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Lunch Break – 12:30-1:30pm

October 9, 2016 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 de octubre de 2016 Vigésimo Octavo 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

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **MINISTRY FAIRE A SUCCESS**

The Ministry Faire committee (Angie Cherepy, Mike Cabral, Dan Gabe, Emily Molina, Lori Neely and Ted Kiyama) would like to send a sincere *thank you!* to the St Bonaventure Community for their wonderful participation in our 2016 Ministry Faire.

Our St Bonaventure Parish is blessed to have 88 ministries where our parishioners are able to share their time and talent with other members of our community.

Representatives from 75 of these ministries were able to participate in our Ministry Faire during the weekend of September 10 & 11. Parishioners were able to meet and chat with the ministry representatives after each of the Masses, learning how each ministry is serving our parish and community. The parishioners were then given the opportunity to sign up for future participation in the ministries.

We are happy to report that in addition to providing a weekend of great community spirit, the Faire received 170 signatures from our parishioners – as they signed up for future ministry participation!

Again, thank you to the parishioners and our ministry leaders for their participation and to the many people (including the Scouts) who helped to make this Faire a success!

■ **GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Last weekend, our 2016/2017 Parish Council was blessed at the 9am and 12:45pm Mass. Perhaps you were a witness. If you were, please continue to hold the Council in your prayers. If you were not there, please add them to your prayer list.

The idea of the Parish Council was born from Vatican II's *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church*. Actually, it emerged secondarily from the Diocesan Pastoral Council model that was originally decreed in the document.

The purpose of the Parish Council is to aid and enhance the ministry of the pastor by helping him discern what is best for the spiritual and pastoral development of the life of the parish. They are a consulting body which offers practical wisdom and insight on topics that pertain to the pastoral life. Our Council also serves in many ways. Two major events that they facilitate are: an annual Ministry Leadership meeting and the parish Ministry Faire.

The process for inviting and discerning membership on the Council is a thoughtful one. The ideal is to have a Council that represents the diversity of the parish in all its dimensions including: gender, age, ethnicity, ministry involvement, length of time as parishioner and Mass preference. A long list of suggestions is brought forward, invitations are extended and the process of self-discernment is commenced.

This year we have fifteen Council members and two staff representatives. We invite you to read a little more about them below. Take a few minutes to see their pictures that have been posted in the glass case in the foyer. If you have any questions or comments that you would like to share with them, please feel free to approach them. They would love to hear from you. They will bring your comments back to Fr. Richard and me.

Luke Casey

I was happily confirmed through our RCIA program at St. Bonaventure, with Ted Kiyama and Linda Shepard in November of 2014. Mr. Jim Scott, Jonel Sangalang, and my RCIA teachers have been wonderful mentors as I progress through my Catholic conversion process. They have shown me the importance of not only showing up for Mass but also helping others as Jesus Christ does, particularly through our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. I am looking forward to the future with you at St. Bonaventure as we learn and grow together.

Eva Chena

My name is Eva Chena and I have been a parishioner of St. Bonaventure for the past twelve years. My husband Francisco Miguel and I have been married for 25

years and we have two beautiful girls, Ana Karen, 18 and Vanessa, 16. I was the lector's coordinator for 8 years; still serve as a lector and help deacon Mariano Preza with the Bible study.

Sandy Fogarty

Greetings, my name is Sandy. My husband Tim and I have been active parishioners for 17 years. We are proud parents of three adult children and three grandchildren. I've been a catechist for over 21 years, working with the Youth Group and RCIA programs. I'm currently a volunteer with 'Family to Family' and 'Nursing Home Ministries'. I look forward to a three-year term in serving our devoted parish community.

Ed Nowicki

I have been a member of St Bonaventure parish for nearly 20 years, after living in Walnut Creek for a short time. I moved to California from the East coast where I was born, raised, and attended college before joining the Air Force. My wife Doris and I have been married nearly 13 years. I have one stepdaughter and a grandson. Previously, I served in the Sound Ministry and now am a member of the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Council.

