFTING

Each Wednesday, 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 from 6-9 PM in Room A1 for a few hours of fun and fellowship. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ TRANSFORMED PEOPLE, TRANSFORMED CHURCH, TRANSFORMED WORLD

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm,
Christ the King Parish, 199 Brandon Rd.,
Pleasant Hill, Meg Bowerman 510-684-
7139 megbowerman@gmail.com, *Ctlph.org*

Hear nationally known speaker Jack Jezreel as he discusses the Gospel call to compassion and how churches can become more effective tools of personal and social transformation in his presentation titled "Transformed People, Transformed Church, Transformed World: The Gospel Call to an Abundant Life and an Abundant Love." Free will donation accepted. No one will be turned away. Please register for this event by contacting Meg Bowerman (see above). **Download the flyer** for additional information.

Jack Jezreel is the founder of JustFaith Ministries, holds a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame, and has received numerous awards for his innovative work and teaching style. Recognizing that the call to compassion links spirituality/faith with action/vocation, Jack will invite attendees to consider some opportunities to explore the Gospel call to love widely and will introduce some programs that can change the life of the church and the world.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 Richard Ang
Jose Bilan
Ramon Bilan
Maria Bilan

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 Gayle O'Shea
James Edward Carey
George Diestel
Mike Geraghty
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
11:00 Marta Sarabia Finnen
Eugene Conroy
7-year-old Mayah Pischiotto
5:00 Patricia Cannon
Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, MARCH 14

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Matilde Sullivan
Gene Conroy
Anita Fitzgibbons

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 People suffering from
mental illness
9:00 Sandra Widjaja
Rita Apolo
Carlos Arturo Rojas
Gene Conroy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 St. Bonaventure Pastoral Staff
9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 Helen Vaughan
9:00 Luz de Guzman
Mary McEntegart
Ben & Ramon Marquez
Emmett Griffin

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 St. Bonaventure
Office volunteers

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

■ JUAN 8: 1-11

Quiero comenzar la reflexión de la Palabra de Dios, que acabamos de escuchar, formulando una pregunta muy simple y exigente al mismo tiempo. ¿Quién de nosotros puede afirmar que nunca ha juzgado, criticado y condenado la conducta del prójimo? Si alguien pudiera levantarse y decir: “Yo nunca he hablado mal de nadie”, estaríamos en presencia de un santo, porque el que no peca con la lengua es perfecto, nos dice el apóstol Santiago.

Hoy vamos a meditar sobre una de las páginas más bellas del Evangelio. En ella encontraremos la enorme desproporción que existe entre la misericordia infinita de Dios y la dureza intransigente del hombre frente al pecador. Nuestro orgullo nos impide ver nuestros errores y admitir nuestras fallas. Pero al mismo tiempo que encontramos razones para justificar nuestra conducta, somos terriblemente implacables con nuestro prójimo. Vemos siempre la paja en el ojo ajeno y no la viga en el nuestro. ¿Por qué seremos así?

Los escribas y fariseos le trajeron a Jesús a una mujer sorprendida en adulterio. Aquellos hombres, aparentemente muy celosos de la ley de Moisés, quisieron poner a Cristo como juez. Según la ley de Moisés, esa mujer debía morir apedreada. De acuerdo a la misericordia de Dios, debía ser perdonada. Pero la perversa intención de los escribas y fariseos era poder acusar y condenar a Cristo, cualquiera fuera la respuesta que diera. Si perdonaba a la mujer, estaba quebrantando la ley; si la condenaba, no demostraba la compasión que predicaba. Cristo evitaba confrontarlos, pero como insistían, Jesús pronunció aquella frase que solamente la sabiduría de Dios pudo inspirar: “El que no tenga pecado que lance la primera piedra.” Al oír esta inesperada respuesta, uno a uno se fue retirando. Hermanos recordemos que la misericordia con el pecador no es la aceptación del pecado. Jesús despidió a la mujer con estas palabras: “Yo tampoco te condeno. Vete y no vuelvas a pecar.” Sin duda, aquellas pocas palabras y sobre todo, la actitud de Cristo, fueron más eficaces que el más elocuente de todos los sermones.

Qué felices seríamos y de que tranquilidad de conciencia gozaríamos si a partir de hoy comenzáramos a imitar a Cristo en este aspecto. Si cada uno de nosotros dijéramos: no volveré jamás a condenar a nadie, no hablare mal de otro, no arrojaré piedras contra mi hermano. Hoy tomo la decisión de comprender, perdonar, amar y tender mi mano para ayudar al que lo necesita.

