



St. Bonaventure Catholic Church *Iglesia Católica de San Buenaventura*

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March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | 20 de marzo de 2016 Domingo de Ramos "De la Pasión del Señor"

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

■ **HOLY WEEK WHEN GOD EXCEEDS
 OUR EXPECTATIONS**

Today Holy Week begins. As Jesus left his Last Supper with his disciples, together they prayed Psalm 136, the great Litany of Thanksgiving that expresses the Presence of God, who had accomplished marvelous deeds on behalf of the Jewish people. After each expression of thanksgiving, everyone repeated the words: "His love is everlasting."

Jesus and his disciples left the upper room, walking in a quiet procession praying the Psalm. This will become the theme for everything that happens after. This is the prayer that will stay in Jesus' heart and mind as he goes into the Garden of Agony, to the house of Ananias, to the judgement courtyard of Pilate, the Way of the Cross, and to his death. It is a prayer and a refrain of confidence. Knowing that God's love is there and waiting for him is going to be the source of his confidence and strength.

I would suggest that this Psalm becomes the prayer of Holy Week for all of you: to recognize what God has done for you throughout your life, what God has done for you this Lent, and what God has said to you about the rest of your life.

Many Catholics will have spent these last few weeks as if Lent never happened, so involved in the details of living, spiritually unconscious of this springtime moment for connecting with our deeper spiritual selves. Today, we are at the end or at the climax, this week remembering the end of one person's life who relied on the everlasting and unforgettable mercy of God. The Cross took him down and God's everlasting love brought him through to a new life.

All too often in our world today we see the "Cross" and suffering taking down too many people today. During this Holy Week, I invite you to begin to pray the official prayers of the Church in a different way. As an example, today's prayer acknowledges that Jesus has submitted

to the cross. I think of the refugees from around the world where sectarian and religious fighting is driving people from their homes and countries. What lesson do we learn from their patient suffering? God forbid that we would have to suffer the same! We have no idea of the suffering of humanity, even worse than being nailed to a cross. You could read "The Global Peril" in last week's America magazine, the national Jesuit weekly giving an overview of religious freedom in the world today. (2/29/16 America)

I believe that it is more important to see and pray for Jesus suffering today than to imagine his suffering in the past. The imagining does not save us from the present tragedies. What can we do about Jesus suffering in the present? A thoughtful prayer? A helping hand? A donation to a refugee cause? Adopting a refugee family? Seeing the cross in the instruments of torture? In the washed up bodies, new scraped feet of those seeking asylum?

Imagine these real-life pictures as you wash the feet of your parishioner brothers and sisters this Holy Thursday, or as you touch the Cross on Good Friday, or as you renew the promises of your Baptism on this Easter Sunday. Holy Week invites us not only to remember what and how Jesus redeemed the world, but to remember that He is still doing it, as St. Paul wrote (1Cor: 11:26) that we are proclaiming his death and resurrection until he comes again.

Holy Week reminds us that we cannot hold God to our expectations. We are not liberated at the wish and snap of our fingers. That is what the crowd hoped for on Palm Sunday as Jesus rode the donkey of the Messiah. He should have ridden a Roman army horse, the sign of power and authority. Jesus does not come to liberate us from oppression, but to take up a cross. Because we cannot see past our needs, we often get angry with God. We think that we oppress God or get mad at the Church, either as an institution or as a group of people. As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God's wisdom not only to meet, but to shatter and exceed our expectations.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **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. **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.

