



Patricia Venturino's confirmation at the 7:30 am Mass with husband Benny and Sister Anne at her side. Photo Credit: David Blankenhorn

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

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May 22, 2016 The Most Holy Trinity | 22 de mayo de 2016 La Santísima Trinidad

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

■ **ADVOCACY— COULD BE A FULL TIME JOB**

There are so many good things for which to advocate and so many people whose voice is not heard or who have no one to speak for them. Two weeks ago, I attended two City of Concord Council meetings. In the first meeting, I joined advocates for just and reasonable rents in Concord, asking the City Council to take up the issue as an important issue to be investigated. In the end, the Council directed the City Manager to create and hold a city-wide meeting inviting all people “that need to be around the table” to come together to discuss the issue and to learn what the problem may be and what could be done about it. It is one thing to raise rents on a reasonable yearly basis and another thing to raise them every three months just because the free market will bear it. For many who want the City of Concord to do something about the problem immediately, the decision is seen as a delaying tactic. While a slower approach, it is necessary to get everyone on board if we are going to succeed. Sooner is better than later, however, as many people are unable to keep having their rents raised.

The second meeting was devoted to the Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse and what the Council approved—to contract with Lennar Urban Developers. It is certainly a set of very complicated issues with many voices of concern to listen and respond. I am very impressed by the three members of the Council entrusted with discerning now to move forward and to get the best “deal” for the City of Concord. There are a number of people who are very fearful and skeptical.

The first part of the process is limited to the 500 acres of the Reuse which will include a new Willow Pass Rd. About 1200 housing units of affordable housing will include a larger more favorable number for low and very low incomes. The City Council is really concerned about this issue and about many other issues. The next phase will begin with the

specific plans and the city’s oversight of them. There are many checks and balances. And the City will keep control until the very end. Before the City sells any property to Lennar Urban, everything will have to be signed off-on.

I am impressed by the knowledge and competence of the Council members and their ability to question and to seek what is best for the City. I recommend that no one sign any petition for the recall of any Council member which would be a costly endeavor and which is not deserved. One rumor is that some other local developer is behind the recall, with a hope to grab a piece of the action later. While the process to this point has encountered many obstacles and roadblocks, the three Council members who could have voted have steered a course that augurs well for a good outcome for the City of Concord.

■ **BURNING THE GAY PRIDE FLAG**

Several weeks ago, two young adults burned the Gay Pride Flag in front of the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church. The Session of the Church which is its governing Body of Lay Elders made the decision to fly the flag as a sign of solidarity with all Gay People, honoring their pride in who they are. While we will not hang the flag as a symbol of solidarity, we do not support hate crimes of any kind, and we express our support for all gay people and for their freedom to be who they are and to live in peace with all of us. And their civil rights need to be respected and protected. The Presbyterian Church has declined to prosecute the flag burners as a hate crime, having more intelligent compassion on the two than they had who need help to get their own personal lives together. A flag continues to fly.

■ **KUDOS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Parish Knights of Columbus hosted a Blood Drive on April 9 which resulted in 39 pints of blood drawn. This amount could potentially save 109 lives. According to the Red Cross Coordinator, this was only the third time in the last three years that a Blood drive was so successful. Thank you, Knights of Columbus and

thank you to all who donated your life-source so that others might continue to live.

■ **GOING TO THE MEDITERRANEAN**

I will be leaving with family and friends for a 10-day cruise from Venice to Istanbul. Istanbul is on my bucket list of places to see. From Dubrovnik, to Crete, to Ephesus and to the Greek Isles. The last part to Istanbul has been recently cancelled because of terrorist explosions. So I will be back June 4. Miss me. I hope to return with a summer tan.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **CELEBRATE THE JOY OF GOD’S MERCY!**

Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

~ Pope Francis



Day of Retreat and Reflection

Saturday, September 17, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, St. Bonaventure Parish

Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details to

come. Sponsored by BonFire Retreat Ministry

■ **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE – FIFTH FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR SVDP**

Our St Bonaventure Conference of St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) ministers to the locally ‘underserved’ in many ways. We provide Friday Food boxes weekly to select client families, provide furniture items, assist families who must relocate, assist with job search, resumes, and interview techniques, serve at the food kitchen in Pittsburg, volunteer at the two district SVdP thrift stores, and finally we distribute monies to offset rent, relocation, food, utility, and gasoline/transportation expenses. Most importantly, however,

we visit these families in their homes, trailers, rooms, cars, parks (wherever they live) to establish/continue the personal relationships with each that are perhaps the most valued contribution we can make to better their condition. We offer ourselves.

All that said, we Vincentians are genuinely grateful for the generous financial support offered up by our parishioners. Our client families are even more grateful. The second of our four 'Fifth Sunday' collections this year is upcoming on May 29-30. We thank you in advance.

2017 PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

In 2007, as part of our St. Bonaventure Parish 50th Jubilee Celebration, we created a parish pictorial directory. Remember how the faces you saw at church had names to go with them once you received your copy of this directory. That's almost 10 years ago and our parish has grown significantly since then. So it is with great excitement that we are pleased to announce that we have invited Lifetouch to return to St Bonaventure to photograph our parishioners.

The photos will be taken on designated days during the months of August and September. In mid-June, we will start doing the on-line and after mass sign-ups.

Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY: 1 PT 1:3-9; PS 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10C; MK 10:17-27
- TUESDAY: 1 PT 1:10-16; PS 98:1-4; MK 10:28-31
- WEDNESDAY: 1 PT 1:18-25; PS 147:12-15, 19-20; MK 10:32-45
- THURSDAY: 1 PT 2:2-5, 9-12; PS 100:2-5; MK 10:46-52
- FRIDAY: 1 PT 4:7-13; PS 96:10-13; MK 11:11-26
- SATURDAY: JUDE 17, 20B-25; PS 63:2-6; MK 11:27-33
- SUNDAY: GN 14:18-20; PS 110:1-4; 1 COR 11:23-26; LK 9:11B-17

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of May 14 & 15 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$23,197

Deficit: (\$2,243)

2nd Collection

Catholic Charities: \$ 5,063

Parish Loan Debt: \$44,075.86

Food for Family: 330

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

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LITURGY & PRAYER

■ **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –**
May 22, 2016
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



The word *mercy*, Pope Francis declared in his announcement of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, “reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 2). For *mercy* is how

God comes to meet us; *mercy* is the fundamental law helping us recognize everyone as brothers and sisters; *mercy* is the bridge connecting God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. God’s self-revelation as a life-giving, love-sharing Trinity of Persons draws us closer to God in friendship and communion. Both Judaism and Islam consider *mercy* one of God’s most important attributes. Israel unceasingly proclaims God boundless in mercy. Islam addresses the Creator as “Merciful and Kind,” believing divine mercy limitless, its doors always open. May this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis prays, open us to more fervent dialogue, deepen our mutual understanding, eliminate all closed-minded disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.

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■ **NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:**
MAY 24

ATTENTION PARENTS, ESPECIALLY PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO JUST MADE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION!

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? If so, please consider signing up to join us for our next training taking place on Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00pm in the church. Altar servers must be at least entering 4th grade in fall 2016 and have celebrated their First Communion. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net or call the parish office. Thank you for your consideration of participating in this very important liturgical ministry!

■ **FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: SUNDAY,**
MAY 29

All are invited to come to the chapel and pray the rosary with our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, May 29 at 10:30am. Come after the 9:00am Mass or prior to the 11:00am Mass.

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.

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.