Hermanos, que hoy salgamos de esta celebración litúrgica decididos a terminar con nuestro fariseísmo y dispuesto a imitar a Cristo. Si el cristiano debe ser fiel imitador de Cristo, no es en la realización de milagros donde debemos copiar al Maestro, sino en el ejercicio de la caridad, el perdón y la compasión. Imitar la Misericordia de Cristo. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

■ NO OLVIDE REGISTRARSE

Queremos invitar a todos en nuestra Parroquia a registrarse. Se podría pensar que automáticamente se registraron si:

- Si se casó aquí
- Si usted o sus hijos fueron bautizados aquí
- Si sus hijos asistieron a formación en la Fe aquí
- O si sus hijos asistieron al campamento de Biblia

Una de las maneras más fáciles para saber si están registrado es si recibe correos de la Parroquia como nuestras cartas de Navidad o Semana Santa.

■ DONACIONES ELECTRONICAS



San Buenaventura ha cambiado el proveedor de servicios para nuestro programa de donaciones electrónicas. Se tomó la decisión de este cambio después de la revisión y discusión con el Consejo de Finanzas de la Parroquia. Con Faith Direct vendrán muchas opciones que los feligreses pidieron incluyendo segundas colectas. El servicio es también menos costoso para la parroquia y provee mayores servicios. Faith Direct ha trabajado con cientos de Parroquias

Católicas a lo largo de los Estados Unidos por más de diez años. Muchas de ellas en el Norte de California. Faith Direct proporciona la protección necesaria para mantener su información segura.

Para aquellos de ustedes que han participado en este tipo de donaciones durante varios años, gracias. Ustedes estarán recibiendo una carta por correo que lo guiará hacia www.faithdirect.net donde pueden inscribirse con seguridad en línea con nuestro nuevo proveedor. El **código de nuestra parroquia es CA725**. Si no realiza este cambio, sus donaciones electrónicas van a terminar en un futuro cercano. Ya que su información es segura y confidencial, el equipo parroquial no puede transferir sus donaciones a Faith Direct. Sólo puede terminar las donaciones con el servicio actual. Por favor tome unos minutos y regístrese con el nuevo sistema.

Si usted es nuevo con el sistema de donaciones electrónicas, este es un buen momento para inscribirse. Las donaciones electrónicas le ofrecen una manera conveniente y consistente para apoyar nuestra comunidad parroquial, incluso cuando no puede venir a Misa. Es la solución a una situación que enfrentan muchas familias en Misa, cuando preguntan “¿dónde coloco mis sobres?” Es ola verde--no papel. No tiene que escribir cheques o usar sobres. La registración es gratuita. Para inscribirse, visite **faithdirect.net** e inscribese con seguridad y en línea. **El código de nuestra parroquia es CA725**. Usted puede elegir que le descuenta de su cuenta bancaria o su tarjeta de crédito especificando su donación y el día que desea que se descuenta de su cuenta ya sea el 4º o el 15 del mes para ambas donaciones (tanto para las donaciones del Domingo como para las segundas colectas). Usted puede cambiar en cualquier momento. Usted tiene el control.

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

■ SU RESPUESTA AL LLAMADO A DAR LA BIENVENIDA A FAMILIAS REFUGIADAS

Nuestra parroquia tiene un Ministerio llamado de Familia a Familia que viene trabajando desde hace muchos años. Quizás usted pueda recordar nuestro primer líder Mike Farnham cuando introdujo este nuevo Ministerio. Este Ministerio está conformado por un grupo de feligreses que trabajan en colaboración con Caridades Católicas para caminar con una familia local de la inestabilidad a la estabilidad. Hay otras dieciocho parroquias de nuestra diócesis que ofrecen este Ministerio.

Somos amigos, entrenadores, animadores y familia de nuestras familias. Enfrentamos con éxito los obstáculos con ellos. No los eliminamos, les ayudamos a encontrar recursos y soluciones para superar los retos que enfrentan. Eso puede significar introducir a profesionales como abogados, conectar con servicios como especialistas en desarrollo mecánico o trabajo, les invitamos a una barbacoa y les ayudamos a concretar una cita. La lista de lo que se hace es interminable pero no lo es la energía. Pasamos cerca de un año a un año y medio con cada familia que apoyamos. Con algunas familias el tiempo es más corto y algunos un poco más largo.