LITURGY & PRAYER

■ **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
 Palm Sunday of the Passion
 of the Lord**



Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. But Francis had already declared that Jesus “has shown the face of God’s mercy”

back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke’s account of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem: “Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul.” Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. “A beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus” (Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013). May this Jubilee Year’s Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus’ own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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

■ **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 Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 42:1-7; PS 27:1-3, 13-14; JN 12:1-11

TUESDAY: IS 49:1-6; PS 71:1-6, 15, 17; JN 13:21-33, 36-38

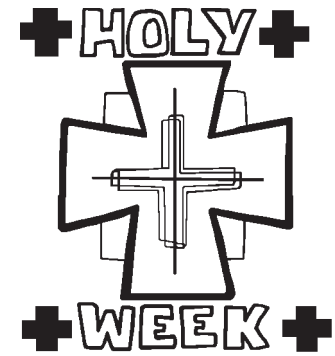
WEDNESDAY: IS 50:4-9A; PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; MT 26:14-25

THURSDAY:
 CHRISM MASS: IS 61:1-3AB, 6A, 8B-9; PS 89:21-22, 25, 27; RV 1:5-8; LK 4:16-21
 LORD’S SUPPER: EX 12:1-8, 11-14; PS 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15

FRIDAY: IS 52:13 — 53:12; PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1 — 19:42

SATURDAY: A) GN 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31A]; PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; OR PS 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;) GN 22:1-18 [1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18]; PS 16: 5, 8-11; C) EX 14:15 — 15:1; EX 15:1-6, 17-18;) IS 5 4:5-14; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; E) IS 55:1-11; IS 12:2-6;) BAR 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; PS 19:8-11; G) EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28; PS 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 OR IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 OR PS 51:12-15, 18-19; H) ROM 6:3-11; I) PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; LK 24:1-12

SUNDAY: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9 OR LK 24:1-12 OR (AT AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING MASS) LK 24:13-35



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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 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.

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 _____

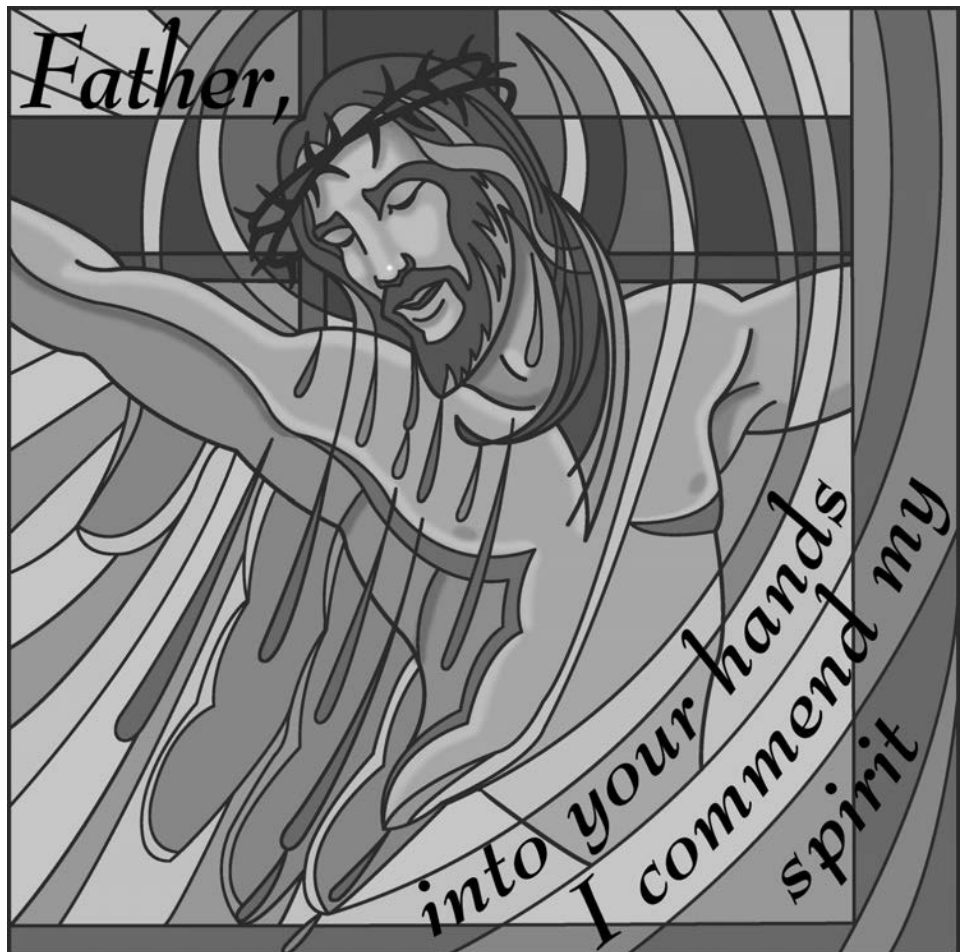
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_____ Designation (please list): _____

