



First Communion from April 23, 2016 9:30 am Mass (top) and 12 Noon Mass (below). Photo Credit: Rosann Halick

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May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter | 1º de mayo de 2016 Sexto Domingo de Pascua

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM
Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

**COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE
COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)**

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

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

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

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or
Deacon. This requires six months preparation.
Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un
Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de
preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

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



As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

- Keep connected to our parish community
- Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ
- Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
- Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **THE CROSS, THE HARDSHIPS AND THE THREE WORDS: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER."**

Last week, Jesus tied "life" to his life, the cross and unconditional love. These are not words of some spiritual theory, but how life works. Remember the poster that reads: "Be patient with me, I am a work in progress." We are a work in progress. Our spiritual lives are a work in progress as well. It does require work if we are going to make progress. How do we tie life, the cross and unconditional love together?

The disciples and preachers of "the New Way" were enthusiastic realists. They knew the work first-hand. We read in the Acts of the Apostles a powerful word of advice to the early followers of Jesus that "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom." The difficulties of life are built into life, and many of them are our own making because we don't think things through, nor often think of consequences. Many times we don't think at all, letting our senses for gratification lead us.

We will find the light when we try to bring the light into our lives. We will see the future when we try to build the future. We will understand the ideals when we try to live the ideals. We have to put into action the truth that we know.

In the Book of Revelation, John had a vision of God dwelling with us: "He will dwell with them, and they will be his people and God Himself will be with his people and God Himself will be with them as their God." God is already sitting in our family room, pulling up a table in the kitchen, watching our neglected house plants and hoping that we will dust our furniture. God also witnesses the arguments, the harsh words, the chilly silence and the sarcasm. What can we do to make our homes a place of welcome for others and for God?

The Acts of the Apostles also encourages us "to strengthen the spirits of the disciples and exhort them to persevere in the faith. That is what we should be doing for one

another. How can we support each other to be good, loving individuals?

In the Last Supper room after Judas left, Jesus began to talk about his life and how his Father was about to fill him with the fullness of God. John the Evangelist expresses the meaning and the practice of the Cross by having Jesus say three words: "Love One Another." And so that we would understand what that means, Jesus put it another way: "As I have loved you so you should love one another." That is going to be the greatest hardship of our life—to live unconditional love. To live this Jesus-kind-of-love is a brilliant expression of God Himself.

We can do it very simply and beautifully by asking God for the awareness to live his love each day, to take God with us wherever we go, to ask God to keep us on track, to be aware every moment that God is dwelling with us. We do not leave God behind. We just need to pay attention to the God who is with each one of us.

Sometimes it is very difficult to love, especially when we have been hurt through family relationships that make us feel sad, unsure and insecure. We become wary of getting too close. Love is only a theory that we may never have experienced, because all we ever experienced was the negative.

If our lives are broken, we can seek a variety of avenues to mend them: healing sacraments, spiritual direction, therapy and courageous commitment. Right here in the parish, we have the Clayton Valley Counseling Service with professional, State of California personal and family therapists. We also have the services of Fr. Thomas Martin, a professionally trained psychologist as well. A referral can be made through the Parish Pastoral Office to either.



■ **BREAK THE SILENCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

Ministering to children and young people is the heart of what Jesus calls His people to do. The mission of the Safe Environment Office is to assist the Church in creating a safe haven for children, young people and vulnerable adults. The risk of child abuse is greatly reduced by breaking the silence about abuse, especially sexual abuse. Breaking the silence is a critical first step to begin the process of education, prevention and healing.