■ **BOOK STUDY**

How are memories impacted and affected by our faith? Bestselling author Dawn Eden offers a guide to the process she used to heal the pain of her past. Through her own story, as well as the examples of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Peter Faber, and Pope Francis, she shows how the mercy of God, who holds all the events of our life in his own memory, can bring healing and inner peace. Fr. Richard will be leading a study on “*Remembering God’s Mercy: Redeem the Past and Free Yourself from Painful Memories*” on Tuesdays of June (June 7, 14, 21 & 28). People can sign up for either 1:30-3:00pm in Classroom A1 or 7:00-8:30pm in Classroom A2. The book is available in the parish office for \$13.00. Contact Eileen with 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**

In today’s gospel it says “But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. Let the Spirit of truth bring you to the knowledge of God’s plan for your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **August 5-7 or 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.

*The Spirit of
Truth
will guide you
to all truth*



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■ 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

■ FAITH AND FAMILY DAY AT THE A'S, VS. SEATTLE MARINERS: Saturday, September 10, game time 1:05

This year we will be in one section, closer to home plate than last year: Section 225, Plaza level, in the shade. The tickets are \$23. There are only one hundred (100) seats being reserved for us for a short period of time. I will have some tickets on hand for purchase. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. Call Gerry at 709-5404.

■ 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 *Hulog ng 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



Bundle Sunday Weekend June 11-12

St Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a clothing drive at our parish the weekend of June 11-12. Please bring clean, gently used clothing, preferably on hangers, to church during Mass hours only on these days. Volunteers will be manning an SVdP trailer during those times. Clothing only, please. No electronics, furniture, toys & games, etc.

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■ ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Next dinner is scheduled for **June 12, 2016**. Cans of coffee (or cash donations for coffee) and bingo prizes can be left in the church office, marked for St. Mary's-Oakland. If you'd like to bake a cake, please call Carol & Jim Riley: 672-4383 or Carol & Pete Chrobak: 672-7158 for details of delivery options.

(*Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish).

Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Rileys & Chrobaks

■ 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

■ 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!

■ WHITE PONY EXPRESS

You can play a direct, personal role in helping to end hunger in Contra Costa County. Think about helping with *White Pony Express*!

White Pony Express is a 100% volunteer-based non-profit that redistributes approximately 18,000 lbs. of fresh, delicious, healthy food each week to those in need. We need more volunteers to get the food delivered to these neighbors!

White Pony Express (WPE) partners with food retailers with a surplus and delivers free of charge to those in need. Some of the more well-known donors are Nob Hill Foods, Whole Foods, Costco, Sprouts Farmers' Market and The Cheesecake Factory—but there are a hundred additional donors. White

Pony Express distributes throughout the county to over 30 recipient partners including Bay Area Rescue Mission, Shelter, Inc., Loaves & Fishes, Love A Child, Don Brown Shelter, and Shepard's Gate.

WPE operates fifteen hours a day, seven days a week. Volunteers are needed for 2-4 hour shifts. Our primary need is for daytime volunteers during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Help us serve those in need - it is rewarding work! Contact: Vince Karakashian at vkarakashian@gmail.com or 925-876-0402.

■ MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, PHARMACISTS, REGISTERED



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Contra Costa County

DIETICIANS!

Practice mercy as a medical volunteer in your own backyard - Contra Costa County. Please join our *volunteer* team at the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at **St. Vincent de Paul**, 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburg, CA, 94565.

We need adult medicine/ER physicians, pharmacists, bi-lingual social workers, RNs and RDs to volunteer once per month or every other month. The fully-equipped, licensed clinic has 4 exam rooms, an on-site pharmacy, lab, X-ray, and diagnostic services. All malpractice insurance provided.

The clinic hours are: Wednesday evenings from 4-8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 12 noon. Join our team of caring professionals and contact Clinic Administrator Drea Riquelme at (925)-439-2009 or email Pittsburg@Rotacarebayarea.org.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

JUANA CUENCO
May 21- May 27, 2016



■ **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT ST. STEPHENS CEMETERY**

There will be a prayer service at historic St. Stephen's Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The cemetery is located at 1904 Monument Court (off Monument Blvd.), Concord. If you have any questions, please call me at 925-686-3917.

