



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

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Monday thru Thursday – 8:30am – 5:00pm; Friday – 8:30am – 3:30pm

Lunch Break – 12:30-1:30pm

September 4, 2016 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4 de septiembre de 2016 Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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

■ **TOGETHERNESS--A PRACTICAL GOAL FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

A new school year begins. There are many beginnings in life. There are different beginnings throughout the year. The spiritual, emotional and intellectual education of our children and teenagers is very important. We are very grateful for teachers and mentors for the vocation that God has given to them to be such a formative part of children and young adult lives. May everyone begin the new scholastic year with anticipation, enthusiasm and a spirit of collaboration.

Not only do our children need wonderful examples and nurturing teachers, but they also need supportive parents who participate in the educational process with their children. Parents need to offer listening ears and hearts. There needs to be a closeness, parents to children, teachers to families. Our world is much more complicated. It requires many more people in the Village to raise today's children. There is no substitute for listening, compassion, working together to achieve the same goals-- wholesome, loving and honest children.

Parents, teachers, and students need to make a recommitment to the ideal school, family and church life. These three institutions carry the load of rearing responsible, prepared and generous human beings. All three together pay life forward. The pace picks up, and sometimes it might seem just a bit impossible to accomplish all that was set out to be accomplished. Then revise, adjust and do what is possible. And always do what is most important.

At the heart of everything is a personal, profound and simple relationship with God and his Son Jesus. If you find that something is missing, that something is not quite right about your life or your family life, look to see if God is there and if you are giving enough time to God each day. God does not expect that you carry the whole load yourself. In fact, God would love to help you carry it. We do better, we do well when we do things together

with God, as a family and in all our other relationships. Begin the new year on the right foot.

■ **"WANNA BE" CATHOLICS, COME OUT OF THE WOODWORK**

Last Sunday, I extended an invitation to all adults, young and old, those who have graduated from high school to those 99-years-old, who are thinking or have been thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian---that now is the time to do so. In the next several weeks, a group will be forming to begin a nine-month process to encourage people to develop their spiritual lives, learn about the Scriptures and learn about the Catholic Faith tradition. The spiritual journey will end by receiving the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Are you someone who has never been baptized? Are you someone who has been thinking about the Catholic Faith for a long time? Are you someone who was baptized but never went to catechism and never received First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you someone looking for a way to express your spirituality in the context of a Christian faith tradition?

Our orientation process endeavors to meet a person wherever they are in their journey to God.

Now is the time to inform us of your interest, to let us know. We would like to get a new group started in a few weeks. Since our orientation and preparation period is only 9 months, we need to get as many people together now and move forward.

I need your help to get the word out to your family, neighbors, friends, acquaintances, and fellow workers. I need you to talk to persons who you know are interested. The journey is very worthwhile and worth a commitment. It will develop your spiritual life, enable you to be an intentional Catholic, help you to be more informed about the Catholic Faith and encourage you to be a living member of a Community of Faith.

Our program is also intergenerational. So young post-high school adults are encouraged to participate. Parents and grandparents, please inform these young adults as well. Yes, it takes some time and commitment, but it is well worth becoming involved and making the commitment.

You can call Eileen Limberg for further information and see where you might fit in. You can also call Fr. Richard Mangini-- both at 925-672-5800.

■ **PARISH IS DEBT FREE**

Last week, I thanked parishioners for all their help in paying off the debt/loan to the Diocese of Oakland, since we had borrowed \$1.5 million to complete the work on our new Ministry Center. In the last 10 years, the parish has spent over \$7million in maintenance and capital improvement work. You would see and appreciate that in the new roof and repainting of the parish rectory and garages, the new entrance and exit to the church properties, both front and back, street signal and sound wall mandated by the City of Concord and Clayton, repaved parking lots and new lightning standards in the parking lots, the re-roofing of the hall building and the new ministry buildings and event field next to it.

I thanked also the fundraising committees who organized the various campaigns to raise the money, and I thanked the parishioners who responded as generously as they could. So we are now debt-free, and I leave it to a new pastor to retrofit the old first church/parish hall and upgrade the interiors of the Church that was built in 1985.