Jonel Sangalang

My name is Jonel Sangalang. I was introduced to St. Bonaventure by my friend Gloria Leigh. She was also my sponsor when I went through the RCIA program in 2004. I currently serve as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Hospitality at the 9 am Mass. I am also involved with the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Center in Oakland and am a Catechist for SPRED. I love attending St. Bonaventure because the community is very welcoming.

Virginia Teran (staff representative)

Hello, my name is Virginia Teran. I was born in Bolivia and came to this country in 1974. My husband and I have three adult children. My son lives in San Francisco and has two children. My oldest daughter lives in Colorado and also has two children. My youngest daughter and her husband live in San Diego. I have been a

parishioner of St. Bonaventure since 1984, the year that we moved from El Cerrito to Concord. I have been working as a staff member since 2005 and am excited to be part of the Parish Council.

Ted Kiyama

I joined my wife Carolyn as a Catholic and a St. Bonaventure parishioner in 2014. We thank each of you for the warmth and hospitality we've experienced here. I've become involved in several areas of the Church and am blessed to have the opportunity to represent you on your Parish Council. I'm always open to respond to your questions, concerns and even compliments to help move the work of our Parish forward.

Mary Holm

My name is Mary Holm and I have been a parishioner since 1987. I have three adult children, Amy, Breanna and Chris. I am a substitute teacher for the Catholic schools. I enjoy singing in the 9:00 choir, teaching 3rd grade Faith Formation, Scripture Study, being a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister. I also love spending time with family and friends, singing with Tapestry, and being on the lake!

Patricia Collazos

Hello, my name is Patricia Collazos. I am from Lima, Peru, married, and have two children. I have been a parishioner of St. Bonaventure for the past 25 years. I am a member of the St. Jude and St. Martin groups. I also participate in the Eucharistic Ministry for the Hispanic community. I am a new Parish Council Member and look forward to serving the community.

Emily Molina

My husband, Johnny, two daughters and I have been members of the St. Bonaventure Hispanic community for 20+ years. Originally from Managua, Nicaragua, we decided to move to California, where our daughters were born. Throughout the years, we have served in multiple committees and participated in fundraising activities to benefit our parish. Currently, my husband serves as Eucharistic Minister and I enjoy proclaiming God's word by being a Lector.

Lori Neely

My husband Dor and I joined the welcoming St Bonaventure community in 1985. Originally from PA and NY, we lived in Florida 3 years, then relocated to California. Our son Greg lives in Clayton; daughter Joanna, husband Dan and grandson Dylan live in Pleasant Hill. We attend 9:00 Sunday Mass. I serve as Eucharistic Minister, support St Mary's Seniors in the St Bonaventure Giving Tree, and volunteer at John Muir Hospital.

Marie Shockley

I have been a parishioner for 50+ years. My husband, Ed, and I have been married for 32 years. My son, Jeff, and his wife, Sally, have three children who often join us at the 9:00 Mass. Currently, I am a Eucharistic Minister, teach Sacramental Prep Faith Formation and VBC, and participate in the *Multi-Faith A.C.T.I.O.N. Coalition* group. I truly enjoy being a part of our St Bonaventure community.

Lisa Swenson

My name is Lisa Swenson and I have been a parishioner of St. Bonaventure for the past nine years. My husband Greg and I have been married for 14 years and have three beautiful children: Tyler 9, Brayden 6 and Alyssa 3. I am a co-leader of the Families in Faith Ministry and we typically join the 9 AM Mass. I love St. Bonaventure because of its welcoming community.

Marion R. Guglielmo (staff representative)

I am originally from Long Island, N.Y. My husband and I came to Clayton and St Bonaventure's parish 30 years ago. We have three children who have attended CCD classes and made their Confirmation here; two were married here by Fr. Richard. I now have six grandchildren. I have been working as a staff member since 1999. St. Bonaventure has always been a special place for our family.

Angie Cherepy

I am Angie. Our family has been a member of St. Bonaventure since the 1980s. Our son Stephen, daughter-in-law Jeannine and granddaughters Makaella (11) and Camille (9), live in Clayton. We attend the Sunday 9 am Mass. We can be found sitting with the same 8 friends whom we've sat with for years, in the first and second rows on the left side of the church – they're our St. Bonaventure Family. In addition to Parish Council, I'm active in Faith Formation and the Social Committee.