The Diocesan Office of Victim's Assistance offers a variety of avenues for victims and family members to report their experiences to this office, and to be welcomed, to receive pastoral care, and to learn about and access much-needed services. Diocesan staff serving in the Office of Victim's Assistance believe that individuals and communities are best served through a prompt response to requests for help, respectful listening, attention to their needs, and services to help them in the healing process. If you, or someone you know would like to report or seek help with an allegation of sexual misconduct by clergy or diocesan employees, please contact the following: Office of Victim's Assistance, Fr. Robert M. Herbst, OFM Conv, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, (510)267-8373, rherbst@oakdiocese.org; Diana Bitz, Safe Environment Coordinator and Anti-Harassment Training Coordinator, Diocese of Oakland, 510-267-8315, dbitz@oakdiocese.org

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**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD
 DRIVE - "THANK YOU"**

The St Bonaventure Knights of Columbus Council 6038 hosted a Red Cross blood drive on April 9, 2016 in the Large Hall. In spite of some computer challenges that caused a long waiting period, the Red Cross staff was able to perform 37 procedures resulting in 39 pints of blood drawn. This amount of donations could potentially save 109 lives. It is worth noting that no one who volunteered to have blood drawn was turned away and only one person was unable to donate the full amount. According to the Red Cross Coordinator, Michael Miumi, this was only the third time that a drive was this successful in the past three years. A big "thank you" from the Knights of Columbus to all the blood donors who participated in this drive.

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.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION:
 DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS**

The annual Special Collection for Communications will be held on the weekend of May 7-8 in our Diocese. The Diocese of Oakland devotes increasing time and resources to developing The Catholic Voice and El Heraldo Católico; websites for our publications, the diocese, and the Cathedral; social media channels; and the annual directories—all to share the Good News. To support this work, please consider giving to this second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

LITURGY & PRAYER

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
 May 1, 2016
 Sixth Sunday of Easter**



In formal documents, presentations, and homilies outlining the purpose of this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis explains that compassion and understanding for those in difficult situations

is not only our individual responsibility, but something the whole Church officially needs to manifest. Today's Acts of the Apostles reading presents a moving example of the early church doing precisely that. Prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit assures the assembly that they have not acted alone in discerning the correct resolution: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." And they have chosen the compassionate response: "not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28). Yet how daringly creative—the Jewish majority sets aside lifelong rituals that establish spiritual identity and express covenant fidelity. How radically trustful—the church affirms universally valid principles while respecting uniquely local and personal situations. Exactly the grace Pope Francis prays this Jubilee Year will renew in today's Church!

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of April 23 & 24 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$23,306

Deficit: (\$2,134)

Food for Family: 412

Parish Loan Debt: \$44,075.86

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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MON: ACTS 16:11-15; PS 149:1B-6A, 9B; JN 15:26 – 16:4A

TUE: 1 COR 15:1-8; PS 19:2-5; JN 14:6-14

WED: ACTS 17:15, 22 – 18:1; PS 148:1-2, 11-14; JN 16:12-15

THU: ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23 OR HEB 9:24-28; 10:19-23; LK 24:46-53 (FOR ASCENSION); OTHERWISE ACTS 18:1-8; PS 98:1-4; JN 16:16-20

FRI: ACTS 18:9-18; PS 47:2-7; JN 16:20-23

SAT: ACTS 18:23-28; PS 47:2-3, 8-10; JN 16:23B-28

SUN: ACTS 7:55-60; PS 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; RV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; JN 17:20-26 OR (FOR ASCENSION) ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23 OR HEB 9:24-28; 10:19-23; LK 24:46-53

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!

■ **BAPTISMS – APRIL 2016**

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

Daniella Tizon Catambay, daughter of Bernard and Crystal

Ava Brianna Contreras-Barnes, daughter of Pedro and Lauren

Lauren Taylor da Silva, daughter of Anderson and Camren

Amilia Rose Gaut, daughter of Jared and Cesyli

Michael Evan Hurtado, son of Michael and Audrey

Brandon Anthony Hurtado, son of Michael and Audrey

Chase Giovanni Hurtado, son of Michael and Audrey

Jax Michael Ortiz, son of Miles and Morgan

Ruby Matilda Salazar, daughter of Ramon and Megan

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ **ACTING WITH MERCY: VISITING THE IMPRISONED**

Kairos Prison Ministry shares the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to incarcerated men, women, youth and their families. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from the 4th-Day movements such as BonFire and Cursillo, as well as other Christian volunteers. As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36.