■ **SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 12, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00**

Spring into Summer! Join us for our Wine Tasting Event at Viano Winery, Martinez
 Sponsored by Italian Catholic Federation #214. For information contact Joanne Doorack 798-1735.

■ **CALLING ALL WOMEN!**

June 18 9:30-12:30; St. Mary's Church Gymnasium, 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, would like to invite all Catholic women to our upcoming Prayer Breakfast. We are excited to welcome Cheryl Ward-Kaiser as she shares her inspirational journey from tragedy to forgiveness. In this Year of Mercy, Cheryl has so much to teach us. Reservations are \$21/ \$25 after June 11th. Please go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or call Maribel at (925) 788-7762.

Please join us the last Wednesday of every month for a Magnificat evening of rosary, praise, and prayer. We begin at 7:00 pm in Our Place at St. Mary's Church. Jim Crowley will lead us in prayer and song along with teachings on the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit.

■ **SNJM RETREAT OFFERINGS 2016**

With the blessings of God's peace and goodness come the retreat offerings for the 2016 retreat program at Villa del Mar in Santa Cruz. We hope you find stimulating choices of themes for your time of spiritual renewal.

We pray with you as you prepare to make space in your lives for retreat. We trust that you will be led by God's Spirit. We

know that our retreat center will support your decision with the loving service and beautiful gifts that the personnel, along with mother nature, will provide.

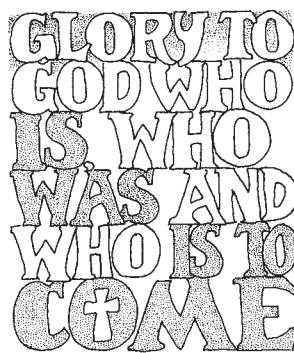
■ **A RETREAT OF REST, REFRESHMENT AND REFLECTION FOR BUSY, TIRED PEOPLE ON JUNE 14-JUNE 21, REV. THOMAS C. WESTON, SJ**

Using scripture, poetry, a few good movies, and liturgy we will share some days of prayer and quiet and grace on the edge of the North American continent at Villa Maria del Mar. Pilgrims and the devout and those who seek are most welcome.

Listen...Saints, Mystics, Women's Voices
 July 6 – 13, Sister Kathleen Bryant, RSC

The invitation to grow spiritually is distinctly different for women. Years ago I was invited to give a workshop with Fr. Jim Clarke called "Mars and Venus Go to Mass"! I learned about the Male Journey. I had read Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena as well as some contemporary women's spirituality books and discovered that, in contrast to the linear male journey, ours is a spiral, a circle ever deepening inward and outward.

This retreat will offer opportunities for prayer, ritual, and some interaction. We will explore elements of a Feminist Spirituality using our Catholic tradition and scriptures, our saints and mystics.



Mass Intentions For The Week 
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SATURDAY, MAY 21

- 5:00 Alexa Caballero
 Arthur Galvis
 Pat O'Brien
 Frank Castello

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- 7:30 Juana Cuenco
 Peggy Mary & Sullivan Family
 Rosa Rico
 LaRae Pattison
- 9:00 Joe Mangini
 Wam Thuong Le
 Patricia O'Brien
 Juana Cuenco
- 11:00 Jerry Boyd
 Juana A. Cuenco
 Hannah Richwagen
 Mollie Carmody
- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, MAY 23

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 For our Sunday catechists
 Maria Hernandez
 Yanet Toledo
 Liliana Morales

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 6:30 For the fire victims in Canada
- 9:00 For our Sunday catechists:
 Cristina Huerta
 Clara Sernaque
 Maria Calixto Mendez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 6:30 Dimitris Argyriou
- 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 6:30 For all seminarians
- 9:00 For our Sunday catechists:
 Erin Duncan
 Lucia Sanchez
 Jennifer Miller

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 For Early Childhood catechists:
 Darlene Bliss
 Patti Baas
 Mary Cruz

SATURDAY, MAY 28

- 5:00 Souls in Purgatory
 Pat and Portia Marquez
 Alex Schaffer
 Roseanne Bondoc

■ **SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD**
JUAN 16: 12-15

“QUEREMOS QUE LA GENTE
 HAGA REALIDAD SUS SUEÑOS”

El diácono salvadoreño Mariano Preza y el padre Richard Mangini dan la comunión en San Buenaventura, durante una Misa dominical en español durante la Cuaresma.