_____ Gift: _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Memory of: _____



■ SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Have you ever wanted to belong to a small group of parish friends who meet regularly, but don't know how to get started? Are you interested in meeting new people in the parish, find ways to get more involved or just want to set aside time to pray? Do you just want more information about it? We are scheduling some information gatherings after Easter and want to know when people are available. Go online to <http://www.stbonaventure.net/news> and take the survey to provide us with feedback and continue to watch the bulletin for more information. Or contact Eileen, elimberg@stbonaventure.net and I'll add you to a list of those interested.

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

■ 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!



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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ EXPLORING CATHOLICS

Mercy Me! Questions for the Church in the Year of Mercy

There is a lot of talk about Mercy this year, but how does it apply to my everyday life? How do I continue practicing Mercy after the year is over? What are some of the issues that may be keeping me away from church? What does the church say about things like sin, remarriage, or being LGBT? Join us for a new series **starting April 5** on Tuesday nights (7:00-9:00pm). Come to all the sessions or just those that appeal to you. The first will be: "I'm Still Mad at the Church Years Later". How do we forgive the church for failing us, or turning away in our time of need? Fr. Richard Mangini will be leading the discussion.

■ 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

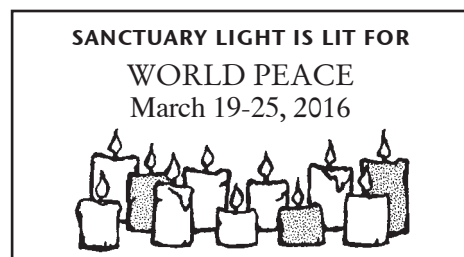
and discern your future life together. The cost is \$125/couple. Contact Matthew & Stacey Remington (☎ 672-4006) for more information or to register for the weekend.

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are we also like Peter and deny Christ over and over? Christ calls us to be all we can in our Marriage Sacrament. 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.

■ 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 ☎ 925 565-4636 with questions.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ 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?

■ 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.

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ **GARDENING WORKSHOPS AT SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER**
Saturdays, March – August

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville
 Kateri Kautai ☎ 925-837-9141, ext. 315
 kkaterik@sandamiano.org
 SanDamiano.org

San Damiano Retreat Center will have a 12-session introduction to Permaculture. The workshops will explore regenerative methods of living and sustainable agriculture. The curriculum is designed to supply attendees with a foundation

in permaculture principles: Earth Care, People Care, and Fair Share. Each session will cover a different topic:

March 19: Rainwater Harvesting

April 2: The Patterns of Nature

April 16: Plant Propagation

May 7: All About Vegetables

May 21: Carbon Sinking/Soil Building

June 4: Plant and Animal Guilds

June 18: Hugelculture

July 2: Aquaculture

July 16: Seed Saving

August 6: Irrigation Techniques

August 20: Restoration Practices

The cost of each session is \$20. For more information about the course and registration, visit SanDamiano.org.

Mass Intentions 
For The Week
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SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30 Francesca Gracia

Alvaro G. Junaedi

Peggy Sullivan

Jerry Boyd

9:00 Luz de Guzman

Joey Mangini

Jack C. Simpson

Joseph Bruno

11:00 Erin & J.D. Davies

Angie Monson

Paz Lloren

Conroy Family

5:00 Earthquake victims
 in Indonesia

MONDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Communion Service

9:00 Lura Belcher

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 All homeless families

9:00 People suffering from
 addiction

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 Children in orphanages

9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
HOLY THURSDAY

No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
GOOD FRIDAY

No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
HOLY SATURDAY

No Mass Intentions

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!