Inside prisons, Kairos Prison Ministry has a strategy to bring inmates to a 3½-day program where they will receive the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Kairos helps to develop a Christian community on the inside through a structured program of talks, mediations, chapel visits, music, and a lot of listening and loving.

And for adult females impacted by incarceration, Kairos Outside offers a comfortable, non-judging retreat for women to support each other as they journey through the incarceration of a friend or relative. In this retreat setting, women with similar challenges share their common stories and draw on each other for strength, forming a Christian community.

Finally, Kairos Torch provides a safe place to the youthful offender for spiritual exploration. Torch offers unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting that encourages the sharing of one's life journey through the mentoring of a mature, Christian volunteer, to find a full life.

There are many ways to help with this very important, highly impactful ministry. Please contact Cindy Hamer, 925-980-9450 or email clhamer@sbcglobal.net to see how you can become involved!

■ **FIRE AND WATER: CALIFORNIA'S CHANGING CLIMATE**

Learn how climate change is impacting weather in California and what actions you can take to oppose it. Please attend a powerful, no-cost presentation entitled “Fire and Water,” by Dana Nuccitelli, Environmental Scientist and Climate-Change Author. It will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane Lafayette, Saturday, May 7, 2016, 7 to 8 PM. For full details, see our fiery flyer <http://elyminnesota.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Fire-and-Water.pdf>. Questions? Contact Doug Merrill, ☎ 925-283-5301.

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? Gatherings are on Tuesday nights (7:00-9:00pm) in Classroom B1. Come to all the sessions or just those that appeal to you.

May 17: “Are All Welcome or Not: Maybe Yes, Maybe No”, addressing LGBT issues in the church today. Fr. Jim Schexnayder will join us to share his experiences ministering to the LGBT community in the Oakland Diocese.

May 31: “Grill the Canon Lawyer”. Fr. Bob McCann, Canon Lawyer for the Diocese of Oakland and Professor at St. Patrick’s Seminary, will join us to talk about divorce, annulment and remarriage.

■ SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS INFORMATION EVENING

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? Come to an information evening, Tuesday, **May 3, 7:30-8:30pm in Classroom B1.** Contact Eileen, elimberg@stbonaventure.net with any questions.

■ WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MAY DINNER

Come join in the fellowship, have a great dinner, hear an amazing story and honor our mother Mary all at the same time. Thursday, May 26 @ 6:30 PM in the Large Hall. Our speaker will be Fr Jerry Brown of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, sharing his journey from the Episcopal

Church to becoming a Catholic priest, and also describing Mary’s influence in his ministry. Dinner will be \$26 and is a catered chicken marsala dinner by “Fuget About It” catering. Tickets will be sold online and after Masses a few weeks before the event. Questions? call Dot Price ☎ 925-287-0246

■ 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 tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace, the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20.** 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

■ ADULT ACTIVITIES:

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

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with lunch provided by the La Tapatia Restaurant, which is managed by parishioner Lisa Camera. We will enjoy chips and salsa, house salad, your choice of chicken or cheese enchiladas, your choice of pork or chicken burritos, chicken taquitos, rice and beans. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday May 9 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at ☎ 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on May 7 or 8. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ FLORES DE MAYO: “FLOWERS OF MAY”

Saturday, May 28 at 5:00 PM Mass, St. Bonaventure Church

The Filipino-American community of St. Bonaventure invites you to our annual parish celebration of Flores de Mayo, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4:00 PM – Pray the Rosary in the Large Hall

4:45 PM – Process to the church

4:55 PM – The statue of the Blessed Mother is processed to the altar, followed by those who wish to offer flowers.