Por Raúl Ayrala, *El Heraldo Católico*

El Padre Mangini dirige una comunidad entusiasta y feliz

Dentro del templo de San Buenaventura, a los fieles que asistían a la Misa de las 12:45 no parecía importarles la fuerte lluvia que caía dos domingos antes de la Pascua. Estaban allí en gran número, compartiendo la única Eucaristía en español en esta parroquia rodeada de otras comunidades con muchas más Misas latinas dominicales.

El párroco y oficiante es anglo, pero a la hora de la homilía resuena una voz en perfecto español con un acento cadencioso de su natal El Salvador: el diácono Mariano Preza — como Moisés al pueblo de Israel — llevó a esta comunidad por uno y otro sitio por casi 20 años hasta que al final, todos recalaron en San Buenaventura, ahora bajo la dirección y apoyo del padre Richard Mangini. “He aprendido sobre la experiencia migrante trabajando con toda esta gente que tenemos aquí: hay que tener en cuenta que un tercio de la población de Concord hoy en día es hispana”, explica el pastor, nacido y criado en la ciudad, de raíces italianas, portuguesas e irlandesas. El padre Richard dice que en su familia no había conciencia de ser inmigrantes, porque los bisabuelos “habían llegado hacía mucho tiempo, en el siglo diecinueve”.

Dedicación y esfuerzo

Mangini reconoce la labor de Mariano Preza, a quien al terminar la Misa muchísimos parroquianos saludan y abrazan con efusión. “Él está desde antes que yo, y gracias a su ayuda hoy tenemos un ministerio hispano y servicios completos” dice el sacerdote; y rememora que hace 20 años, cuando llegó, varias parroquias de Concord eran una sola: recién en la primera década de 2000, se las



separó en San Francisco de Asís, Reina de Todos Los Santos y San Buenaventura.

“Nos llega gente de todos lados: de Antioch, de Bay Point, de muchas ciudades”, agrega el diácono Preza, según él porque les gusta cómo es la comunidad, la forma de practicar el catolicismo y la flexibilidad del párroco en especial en lo referido a requerimientos y trámites para los Sacramentos. Como el diácono Preza está empleado a tiempo completo en la parroquia, las necesidades de los latinos están bien atendidas, al punto que San Buenaventura tiene ya recepcionistas y colaboradores que hablan español, aparte de los líderes que cooperan con el diácono.

Más bodas, más bautismos

El Padre Richard Mangini dice que no contempla incrementar el número de Misas en español, porque entre San Buenaventura y sus dos parroquias hermanas -San Francisco de Asís y Reina de Todos Los Santos- ya se ofrecen suficientes. “Pero aquí llega más gente hispana para casarse, para los bautismos y las confirmaciones porque nosotros imponemos ‘menos reglas’”, explica el párroco en inglés, pero dice las dos últimas palabras con mucho énfasis en español. “*Tratamos de que la gente vea concretados sus sueños, en vez de ponerles obstáculos*”.

Según el pastor, en San Buenaventura se celebran unos 400 bautismos por año, de los cuales menos de 100 son de gente no latina. Entre los líderes, además del diácono Preza, está el mexicano Pedro Rojas, quien contaba que las actividades del Ministerio hispano están divididas de una manera muy ordenada “lo cual significa que el nivel de organización es alto”. Alrededor de la fecha de la visita de El Heraldo Católico su grupo se mantenía muy ocupado con la organización del Vía Crucis en español y de los eventos de Semana Santa.