I hope that you take a deep satisfaction for helping to make all that possible.



Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSURE
 Monday, September 5

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**MERCY THE HEART OF PEACE:
September 6, 2016, Interfaith
Meeting of Prayer for Peace**

All are invited for an evening of prayer and dialogue in the spirit of peace. The Cathedral of Christ the Light Event Center, 2121 Harrison St. Oakland.

Prayer – 5:45pm; Panel Dialogue – 6:30pm; Procession & Pledge – 8:00pm

Reply to Jubilee of Mercy – EB.org or Oakdiocese.org/InterfaithMeeting. For more information, call Jean Evan ☎ 510-267-8357; jevans@oakdiocese.org.

**WHAT IS THAT CHARGE ON MY
CREDIT CARD STATEMENT OR BANK
STATEMENT?**

I wonder why FAITH DIRECT is showing up on my Credit Card or Bank statements. I've been e-giving through my Credit Card or Checking Account to St. Bonaventure not to FAITH DIRECT. Please be aware, St. Bonaventure is in partnership with FAITH DIRECT to process your e-giving. St. Bonaventure does receive all the contributions you have designated to be distributed to the church. When you see FAITH DIRECT on your statements, please know that you are supporting St. Bonaventure.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL

As of July 1 2016, St. Bonaventure has begun our renewal year for Safe Environment Training. All ministries and their volunteers must be SE trained under our new VIRTUS Program by September 30. Volunteers can register on line at www.stbonaventure.net and instructions can be downloaded in pdf form. Follow the link to Virtus on that page.

We have scheduled several onsite training sessions, in English and Spanish...see the dates below. In order to attend any of these sessions, you must preregister on the VIRTUS website above. If you have any questions, please contact Marion or Eileen at the Church Office, ☎ 925-672-5800.

Safe Environment Training Sessions:
ENGLISH
Wednesday, Sept. 7 – 7:00pm, B1
Monday, September 19 – 10:00am, Classroom B1

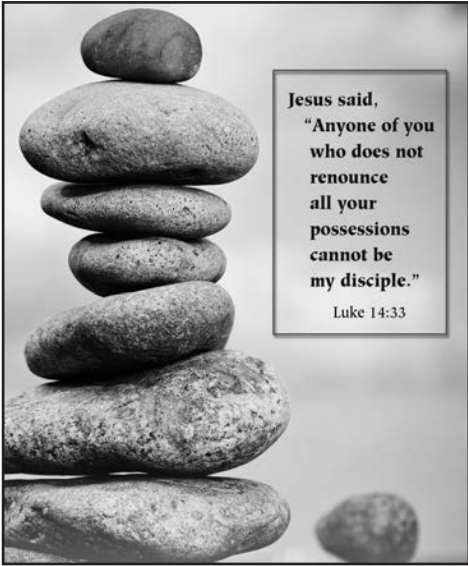
SPANISH
Monday, Sept. 12 – 7:00pm, Classroom B1
Thursday, Sept. 29 – 7:00pm, Classroom B1

**WE NEED YOU
TO MAKE OUR 2017 PHOTO
DIRECTORY COMPLETE.
PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS NOW UNDERWAY**

PORTRAIT DATES	APPOINTMENT TIMES
Sept. 6 – 9 (T – F)	1:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Sept. 10 (Sat)	10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Sign – Ups
Available online. Just go to our St. Bonaventure website, <http://www.stbonaventure.net/lifetouch>, click on the Lifetouch link or call Anne Sparks at 925-676-5146.
You will receive your portrait in full color in 8" x 10" format plus a directory, free, just for participating! Please know that there is absolutely no obligation to purchase additional portraits.