5:00 PM – Mass

Members of the *Hulong Langit* (Gift from Heaven) choir from St. Francis of Assisi will lead us in song during the Mass.

Dinner reception will follow in the Large Hall.

If you want to help with set-up or clean-up, please call Sol Cuenco (925) 676-5905 or solemama@yahoo.com

■ PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

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■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **May 7 & 8**. Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry.

After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we will 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!

■ 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.

■ NEW PARISHIONERS

Raul & Maria Alvarado
 Carmen Cordova
 Juan & Maria Leticia Fernandez
 Guillermo & Maria Elia Garay
 Mary-Ann Gschwend
 Angelica Jasso
 Robert & Yolanda Maffei
 Gueorgui & America Mandelo
 George & Linda Marquez
 Jaime & Angelica Perez
 Arturo & Empeatriz Rengifo
 Francisco & Olivia Rivera
 Rosemary Rivers
 Arturo & Maria Robles
 German & Liliana Vives

Pray For
 VICTIMS OF CALAMITIES

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 JUANA CUENCO
 April 30 – May 6, 2016



OUTSIDE PARISH

■ ST. AGNES NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

St. Agnes Preschool/Pre-K is currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Children must be 3 years old and potty-trained. Please call ☎ 689-3990 to schedule a tour of our wonderful classroom.

■ CROWNING OF BLESSED MOTHER MARY

Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Center will be celebrating the Crowning of Blessed Mother Mary on Saturday May 7 from 11am. – 1pm. Please join us for our 11am Mass which will be followed by a procession, blessing, and crowning of Blessed Mary. Fellowship & refreshments to follow. Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Center, 1965 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette

■ WANT TO LISTEN TO SOME GREAT STORIES?

As a Caring Hands volunteer, you have the opportunity to be there for someone who has a *lifetime* of stories to tell. The heart of our program is connecting a senior with a caring volunteer so you really get the chance to know each other well. As a Caring Hands volunteer, you can make a significant impact on dispelling the loneliness and isolation that affects so many seniors.

Volunteer hours are flexible. We do our best to find a senior who lives close to you

and who meets your day and time requirements. John Muir Health offers comprehensive training and ongoing support so you feel prepared to be a volunteer. For more information about volunteering for this unique and special Caring Hands Volunteer Program, call Linda Groobin ☎ 925-952-2999 or visit our website: www.johnmuirhealth.com/caringhands.

We have training scheduled for Friday May 20, in Walnut Creek, Friday July 22, Brentwood

I hope you will consider joining us!

■ CONTRA COSTA CHORALE SPRING CONCERT 2016

Sunday, May 15 at 5:00pm at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., Walnut Creek ; \$25 General, \$20 Students/Seniors/Disabled, Free Admission for children under 12

Tickets may be purchased in advance through BrownPaperTickets.com or at the door on the day of the concert.

The Contra Costa Chorale, directed by Cindy Beitmen, presents “In Praise of Music,” celebrating the Chorale’s Golden Anniversary. Begun in 1966 by Joseph Liebling as the Richmond Symphony Chorus, the Contra Costa Chorale has presented choral concerts throughout the Bay Area in the 50 years since its inception. The concert will feature Haydn’s ‘Lord Nelson Mass,’ Ralph Vaughan Williams’ ‘Serenade to Music’ and ‘Where Everything is Music’ by Stephen Main, especially commissioned for the Contra Costa Chorale for this auspicious occasion. Reception to follow after the concert. All are welcome! For more information, visit our website at www.ccchorale.org or email ccchorale@att.net, ☎ (510)255-0703.



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■ **HELP A VETERAN FIND A HOME**

Are you a landlord, property owner or property manager? You may hold the key to ending Veteran homelessness in Contra Costa! More than 40 Contra Costa armed services veterans are lease-ready but cannot find a place to live. If you have a vacant or soon to be vacant unit, consider renting to one of these brave men and women.