Peregrinos

La historia de los hispanos en San Buenaventura es singular porque, como decía Mariano Preza, comenzó no en la misma parroquia, sino en la llamada “Casa Hispana” de Concord, en la que se reunían cada vez más familias que iban a practicar su fe en distintos templos del área. Hasta que el ahora obispo emérito de Oakland John Cummins -antes de llegar el obispo Barber- “reconoció que éramos una comunidad de fe hecha y derecha y nos asignó a San Buenaventura”.

En recuerdo al lugar de reunión original, a la oficina del Ministerio latino de San Buenaventura la llamaron de la misma manera: Casa Hispana. La mayoría de los latinos que concurren a San Buenaventura

son mexicanos, con presencia importante de peruanos, salvadoreños y colombianos. En el templo hay una imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe y a su lado están El Señor de los Milagros y San Martín de Porres. Como recalcó el líder Pedro Rojas, en San Buenaventura los hispanos están muy orgullosos de su identidad multicultural. *Tomado con autorización del Heraldo Católico, mes de Abril.*

■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD



La palabra Misericordia, declara el Papa Francisco en su anuncio del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, “revela el misterio mismo de la Santísima Trinidad” (Misericordiae Vultus,

2). Misericordia es la forma cómo Dios nos sale al encuentro; la misericordia es la ley fundamental, nos ayuda a reconocer a todos como hermanos y hermanas; la misericordia es el puente entre Dios y la humanidad, misericordia es abrir nuestros corazones a la esperanza de ser amado para siempre a pesar de nuestros pecados.

La Auto revelación de Dios como un dador de vida, brindándonos amor en la persona de la Santísima Trinidad, nos acerca a Dios en amistad y comunión. El Judaísmo e Islam consideran la misericordia como uno de los atributos más importantes de Dios. Israel proclama sin cesar la ilimitada Misericordia de Dios. El Islam se dirige al creador como “Misericordioso y Bondadoso,” creyendo en la divina misericordia sin límites, sus puertas siempre abiertas.

Quizás este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, reza el Papa Francisco, nos abramos al diálogo más ferviente, profundicemos en nuestra comprensión mutua, eliminemos toda falta de respeto en la mente cerrada y expulsemos toda forma de violencia y discriminación. — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal cita Copyright © 2015, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Usada con permiso.

■ 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.

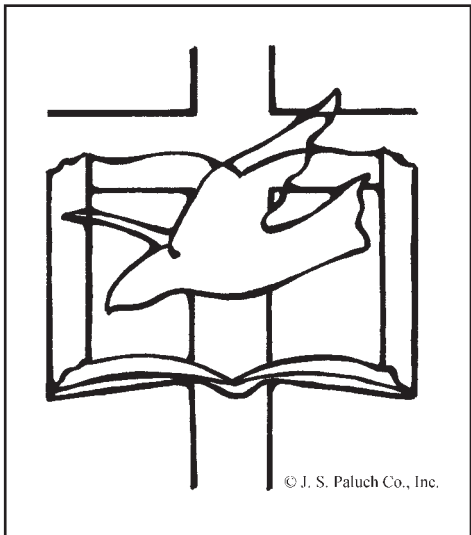
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■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

“Oren al Espíritu Santo para que les de fuerzas para ir lejos, a ‘quemar’ la vida. Es una palabra un poco dura, pero la vida vale la pena vivirla. Pero para vivirla bien, ‘quemarla’ en el servicio, en el anuncio, e ir adelante. Y esta es la alegría del anuncio del Evangelio”, pidió.

El Papa destacó que una cualidad del misionero es la “docilidad” y pidió que “más que las insatisfacciones” que atrapan “a nuestros jóvenes de hoy” la voz del Espíritu Santo “les lleve a ir más allá, a ‘quemar’ la vida por las causas nobles”.

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.



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