**WWW.STBONAVENTURE.NET
GO TO "GIVING/OUTREACH" TAB
USE CODE CA 725**



Jesus said,
"Anyone of you
who does not
renounce
all your
possessions
cannot be
my disciple."
Luke 14:33

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekend of August 27 & 28 Collection
Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$24,266
Deficit: (\$1,174)

Food for Family: 280
EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures

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LITURGY & MUSIC

■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“If anyone comes to me without hating... father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his [or her] own life” (Luke

14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine a less appropriate Gospel for the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*? But scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel’s demands first place. Today’s second reading presents a real-life example. Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome back Philemon’s runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of status—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in Christ. What in my life does the Jubilee Year of Mercy challenge me to “hate”—meaning reform, redo, even utterly revamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions, shockingly Christ-like love?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: 1 COR 5:1-8; PS 5:5-7, 12; LK 6:6-11,
 OR, FOR LABOR DAY, ANY READINGS
 FROM THE MASS “FOR THE BLESSINGS OF
 HUMAN LABOR,” NOS. 907-911
 TUE: 1 COR 6:1-11; PS 149:1B-6A, 9B; LK 6:12-19
 WED: 1 COR 7:25-31; PS 45:11-12, 14-17; LK
 6:20-26
 THU: MI 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30; PS 13:6; MT
 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
 FRI: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27; PS 84:3-6, 12; LK
 6:39-42
 SAT: 1 COR 10:14-22; PS 116:12-13, 17-18; LK
 6:43-49
 SUN: EX 32:7-11, 13-14; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1
 TM 1:12-17; LK 15:1-32 [1-10]

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

■ REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Bonaventure’s religious education classes will begin the week of October 2nd. Our Faith Formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and kindergarten and continue through high school.

We offer a Sunday morning program for pre-school age 4 and kindergarten-age children that meets during the 9am Mass. This program is designed to share stories from the Bible and to engage the youngest of our community to grow in their faith, with interactive activities.

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade. The Jr. High program meets on Thursday from 7-8:30pm. Confirmation/High School meets on Sunday. Each grade builds on the child’s faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus’ life and teachings. We will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become who Jesus wants us to be.

We will meet your child wherever they are in their faith journey, with class offerings for Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. We also have Sacramental Preparation classes that are taught in Spanish.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes has begun. You are able to register in the church office from the hours of 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday (we are closed from 12:30-1:30pm daily). Registration forms are available in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration.

We will also have registration on Sunday, September 18 from 9am to 6pm in classroom A-1.

We look forward to having your child in our Faith Formation Programs!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

A new process will begin September 18 for adults interested in becoming Catholic or thinking about being baptized. Individuals will be brought into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil (April 15, 2017). These sessions are for adults (over the age of 18) who have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian faith, or were baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist nor Confirmation. For further information and registration, please contact Eileen ☎ 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ MOMS’ GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!). Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms’ Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our first meeting of the year will be on September 7.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

■ SCRIPTURE CLASSES SIGN-UP IN OFFICE

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God’s Covenant with You is an 8-week scriptural journey through salvation history, from God’s merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets’ call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ.

Luke: The Gospel of Mercy is an 18-week study of the third Gospel, which is both a beautiful portrait of Our Lord Jesus Christ and a summons to draw closer to him. St Luke returns again and again to the theme

of Divine Mercy – God’s offer of forgiveness, reconciliation and transformation.

Together these two studies, along with additional short presentations, movies and class retreats, will give you a better understanding of the Mercy in the Bible, the Gospel of Luke and Salvation History. Classes begin September 15, 2016 and will continue until the end of May 2017. There are two sessions each Thursday: the morning group meets at 10:00AM and the evening group meets at 7:00PM. Each session is approximately 1 ½ hours long and both sessions follow the same program. Participants may attend either session. The cost of the program for the year is \$65.00, which covers all the course material for the year. Participants can register at the church office. Questions can be directed to Greg Gamache at BonaventureBible@astound.net

■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Give yourself an evening away to nurture your relationship. A new year is beginning on Tuesday, September 20 with a family potluck in Classroom A4, 6:00-7:30pm. Bring a dish to share. Come and meet other families in the parish and hear what is happening in the upcoming year. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

“But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”—(Mt 6:6)

The practice of contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: “practice.” It’s not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

■ COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC), CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