Connie Gutierrez

A Concord native, I joined the St. Bonaventure community with my husband John in 2006 and attended RCIA through St. Bonaventure, receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in 2010. I enjoy lecturing at the 7:30 Mass and also enjoy my previous work with our EDGE youth. What I love about St. Bonaventure are the parishioners, who are welcoming and warm, making this community feel like family.

Karen Gallagher

Hello! My name is Karen Gallagher and I am beginning my fourth year on the Parish Council. I have been a member of St. Bonaventure since 1981. I am a single mom with a daughter starting her second year of college. Our family has been involved in Altar Serving, Lectoring, Eucharistic Ministering, Bonfire and nursing home ministries. I am excited about the upcoming year and look forward to meeting you!

■ ONE BODY CDS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1

The CDs are here! If you preordered CDs and/or want to purchase CDs, please stop by our CD tables after all Masses starting the weekend of October 1-2. The CD includes performances by each of the St. Bonaventure choirs and features some of our favorite songs, including *We Are One Body*, *In the Breaking of the Bread*, and *Go Make a Difference*. The cost is only \$15 each, and all the proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Church.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of Oct. 1 & 2 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
 Actual: \$24,440
 Deficit: (1,000)

Food for Family: 735 (2 weeks)

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

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2ND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-\$40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

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.

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



LITURGY & MUSIC

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary
 Time: Jubilee of Marian Devotion**



This weekend, the Jubilee honors Mary under the title Pope Francis suggests, "Mother of Mercy." Recall the Good Samaritan Gospel. Priest and Levite saw

suffering but showed no mercy. Recall the rich man, who never saw Lazarus right before his eyes, and showed no mercy. Today, Jesus sees ten lepers from afar and shows extraordinary mercy. Mary's entire life, declares Francis, was modeled on Jesus, "Mercy-Made-Flesh." Indeed, standing at the cross, Mary saw Jesus' mercy take flesh when Jesus showed mercy to the executioners. So Pope Francis recommends we frequently pray the *Salve Regina*, Hail, Holy Queen, asking her to ever look upon us with mercy, so that we might be worthy to gaze upon the face of her merciful Son Jesus. May we do so not only in eternity, but here and now, opening our eyes to see Jesus in others, and our hearts to serve Jesus in others by loving deeds of unconditional mercy.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; PS 113:1B-5A, 6-7; LK 11:29-32
TUESDAY: GAL 5:1-6; PS 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; LK 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY: GAL 5:18-25; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 11:42-46
THURSDAY: EPH 1:1-10; PS 98:1-6; LK 11:47-54
FRIDAY: EPH 1:11-14; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; LK 12:1-7
SATURDAY: EPH 1:15-23; PS 8:2-3AB, 4-7; LK 12:8-12
SUNDAY: EX 17:8-13; PS 121:1-8; 2 TM 3:14 -- 4:2; LK 18:1-8

■ **UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAININGS: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ministers of Hospitality**

Are you interesting in proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass? Do you feel called to share the Body and Blood of Christ with the gathered assembly at Mass? Perhaps you would enjoy welcoming people, passing the collection basket, assisting with crowd flow during processions, and other sorts of “usher” duties at Mass? If so, please consider becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Minister of Hospitality! **All of our Masses need more Liturgical Ministers, most especially Masses other than the 9:00am Mass.**

Our upcoming schedule of training is listed below:

Thursday, October 13

7:00pm: Eucharistic Minister Training

8:00pm: Lector Training

Monday, October 17

7:30pm: Minister of Hospitality Training

Training sessions will last approximately one hour. If you are interested in participating, please contact Anthony Artega at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office and let him know which ministry you are interested in and which training date you plan to attend. If you already expressed interest and signed up at our recent Ministry Faire, we will be in contact with you soon! Thank you!