For more information, contact the Landlord Education and Placement Program (L.E.A.P.) at cclandlordconnect@hsd.cccounty.us or call 925-313-7700

■ **CCIH FAITH COMMUNITIES SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER VOLUNTEERS!**

With summer quickly approaching, we are looking for help in the following areas:

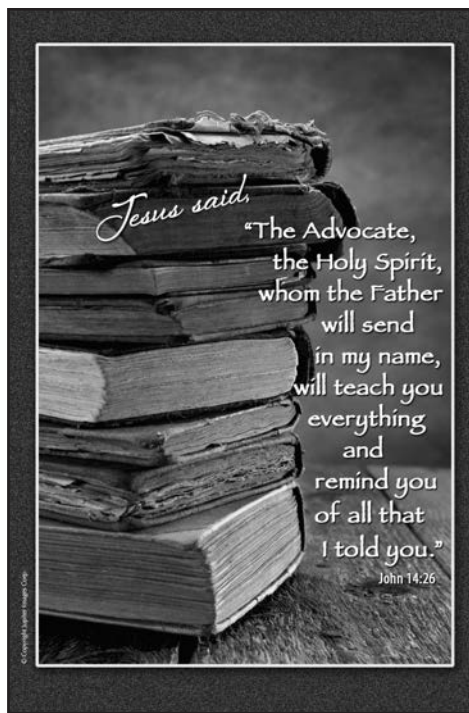
- Camp leaders needed: Help run a one-week on-site summer camp for 20-40 low-income children. Requirement: 2 hours/day for a week (Mon-Thurs). You choose the hours and theme. This is a perfect teen project. Adult supervision will be provided. Locations: Pleasant Hill, Concord or Pittsburg
- Water safety needed at Garden Park Apartments: We have approximately 18 children under the age of 5 at Garden Park Apartments (GPA) in Pleasant Hill that we are hoping will become water-safe. Are you interested in volunteering 2-3 hours/day for 1-2 weeks to teach a “mommy and me” class and/or water safety at GPA in Pleasant Hill? Current lifeguard, CPR and first-aid certification is required.
- Interested in helping run a summer day camp for one week? We are currently putting together summer programming for children (toddler through middle school), and we need your help. Many of these are formerly homeless or very low-income. In the past, volunteers have organized small groups to host different “camps”. These activities take place at our housing sites (Pleasant Hill, Concord and Pittsburg) for a couple hours/day for 1-4 days during

the week. Some examples include hosting a four-day dance camp; art camp; putting on a science camp; hosting a music camp; teaching gardening. Feel free to call and discuss ideas or just offer general help to an already formed camp week. On-site CCIH staff supervises all camps.

■ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**

St. John Baptist de la Salle – Court 1934 *Aloha!* Come join us for a Hawaiian Tea Fundraiser. Saturday, May 14, 11:30am-3:30pm; Cost: \$20.00; St. Francis of Assisi Gym, 860 Oak Grove Rd. Concord.

There will be many prizes! Please reply no later than May 9. For ticket reservations, call Eiko Asselin at 925-825-3982. Check payable to C.D.A. #1934. Mail checks to Eiko Asselin at 3925 Ferndale Lane, Concord, CA 94519-1713.



Mass Intentions For The Week 
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 5:00 Carmen Busuttill
 Mike Cuniffe
 William Baas
 Connie Denanuele

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 7:30 Lucy Walsh
 Antonio Estrada
 Mike Geraghty
 Donald Fitzgerald
 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 11:00 Idonna Tryon
 Silvia Arcos
 Skip Ipsen
 Donald Skillion
 5:00 Lloyd Miglio
 Hazel Krauss
 Cynthia Chernock
 Mary Bonino

MONDAY, MAY 2

- 6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 George (Mike) Kelly
 Lucy Walsh
 Juana Cuenco
 Mary Jane Harris Halpen