■ **LUCAS 22: 14-23. 56**

Acabamos de revivir la escena siempre conmovedora del ingreso triunfal de Cristo en la ciudad de Jerusalén. Tenemos en nuestras manos los ramos de olivo y las palmas bendecidas y todavía resuena en nuestros oídos el canto jubiloso del pueblo aclamando al Señor. Pero sabemos que aquel triunfo fue pasajero. El pueblo que aclamo a Cristo como el Mesías, al enviado de Dios, pedirá dentro de muy poco días su muerte. La primera reflexión que nos sugiere este cambio tan rápido e inexplicable, es aprender a no poner toda nuestra confianza únicamente en la emoción cambiante del corazón humano.

Hoy celebramos la gran procesión de la esperanza, agitando las palmas por el triunfo de Cristo entrando a Jerusalén. Con la alegría de la procesión y elevando las palmas y ramos de olivo entramos a nuestra Iglesia de San Buenaventura a celebrar la liturgia que es presencia viva y signo de realidad. La realidad es que hoy Marzo 20, 2016, entre este panorama de palmas, Cristo entra aquí a nuestras realidades. No es un recuerdo de veintiún siglos atrás, es una realidad que Cristo entra hoy en este templo y en nuestras vidas como entró a Jerusalén y al mundo entero que había de vivir de su redención.

Cada año recordamos los grandes misterios de nuestra salvación. El Hijo de Dios asumió nuestra condición humana para hacerse solidario con nosotros. Y ofreció su vida para que nosotros pudiéramos reconciliarnos con el Padre.

A través de las lecturas de estos domingos de cuaresma vimos cómo fue aumentando el odio de los enemigos de Jesús. Cada uno de sus gestos a favor de los enfermos y excluidos fue interpretado de manera negativa; cada una de sus palabras fue sacada de contexto y manipulada. Sus enemigos ya habían decidido liquidarlo; solamente esperaban el momento propicio para echarle mano pues temían desafiar la furia de sus seguidores.

Sabemos que Cristo ha querido identificarse con cada ser humano. Cada persona que debe emigrar, es Cristo que vuelve a Egipto para escapar al

odio de Herodes. Cada persona que es perseguida por sus ideas, es Cristo que vuelve a sufrir los ataques de los escribas y fariseos. Cada individuo que desaparece o es asesinado, es Cristo inclinando su cabeza y expirando en la cruz. Tal vez los cristianos nos hemos acostumbrados a mirar los acontecimientos cotidianos, como si nada tuvieran que ver con la fe o como si estuvieran desconectados de la historia de la salvación. Pero no es así. De allí que debemos reaccionar contra toda violación de la dignidad humana.

El Evangelio narra todo el camino de sufrimiento de Jesús. Jesús se dirige a la capital religiosa e histórica de Israel para llevar a término la misión que le había sido confiada.

Jesús ha venido a Jerusalén con motivo de la Pascua para sufrir. Cada año los judíos se reunían en la ciudad Santa para celebrar la Pascua, que era la conmemoración de la liberación de Egipto. Jesús se conocía profundamente el alma popular la alegría de esta fiesta y los reencuentros familiares, escogió precisamente este momento para entrar en Jerusalén. Es el Mesías, descendiente de David, que entra en su capital. Pero ¡De qué manera lo hace!

El Evangelio de hoy es el relato de la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús en la cruz, con este impresionante relato de martirio, ultraje y abandono que recibe Jesús; es el comienzo solemne de la Semana Santa. Semana que ha de provocar en cada uno de nosotros un cambio radical y definitivo en nuestras vidas. El próximo domingo estaremos celebrando la gran fiesta de la Pascua, el misterio central de nuestra fe. Pero la Pascua nunca será una realidad en nuestra vida, si antes no aceptamos morir con Cristo a nuestro propio pecado, al egoísmo, raíz de todo pecado, y a nuestra negativa de amar, que es la esencia misma del pecado. Iniciemos, pues, esta Semana Santa con el deseo sincero de aplicar a nuestro tiempo y a nuestra propia vida, la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Dios los bendiga. Diácono Mariano Preza.

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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

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