■ **PUBLIC ROSARY CRUSADE**

Please join the 2016 Public Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of prayers, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 15, 2016 at noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place in Concord, outside Newhall Park on Ayers Road and Murchio Drive. Look for Our Lady of Fatima Banner by the road curb.

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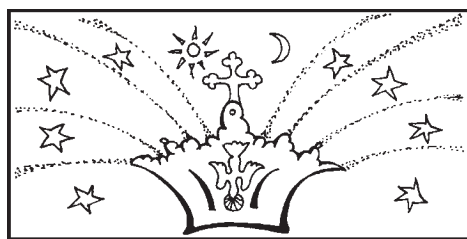
LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ **NOVEMBER ELECTION NOTES: Vote YES on 62 and NO on 66**

Our (Catholic Conference of Bishops) support to end the use of the death penalty is rooted in our unshakeable resolve to accompany and support all victims of crime. They suffer the very painful consequences of criminal acts. With the violent loss of a loved one, a sword has pierced their heart. Their enduring anguish is not addressed by the state-sanctioned perpetuation of the culture of death. As we pray with them and mourn with them we must also stress that the current use of the death penalty does not promote healing. It only brings more violence to a world that has too much violence already. In November – the concluding month of the Year of Mercy – Californians have the opportunity to embrace both justice and mercy (cf. Ps. 85.11) in their voting. We strongly urge all voters to prayerfully consider support for Proposition 62 and opposition to Proposition 66. — California Catholic Conference of Bishops (cacatholic.org)

■ **ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY**

Are you deeply concerned about our world? Are you thirsty for God *and* hungry for Justice? Do you long to be contemplative and compassionate? *Engaging Spirituality* is a prayerful small-group journey that invites us to draw the world – with all its beauty and brokenness – down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together and to practice living deeply and loving broadly. A new group will be starting in January and will run for 21 weeks. If you are interested in more information, please contact Eileen (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).



FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC**

A new process began **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 or Confirmation. For further information and registration, please contact Eileen ☎ 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ **PARENT ENRICHMENT**

Give yourself an evening away to nurture your relationship. We will meet, Tuesday, October 11 Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. 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. To sign up for babysitting follow the link at <http://www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith>

■ **CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOUR END-OF-LIFE WISHES**

Fr. Richard invites you to begin a conversation about your end-of-life wishes. This is a four-week series. Each evening will include large-group and small-group discussions. Some topics discussed will be:

- identifying your wishes
- society’s perspectives on dying and death
- communicating your wishes to family and loved ones
- funeral planning

The series is on Tuesday evenings on October 11, 18, November 8, 15, at 7pm in the Ministry Center Room B1. There is no cost. Registration is required. To register, please contact Eileen Limberg (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).

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■ MAKING A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL PLAN

A one-evening discussion about strategies for surviving stress and loneliness after the loss of a loved one. All adults are welcome, whether or not you have participated in the 'Healing the Heart' sessions previously. Please join us on October 25 at 7:30pm. Registration has been extended to October 20. Call Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217) so we have enough cookies and chairs!!

■ TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat for the children on October 22 after the 5:00pm Mass in the halls and side parking lot. The Knights of Columbus are returning with their Haunted House in the Small Hall. We will have crafts for the children while people decorate their trunks and get ready to hand out candy. Everyone is welcome. We need people to hand out candy as well as children to collect it. If you are an empty nester or grandparent who misses the costume parade, join us. Maybe your small group would like to participate? It's fun for everyone! Contact Eileen Limberg with questions or to sign up (to give out candy and/or bring your children). You can also register by following the link: <http://www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith>

■ 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**. There will be evening and afternoon session offered. Each candidate must:

- be over 18 years of age
- no longer be in high school
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received First Communion and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

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

■ 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.

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As men and women of God we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter 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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ ADULT ACTIVITIES:

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, October 13 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

We'll be celebrating "Oktoberfest". Ralph's Catering will provide sauerkraut & sausage, German potato salad, green salad, rolls & butter. Drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday October 10 by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on October 8 and 9. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ LOOKING FOR AN ADULT TRIP COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone or a couple to take over planning the adult trips. We usually have 3 interesting, informative or spiritual trips, and 3 or 4 casino trips each year. We make arrangements with American Stage Tours. We let them know what our dates of preference are and they make arrangements with the receiving venues for us. If interested, contact Gerry ☎ 709-5404 for more details.

■ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their monthly Pancake Breakfast in the Large Hall after the 7:30 and 9 AM Masses on **October 16. \$6 per person or \$20 per family** gets you pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee. We are offering our Pancake Breakfast on a monthly basis. The remaining dates in 2016 are November 13 and December 11. The proceeds from the Pancake Breakfasts go to providing financial assistance to the Parish Youth Ministry and to other KOFC charitable efforts. Please consider this opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners and to support the Knights of Columbus.

■ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUND RAISER

Every October, the Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraising effort for local facilities that support and care for the Intellectually Disabled. St. Bonaventure Council supports the We Care Center, Special Olympics and the Respite Inn. This year we will be conducting our effort on the weekend of October 22 & 23 at local stores, and here at St. Bonaventure after all the Masses that weekend. Please consider a generous donation as you meet us that weekend. We will be prominent in our bright yellow vests, touting our support for the Intellectually Disabled.



■ KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus will start their Christmas Card sales next weekend, October 15/16, after all the Masses. Please stop by our “Keep Christ in Christmas” table to check out our selection of Christmas cards, Advent Wreaths, car magnets and more. We will also be selling these items after all the weekend Masses from November 5/6 thru November 19/20 and the first two weekends in December. Please check out our wide selection of religious cards and other items.

■ 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 pulls, ranging in value from \$30 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).

■ MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN

November 4: “Winter Wonderland” Gala, 6pm - 8pm at the Large and Small Halls

Please join us for an evening in “Winter Wonderland,” a gala of wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffles, wine pull and shopping opportunities. There will be hundreds of beautifully made items from our St. Bonaventure’s Classy Crafters; and wonderful homemade goodies from the Country Kitchen.

November 5: Boutique & Country Kitchen; 10am - 2pm at Large and Small Halls

December 17 & 18: Country Kitchen will be in the foyer after all Masses.

All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry

■ 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.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 JAY DEL ROSARIO and LITA DIAZ**

October 8 to October 14, 2016



OUTSIDE PARISH

■ ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING THE ST. AGNES DEVELOPMENT FUND

When/Where: Friday, October 21 at Boundary Oaks Golf Course.
 Times: 10:00 am check in, 12:00 pm Shotgun Start, 5:30 BBQ dinner, raffle and awards. \$175 per golfer, \$650 for Discounted Foursome. For more information, please contact Dave Lucas @ 925-787-8360.

■ ST. AGNES CHURCH AUTUMN TEA

Please join us for the St. Agnes Church Women’s Guild Autumn Tea to be held Saturday, October 22, 11:30 am-2:00 pm in the Church Hall, \$25 per person. Please join us for a deliciously delightful event. All reservations no later than October 10. Contact Sandi Rigor, 925-682-0387 or email: sandirigor@aol.com.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 Patrick Smith & Brothers
 Brigido & Severina Lao
 Matthew Merrigan
 Carolyn Wimsatt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
 9:00 Joy Keehn
 Genaro de Guzman
 Jaime Diaz
 Mike Varner
 11:00 Henry Alumia
 Laiza Tiamson
 Jay del Rosario
 Bernardo Gando
 5:00 Henry Alumia
 Thanksgiving
 from Flores Family
 Vicente Ang
 Richard Ang

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Catherine Caponio
 Rose Carroll

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:30 Food Pantry Volunteers
 9:00 George and Mary Jane Brown

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:30 Safety of all children
 9:00 Sheena Shastri

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Jeanann Davis
 Bettie Kelly
 Monnie Eichten

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

■ LUCAS 17, 11-19

En aquel tiempo, cuando Jesús iba de camino a Jerusalén, pasó entre Samaria y Galilea. Estaba cerca de un pueblo, cuando le salieron al encuentro diez leprosos, los cuales se detuvieron a lo lejos y a gritos le decían: "Jesús, maestro, ten compasión de nosotros".