Couples for Christ is a ministry moved by the Holy Spirit and one with the Catholic Church witnessing Christ’s love and service to help strengthen and renew families through God’s transforming love. Our Family Ministry is for everyone: married, single parents, single adults, separated, widowed, youth and kids. We invite you to see what CFC is all about through our CLProgram starting September 10, 6:30-9:00pm in the Small Hall. If you have questions or are interested contact Allain/Arlyn Capinpin (925)325-2320, Alex/Carolyn Cosas (925)408-0978; Wilfred/Rachell Narvasa (925)822-4724. Or visit www.couplesforchristusa.org

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today’s Gospel reading may sound a bit harsh at first, but it is meant to wake us up to the fact that God must be first place in our lives if we are to be disciples of Christ. Find out how to live out God’s design for your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 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.

■ ADULT CONFIRMATION

The diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation will be on February 18, 2017 at the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ.

Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested will begin November 7. Each candidate must:

- be at least 18 years old
- no longer be in high school
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received First Communion
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

If you are interested, please contact Eileen (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net Registration requested by October 15.

■ TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

Blessings from Tai Chi for Health! Join us in the powerful, playful practice of Tai Chi & Qi Gong. **Beginning September 1, sessions will only be on Wednesday, in the Small Hall, 10:00-11:00am.** Bring an open mind and bottled water. Love offerings \$10. Contact instructor Ben at ☎ 925-565-4636 with questions.

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.



MINISTRY FAIRE Sept. 10-11, after each Mass

Please participate
and help us
celebrate the Gift
of Ministry!

For information or
to get involved:
Contact Mike 925-
676-7110

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **ADULT ACTIVITIES**

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The next Senior Luncheon, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person. We'll be celebrating Mexican Independence Day. La Tapatia Restaurant will provide chips & salsa, chicken enchiladas, rice & beans and a make-your-own beef or chicken taco bar. As always, lunch includes dessert, wine, beer, water and soda. Please make reservations by Monday September 5 by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on September 3 and 4. Adults of all ages are welcome!

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

I have 25 tickets on hand for purchase. Tickets are in Section 225, (all in the shade), \$23. This event has always been fun. Stay after the game for performances by Donnie Moore and the Radical Reality Team; as well as faith testimonials from A's players and coaches. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. Call Gerry ☎ 709-5404. Cash or checks made payable to Gerry Ferri.

■ **HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **September 10/11**. 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, 9:00am, and 11:00am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!



■ **JOIN ST. BONAVENTURE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TODAY**

Children in grades 2 through 8 are invited to join the St. Bonaventure Cross Country team. Practice has begun, but we continue to welcome new athletes. The season continues until the last meet on October 21. There are five meets which feature races about one mile in length and traversing dirt trails in various parks in the East Bay. Practices are held M-W-F in Newhall Park. For more information, call Joe Sullivan at ☎ 925-969-0207 or John Mercurio at ☎ 925-876-0327. We always need additional parent coaches/administrators, so here is a chance to participate along with your child!

Pray For

THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND
ALL CAREGIVERS

■ **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2016)**

Our group is actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or maybe a wine donation for the wine pull, ranging in value from \$50 to \$150 per bottle. Contact me and let's talk about it. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this wonderful fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennykay12@aol.com, or phone ☎ 925-693-0457. All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.



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In the Fall this Year!

St Joseph's Dinner
Saturday, Sept. 24th

Adults \$10
Children (2 to 12) \$5
Under 2 are Free

All Food is Homemade and Donated
By the Attendees
All Proceeds and All Leftover Food
To Benefit St Vincent de Paul and
Their Mission to Support Those in Need

Great Food, Music, Raffles & Silent Auction Items

Tickets on Sale Sept 10-11 and Sep 17-18

■ 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.

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ ST. AGNES PRESCHOOL/PRE-K HAS SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD.

St. Agnes Preschool and Pre-K program nurtures 3, 4 and young 5-year-olds. Children must be potty-trained. Help them start their journey in becoming independent and faith-centered learners. Application and registration forms can be found on our website stagnesconcord.com or call 925-689-3990 for more information.