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- 6:30 Earthquake victims in Japan
 9:00 Lyle Wetherford
 Marion Bullard
 Juana Cuenco
 Jaime Santos

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- 6:30 For earthquake victims in Ecuador
 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30 For all priests and seminarians
 9:00 Maria Josefa Ramos

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Juana Cuenco
 Otto S. Nemitz
 Mary Meyerhoff

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- 5:00 Patrick Smith & Brothers
 Gladys de Guzman
 Elena Z. Villanueva
 William Baas

■ JUAN 14, 23-29

Queridos hermanos, uno de los grandes dones que Jesucristo nos trajo del Padre y que el Espíritu Santo nos concede disfrutar con su presencia dentro de nosotros, es la paz.

No sé qué ideas y sentimientos les suscita a ustedes esta palabra: paz. Desde la guerra mundial estamos hablando de paz. Pero, ¿hay realmente paz en el mundo? Sí desde la primera guerra mundial enumeráramos las guerras que ha habido en el mundo... ¡tendríamos que contar los muertos por millones! ¡Y cuantos inocentes!

En realidad, la paz no ha existido nunca en el mundo. Porque la paz de las armas se puede declarar en un papel, pero no la paz del corazón. Esta paz es mucho más difícil. Muchas declaraciones de paz son como las treguas de guerra que leemos en la prensa u oímos en la radio y televisión: no duran y no creemos en ellas. No hay paz verdadera porque no hay justicia. No hay paz verdadera porque no se da la primacía a los derechos inalienables de los hombres, de las sociedades y de las minorías.

Jesucristo dice a sus amigos que no nos da la paz como la dan los jefes de estado, o sea, la paz que se consigue con las armas. Él nos da la paz del espíritu, la paz verdadera, la paz que nace desde dentro del corazón y transforma a todo el hombre. Sólo obtiene la paz el hombre que renuncia a odiar, el que no quiere matar, que no quiere hacer daño a nadie, que no quiere robar, el hombre, en fin, que prefiere esta paz de espíritu a todas las cosas del mundo.

El mensaje de Jesucristo empieza por el anuncio de paz a todos los hombres de buena voluntad. Su saludo es siempre de paz: "Paz a vosotros", "no se turbe vuestro corazón." Esta paz es el triunfo del Reino de Dios en nuestros corazones, en nuestras familias, en la sociedad.

La paz que nos anuncia el Evangelio no puede existir mientras exista el egoísmo. Lo podemos comprobar por nuestra

experiencia personal. Cuando hacemos un regalo o favor a otra persona, y lo hacemos de corazón, nos olvidamos un poco de nosotros mismos. A cambio, disfrutamos de cierta alegría y paz. Solemos decir que el dar trae alegría. Y cuando amamos a alguien, experimentamos alegría al sacrificar algo por esa persona: dinero, tiempo. Y sentimos paz. Por el contrario, cuando hacemos un mal a otro por obtener ventaja personal, no dejamos de oír eso que llamamos la voz de la conciencia. Las guerras que arruinan a los pueblos son fruto del egoísmo y la ambición. Vemos que el único camino hacia la paz está dentro de nosotros mismos. Desde fuera, nadie, ni siquiera Dios, nos dará la paz si no hay colaboración de nuestra parte.

Cristo ha proclamado al mundo entero el programa de su reino y ha dicho bien claro: "Bienaventurados los pacíficos." Pacíficos son los que hacen la paz; los que se esfuerzan y trabajan para que haya paz en el mundo. Estos pacíficos bienaventurados están convencidos que hay que hacer la paz, y hay que hacerla con el Evangelio.

"Bienaventurados los pacíficos" quiere decir que Dios va a premiar eternamente y reconoce como hijos suyos todos aquellos que trabajan por la Buena Nueva y para que esta paz del espíritu reine en todos los corazones de los hombres y en todo el mundo. Y como anticipo, nos da ya ahora su paz: "Les dejo la paz, les doy mi paz. La paz que yo les doy no es como la que da el mundo." Nos da el don del Espíritu Santo que nadie podrá arrebatar.