Al verlos Jesús les dijo: "Vayan a presentarse a los sacerdotes". Mientras iban de camino, quedaron limpios de la lepra.

Uno de ellos, al ver que estaba curado, regresó, alabando a Dios en voz alta, se postró a los pies de Jesús y le dio las gracias. Ese era un samaritano. Entonces dijo Jesús: "¿No eran diez los que quedaron limpios? ¿Dónde están los otros nueve? ¿No ha habido nadie, fuera de este extranjero, que volviera para dar gloria a Dios?" Después le dijo al samaritano: "Levántate y vete. Tu fe te ha salvado".

En el Evangelio de hoy, vemos en estos diez leprosos la muchedumbre pobre de hoy que grita desde su marginación, la necesidad de liberación que no les llega de ninguna parte. La Iglesia fiel a Jesucristo sería cruel, si sacerdotes o laicos diéramos media vuelta, pasáramos de largo y no nos fijáramos en la pobre miseria y dolor del herido y el enfermo que vemos y conocemos. Cristo y el profeta Eliseo, como lo vemos en la primera lectura, se enfrentan a la situación de la **marginación**. La lepra había inspirado unas leyes terribles en el pueblo de Dios. Lean el libro de Levítico: El que tenía lepra, lo marginaban, lo sacaban de la sociedad y permanecía escondido. Los leprosos tenían que irse a vivir a los montes y cada vez que se acercaba una persona tenían que gritar: "**Inmundo, Inmundo**". Sonaba como un grito de sepultura esa voz de los pobres leprosos que desde los caminos gritaban al que se acercaba para que se apartara de ahí: "Inmundo, sucio, no te acerques". Esta angustia los obligaba a conglomerarse en una sociedad en el dolor.

El ser humano tiene necesidad de asociarse, aunque sea leproso, campesino, u obrero. Los seres humanos debemos surgir de nuestra marginación y apoyarnos unos a otros. De la misma manera que Jesús se acercó a los leprosos, nosotros acerqué-

monos unos a otros, hagamos que las fronteras desaparezcan y sintamos solamente la necesidad de unirnos para aliviar nuestro dolor.

La referencia al samaritano y su identificación como "extranjero" es un recordatorio del amor universal implícito en el ministerio misericordioso de Jesús. Los samaritanos y los judíos no se llevaban muy bien, pero aquí vemos que estaban juntos, compartiendo su dolor, pues uno de los leprosos era samaritano. Como también vemos las características del "extranjero" **Fe y Agradecimiento** las cuales contrastan con la ingratitud y la incapacidad de los otros nueve autóctonos de convertirse y reconocer a Jesús como quien salva. El "extranjero" ha visto con los ojos de la fe la mano de Dios en su curación: Da Gloria a Dios. Por eso no corre hacia el sacerdote sino que vuelve hacia Jesús (conversión), se postró a los pies (reconoce quien es Jesús), quién le ha hecho experimentar la salvación en su curación, y le manifiesta todo su agradecimiento por el don recibido. Y Jesús lo declara salvado.

Sin embargo, Jesús plantea tres preguntas: ¿No eran diez los que quedaron limpios? ¿Dónde están los otros nueve? ¿No ha habido nadie, aparte de este extranjero, que volviera para dar gloria a Dios? La primera pregunta indica que todos han visto con los ojos de la fe y prepara la siguiente pregunta. La segunda pregunta expresa la decepción de Jesús: la obediencia a un mandamiento de la ley les causa la curación física, pero su falta de fe les impide reconocer y acoger a quien les regala la salvación de Dios. Y la tercera pregunta anticipa la recepción de la salvación a los que no quedarán cegados por su obediencia a la ley.

Las tres preguntas buscan hacernos caer en la cuenta de la importancia de la fe para reconocer y acoger la salvación de Dios en Jesús, así como la gratitud del creyente ante Jesús Salvador.