■ VACATION TRIP FOR 2 TO MAUI

The Sisters of Carondelet are selling tickets for a Vacation Trip for 2 to Maui (includes roundtrip from LAX for two, 8 days, 7 nights at Royal Lahaina Resort, \$300 credit at selected resort restaurants, two complimentary \$108 value/person luau tickets.) The Second Prize is \$1000 and Third Prize is \$500. Tickets are 12 for \$50 or \$5.00 per ticket. Drawing will be held on October 4. Winners need not be present. To purchase tickets, call Sr. Judy at 925-331-7264 or online at www.csjla.org.



Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



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SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
JAIME R. DIAZ
September 3 – September 9, 2016



■ ST. MARY'S COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, 32nd Golf Tournament fundraiser for tuition assistance, September 12, Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, El Cerrito. \$225 entry fee. Tee signs and sponsorships available. 19th Hole Reception open to non-golfers for \$25/person; reservations required. Online registration at www.saintmaryschs.org (use the "Support Saint Mary's" link) or contact Joanne Howe at 510-559-6227 or jhowe@stmchs.org.

■ LUNCH AND LEARN AT FR. TOM'S INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECT

Future Lunch and Learns

- Oct 7th at the Walnut Creek United Methodist Church. Contact is Judith Hall, (925) 212-3810
- Nov 4th at the Church of the Latter Day Saints Institute of Religion, 300 Golf Club Road, PH. Contacts are Stuart/Evelyn Candland: (925) 922-1884
- Dec 5th Winter Nights at Lafayette, UMC. Contact is Judy Stillman (925) 933-9351
- Jan 6th Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church. Contact is Terry Clarke (818) 590-8820
- Feb 3rd Rossmoor Interfaith Council. Contact is Rev. Anne Cox Bailey

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 5:00 Patrick Smith & Brothers
Emidio Busuttill
Margaret Barrett
Lynn Lane

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Raymond & Margaret Mangini
Lutgarda Mariano
Claire Sullivan
Edgardo M. Cortez
- 11:00 Scott Ipsen
Rodrigo Dala
Resurrection Lorenzo
Rosa Urizar de Rincon
- 5:00 Rose Yap Fong
Judith Paquette
Jimmy Diaz

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Rose Yap Fong
Lawrence "Lou" Tadeo
Edgardo M. Cortez
Jim Duffy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 6:30 Deacon Mariano Preza
9:00 Earl Carroll
Don Davis
Conchita Guzman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 6:30 Jaime & Glen Powers
Mark & Kris Rico
Claire Sullivan
- 9:00 Joan Purcell
Francisco Molina

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Emidio Busuttill

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 5:00 Catherine Caponio
Pat O'Brien
Emidio Busuttill
Angela Anderson

■ **LUCAS 14, 25-33**

“El que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser discípulo mío.”

Jesús iba de camino acompañado por mucha gente. En esto se volvió y dijo: Si alguno no me ama más que a su padre, a su madre, a su esposa, a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y a sus hermanas, y aún más que a sí mismo, no puede ser mi discípulo. Y el que no toma su propia cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo. Si alguno de vosotros quiere construir una torre, ¿acaso no se sentará primero a calcular los gastos y ver si tiene dinero para terminarla? No sea que, una vez puestos los cimientos, si no puede terminarla, todos los que lo vean comiencen a burlarse de él, diciendo: “Este hombre empezó a construir, pero no pudo terminar.” O si un rey tiene que ir a la guerra contra otro rey, ¿no se sentará primero a calcular si con diez mil soldados podrá hacer frente a quien va a atacarle con veinte mil? Y si no puede hacerle frente, cuando el otro rey esté todavía lejos, le enviará mensajeros a pedir la paz. Así pues, cualquiera de vosotros que no renuncie a todo lo que tiene, no puede ser mi discípulo.

La palabra de hoy es algo desconcertante. Si en otros párrafos de la Escritura nos habla Jesús del amor a los demás en un tono de humildad, ahora parece que se cambian los acentos. El Señor reivindica para sí el amor más grande que pasa por encima incluso de los amores más cercanos.

Mucha gente acompañaba al Maestro por el camino. Entre esas personas había de todo tipo de gente. Unos le acompañaban porque descubrieron en Él a alguien a quien merecía la pena seguirle. Otros le seguían por interés y algunos por curiosidad. SE volvió y les empezó a explicar lo difícil que es acompañarle.