Este Ministerio se está expandiendo. Si usted ha escuchado al Papa Francisco o al Obispo Barber, debe haber oído que están invitando a las parroquias a que patrocinen a una familia de refugiados. El Ministerio de Familia a Familia es un modelo ideal para responder a este llamado. Nuestra parroquia está lista para responder. Vamos a seguir adoptando y manteniendo una familia local pero también podemos patrocinar y apoyar a una familia de refugiados.

Los refugiados por su situación están en una posición diferente a las familias locales, por lo cual nuestro soporte también será diferente. Los refugiados llegan al aeropuerto con una maleta por persona y necesitan construir una vida aquí. Tenemos la oportunidad de darles la bienvenida cuando llegue su vuelo y ayudarles a construir su nueva vida aquí.

El incremento de oportunidades hace necesario aumentar también nuestro Equipo de trabajo. Tenemos un núcleo fuerte pero se necesitan más voluntarios. Los invitamos a aprender más sobre lo que el voluntariado de este Ministerio significa. Tenemos dos reuniones informativas donde pueden aprender más.

Fecha de las reuniones y horas: Lunes, 14 de marzo, 10:00 a 11:00 am, 7:00 a 8:00 pm

Nos reuniremos en el salón A-2. Nos encantaría saber que puede asistir. RSVP, correo electrónico a Irene Alonzo-Pérez a ialonzo-perez@msn.com.



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■ SEMANA SANTA 2016

20 de Marzo: DOMINGO DE RAMOS, 12:45 pm Misa

24 de Marzo: JUEVES SANTO, Bilingüe
Institución de la Eucaristía y lavado de los pies, 7:30 pm Bilingüe

25 de Marzo: VIERNES SANTO
Servicio Litúrgico y Procesión del Santo Entierro, 6:30 PM.

26 de Marzo: SABADO SANTO, Bilingüe
Misa de Resurrección, Bendición del agua y el fuego, 7:30 PM Bilingüe

27 de Marzo: DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION, 12:45 pm Misa

Todos nuestros servicios de Semana Santa son en la Iglesia.

■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA

Cómo en el primer Domingo del Ángelus del Papa Francisco, quien ha hecho la Misericordia el tema de su papado, fue proclamado el Evangelio de hoy, el encuentro de Jesús con la mujer adúltera. “La actitud de Jesús es sorprendente”, declara el Papa Francisco. No escuchamos palabras de desdén o la condenación,

sólo palabras de amor, de misericordia, una invitación a la conversión: ‘Ni yo te condeno’ (Juan 8:11). El Papa Francisco continuo: “el rostro de Dios es el rostro de un Padre misericordioso que es siempre paciente. ¿Ha pensado en la paciencia de Dios, la paciencia [que Dios] tiene con cada uno de nosotros? Es la misericordia de Dios. [Dios] siempre tiene paciencia, paciencia con nosotros... nos entiende... nos espera... no se cansa de perdonarnos ‘si volvemos ‘ con un corazón contrito’” (Papa Francisco, Dirección de Ángelus, 17 de marzo de 2013). Durante la Preparación de los catecúmenos las parroquias pueden proclamar la resurrección de Lázaro, refiriéndose a Lázaro y todos los “levantados” de la “muerte” del pecado. Jesús define “la misión de la misericordia” es la comunidad,--”Lo deshace y lo dejó ir” (Juan 11:44).

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■ CUARESMA 2016: UNA CUESTIÓN DE MISERICORDIA

Manteniendo nuestro tema del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, **Abriendo las puertas a la Misericordia**, nuestro “subtema” para esta Cuaresma es “Una cuestión de Misericordia.” Cada semana vamos a reflexionar sobre diferentes aspectos de la misericordia en nuestras vidas, tales como: ¿Cómo recibimos la misericordia de Dios? ¿Cómo mostramos misericordia a otros?, etc., a través de nuestras homilías de fin de semana, artículos del boletín y medios de comunicación social.

Semana 5: ¿Cómo puede usted resistirse a los sentimientos de desear “que tire la primera piedra” cuando usted desapueba la conducta de una persona? ¿Cómo puede mostrar misericordia respetuosa?

Semana 6: ¿Cuándo ha sentido que traicionó la confianza de los otros, como Pedro cuando negó a Jesús? ¿Cómo puede perdonarse a usted mismo?