Hermanos, que esta paz de Jesucristo esté siempre en aumento en sus corazones. 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

Un pastor no puede sentirse satisfecho solo aplicando leyes morales como si fueran rocas que se lanzan sobre la vida de las personas.



■ **CAMPAMENTO DE BIBLIA PLAN DE VERANO DETÉNGASE Y DISFRUTE EN LA GRANJA DE SAN BUENAVENTURA JULIO 18-22, 2016**



Nos reuniremos porque vamos a tener nuestra propia granja -- la vamos a construir aquí en San Buenaventura. Sí, es cierto – piensen

en animales de granja, verdes praderas, frutas y vegetales frescos, música y artesanías. Tendremos mucha diversión mientras escuchamos historias del Evangelio de cómo Jesús es nuestro buen pastor que reúne y cuida de su rebaño.

Ahora es el momento de planificar actividades para esos días soleados de verano. Ofrecemos un programa para pre-escolares de 3 y 4 años de edad de 9:30-11:30am. Kínder - 6to grado de 9:30-12:30pm. Los jóvenes de 6º grado son consejeros-van a estar y participar en “muu”-chas actividades.

Las inscripciones empiezan el sábado 7 de mayo de 9:00 – 1:00pm en el salón de clase A-1. El costo de la inscripción es \$65 para pre-escolares y \$80 para los estudiantes de primaria.

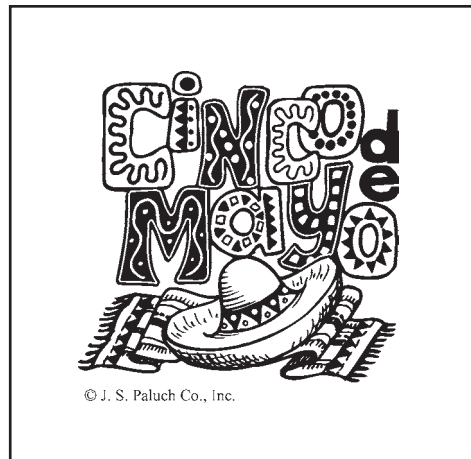
Adultos, necesitamos líderes agrícolas. Único requisito es el deseo de tener un barril lleno de diversiones con los niños. Para más información comunicarse con Rosann Halick, 672-5800, ext 2204 o rhalick@stbonaventure.net

Adolescentes – del 7º grado a secundaria - no se perderán en la pradera – necesitamos que sean nuestras manos de la granja. Esto es una forma de divertirse, compartir su fe y servir de una manera variada en el campo. Póngase en contacto con Miranda Ripoli, 672-5800, ext 2229 o mripoli@stbonaventure.net.

Así que a reunir sus overoles, sombrero y botas de granja y prepárense para una experiencia “Gran-diosa” en tierras de América en el Campamento de Biblia!

■ **SE NECESITAN MINISTROS PARA VISITAR Y LLEVAR LA COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS**

Raúl Alvarado como coordinador reconoce que es un ministerio muy gratificante. La alegría de las personas a las que se visita, y cumplir con la misión de llevar la Presencia de Cristo a través de la Eucaristía en el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, es la mejor recompensa. Requisitos: el deseo de servir y amar a los demás. Los esperamos. Si está interesado favor llamar a la oficina del Diácono Mariano Preza al (925) 672-5800 X 2215.



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LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1			
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****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 08/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/05	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/20	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/15	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/07	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/05	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/04	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/19	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 12/16	7-9:30 p.m.



**OH DIOS, QUE TE ALABEN LOS PUEBLOS,
 QUE TODOS LOS PUEBLOS TE ALABEN. — SALMO 67 (66):6**