Ellos le estaban siguiendo físicamente, pero ahora Jesús les expone la necesidad de seguirle con el interior, con el amor más profundo. Los seres humanos, incluso los que intentamos llevar un seguimiento de Jesús con una cierta dignidad, siempre podemos caer en la tentación de dejarnos absorber por otras situaciones de la vida. Puede ser el trabajo, los amigos, las

dificultades e incluso nosotros mismos. La mayor dificultad que tenemos las personas para seguir a Cristo no está en los demás, ni en los que me dan alegrías o los que me dan penas. Mi mayor obstáculo puedo ser yo mismo si no soy capaz de poner a cada situación y cada persona en el lugar que les corresponde en mi vida.

No es que Jesús haga un desprecio al amor hacia los más cercanos. No nos dice que les dejemos de amar. Lo que nos recuerda es que la fuente del amor, el amor más grande lo tenemos que tener hacia Dios; de esa fuente nacerá la enseñanza para aprender a amar de verdad a los otros.

Muchos de los amores de la vida nos pueden apartar del camino del amor verdadero. Creemos que nos enamoramos de las personas pero ese amor se puede convertir en una trampa para nuestra libertad. Los amores que hay que superar están en personas físicas a las cuales podemos ver y tocar. Jesús nos anima amarle más allá de lo físico, por eso su amor aparece como más exigente. Seguir al Señor necesita de un amor más fuerte porque sus exigencias son mayores.

Seguir a Cristo es intentar vivir como Él vivió. Su vida fue una total entrega por encima de los lazos familiares y de las relaciones filiales. Instauró una nueva forma de relación entre los seres humanos: ver a todos, de una manera especial a los más débiles y necesitados, como miembros de la propia familia de Dios, de esa manera todos pasamos a la categoría de hermanos en el Señor. Dice que debemos de renunciar a todo lo que tenemos para ser discípulo suyo. Amar a Cristo es preferirlo sobre otros amores.

Las renunciaciones no se refieren solamente a cosas físicas pues hay muchas personas que dan el corazón a cosas materiales. La renuncia que Jesús nos pide pasa también por renunciar a nosotros mismos. Hay personas que han sido capaces de desprenderse en el seguimiento de Jesús de las cosas materiales. No son ambiciosos. Pero, sin embargo, el camino de discípulo no ha llegado a plenitud porque no ha sabido desprenderse de sí mismo: de sus manías y obsesiones, de sus traumas y cerrazones. Estos creen que son discípulos pero no lo son porque o bien no han

querido o no han podido sentir el amor de Cristo en plenitud.

Solamente hay una cosa más difícil que desprendernos del amor a las cosas materiales y de las personas que nos rodea, y es precisamente desprendernos de nosotros mismos. Cuando estamos muy centrados en nuestra vida, cuando estamos obsesivamente preocupados por nosotros, por nuestro futuro, por nuestra situación, es muy difícil que el amor de Dios perdure en nosotros ya que nuestros intereses serán otros. Quien sigue a Cristo tiene pocas preocupaciones por sí mismo ya que en el Señor encuentra en cantidad lo que otros no le pueden ofrecer.

■ **AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA**
Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario



“Si alguno no me ama más que a su padre, a su madre, a su esposa, a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y a sus hermanas, y aún más que a sí mismo, no puede ser mi discípulo (Lucas 14:26) ¿Puede alguien

imaginar un Evangelio menos adecuado para el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia? Pero los eruditos llaman a esta parábola semítica.

Jesús exagera para sacudirnos, que afrontemos retos, para cambiar la vida. Frente a los conflictos de lealtades, los discípulos deben reordenar las prioridades, incluso las relaciones con Jesús y el primer lugar de las demandas del Evangelio.

Hoy la Segunda Lectura presenta un ejemplo de la vida real. Pablo desafía a su converso rico, Filemón, a que le dé la bienvenida a su hijo Onésimo, pero ya no como esclavo, sino como hermano amadísimo en Cristo. No sólo con perdón incondicional sino con un cambio de estado contracultural, rompiendo con el mundo, como un igual. Más aún, un querido hermano en Cristo.