Hoy, estamos reunidos como hermanos para dar gracias a Dios. Gracias por el sacrificio de Jesús y el don de la fe. Gracias por alimentarnos del pan de vida eterna. Gracias por hacernos miembros de su familia y darnos muchos hermanos en la fe. Gracias por sembrar en el fondo de nuestra

soledad humana una semilla de esperanza eterna. Y al salir a la calle, abriremos los ojos y notaremos con sorpresa que hay muchos que hacen algo por nosotros, y a quienes debemos decir "Gracias." Dios les Ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: Jubileo de la devoción Mariana

Este fin de semana el Jubileo honra a María



bajo el título que sugiere el Papa Francisco, "Madre de misericordia". Recordemos el Evangelio del buen samaritano. El sacerdote y el levita vieron sufrimiento

pero no demostraron piedad. Recordemos al hombre rico, que nunca vio a Lázaro delante de sus ojos y no mostró piedad.

Hoy, Jesús ve de lejos a diez leprosos y muestra una misericordia extraordinaria. La vida de la Virgen María, declara el Papa Francisco, fue modelada en Jesús, "Misericordia-hecha-carne."

De hecho, de pie en la Cruz, María vio la misericordia de Jesús cuando El mostró misericordia a los verdugos. Por lo que el Papa Francisco recomienda que recemos con frecuencia el Ave María, El Salve Reina, Santa Reina, pidiéndole que siempre nos mire con misericordia, para que seamos dignos de contemplar el rostro de su hijo Jesús misericordioso.

Lo podemos hacer no sólo en la eternidad, sino aquí y ahora, podemos abrir nuestros ojos para ver a Jesús en los otros y en nuestros corazones. Servir como Jesús lo hizo, amando a los demás y haciendo obras de misericordia incondicionalmente por nuestros hermanos. — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

"Demasiadas personas se ven envueltas en resentimiento y abrigan odio pues son incapaces de perdonar y arruinan su propia vida y la vida de las personas que los rodean en lugar de encontrar la alegría de la serenidad y de la paz."

■ 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.

Estaremos disponibles para contestar cualquier pregunta que tenga y ayudarlo 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!

■ ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL

El fin de semana de Octubre 21-22-23. Las parejas interesadas en inscribirse o en obtener más información pueden llamar a Rey y Ana González al 510- 432-3829.

■ HALLOWEEN

Venga y disfrute nuestro tercer Halloween Anual el 22 de Octubre después de la Misa de las 5:00 PM en el hall grande y el parqueadero anexo. Al igual que el año pasado Los Caballeros de Colón crearán una casa encantada en el hall pequeño, también habrá manualidades para los niños. **Todos son Bienvenidos.** Necesitamos voluntarios que nos ayuden a repartir y entregar dulces. ¿Tal vez su grupo pequeño desea participar? Únase a

nosotros. ¡Es divertido para todos! Para preguntas, repartir dulces, inscribirse, favor contactar a Eileen (Inglés) al 925-672-5800 x 2217 o e.limberg@stbonaventure.net también puede registrarse visitando el sitio <http://www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith>.

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. – 5:00 p.m.
 Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Inscripciones Inician

Lunes 19 de Septiembre - 9:00am a 1:00pm

Taller de Introducción

Tres horas de clase para participantes que nunca han usado una computadora y se inscriben al curso básico.

Sábado	Octubre 1	9:00am a 12:00pm
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Curso Básico

Aprenderás cosas básicas como navegar el internet, correo electrónico, copiar, pegar, uso de librería, teclear correctamente y mucho más.

Lunes y Miércoles	Oct. 3 a Diciembre 7	9:00am a 11:00am
Sábado	Oct. 8 a Diciembre 10	8:00am a 12:00pm

Curso Intermedio

Introducción a programas como Word, Excel, Publisher y Power Point 2013, ideal para estudiantes que deseen tomar nuestro curso Avanzado, "Career Track" (próximo curso inicia en Enero 2017).

Lunes y Viernes	Oct. 3 a Diciembre 9	12:00pm a 2:00pm
Sábado	Oct. 8 a Diciembre 10	1:00pm a 5:00pm



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