¿El Año de Jubilar de la Misericordia que me desafía a "dejar"? — que significa reformar, rehacer, renovar incluso completamente — ¿Puedo dar al mundo, el mismo amor de Cristo sin condiciones, sin excepciones? — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

“Miren a Jesús, miren a Jesús en el hambriento, en el preso, en el enfermo, en el desnudo, en la persona que no tiene empleo para sustentar a la familia. Miren a Jesús en estos hermanos y hermanas nuestros.”

■ REGISTRACION PARA CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

La catequesis es un programa de dos años y está diseñada para que en el segundo año los niños/jóvenes reciban los sacramentos.

Las clases de Educación en la Fe para niños y jóvenes comenzarán la semana del 2 de octubre.

Ofrecemos clases en español en preparación para la Primera Comunión los domingos de 11:00 AM-12:30 PM. También tenemos clases en inglés los lunes y martes de 4:00-5:00 PM y el miércoles de 2:00-3:00 PM y de 6:30 a 7:30 PM.

Las clases de preparación para la confirmación son en inglés y las sesiones son los domingos por la tarde/noche.

Ubicaremos a su hijo dondequiera que se encuentre en el camino de la fe.

Registraziones:

Domingo 18 de septiembre. 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM, Salón A-1.

Estaremos disponibles para contestar cualquier pregunta que tenga y ayudarle a inscribir a los niños en la clase apropiada. Si su niño estuvo en nuestro programa de formación en la fe el año pasado, recibirá un paquete de materiales por correo a mediados de agosto. También habrá formularios de inscripción en la entrada de Iglesia, en la oficina Parroquial y en nuestra página web.

¡Esperamos tener a su hijo en nuestros programas de formación en la fe!

Horario de Oficina:
Díacono Mariano Preza
Teléfono ☎ (925) 844-9015
Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30p.m.
Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

■ RENOVACION - AMBIENTE SEGURO PARA NIÑOS

Desde el 1ro de Julio 2016, San Buenaventura comenzó la renovación anual del entrenamiento “Ambiente Seguro para Niños.” Todos los miembros de ministerios, devociones, catequistas, voluntarios tienen que tomar el entrenamiento proveído por el programa VIRTUS antes del 30 de septiembre. **Para poder hacerlo primero tienen que registrarse en virtusonline.org.**

Nuestra Parroquia ofrece entrenamiento tanto en inglés como en español. **Recuerde que para poder atender uno de nuestros entrenamientos, primero tiene que registrarse en el website de VIRTUS.** Si le es más conveniente se puede tomar el entrenamiento en línea.

Sesiones de entrenamiento Ambiente Seguro para Niños:

INGLES

Miércoles, 7 de sept. – 7:00pm, B1

Lunes, 19 de sept. – 10am, B1

ESPAÑOL

Lunes, 12 de sept. – 7:00pm, salón B1

Jueves, 29 de sept. – 7:00pm, salón B1

Si tiene preguntas favor llamar a Mercy o a Virginia al (925) 672-5800



MINISTRY FAIRE
Sept. 11, 2016,
Después de la Misa
de 12:45 PM

Participe y Ayúdenos a celebrar el don del Ministerio.

Para información o participar comuníquese con Emily Molina al (925) 963-3483

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FECHAS TOMA DE FOTO

Sept. 6 – Sept. 9 (Martes – Viernes)
Septiembre 10 (Sábado)

HORA DE CITA

1:00 pm – 8:30 pm
10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Registraziones

Disponible en línea. Tiene que ir al sitio web de San Buenaventura, <http://www.stbonaventure.net/lifetouch>, y hacer click en Lifetouch, o llame a Emily Molina al 925-963-3483

Usted recibirá su retrato a todo color, formato 8 "x 10" además de un directorio, GRATIS, sólo por participar! **Por favor, recuerde que no hay ninguna obligación de comprar fotos adicionales.**

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ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, 826-5102

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

FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 09/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 09/09	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.