



*Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.*

— Luke 2:19

## 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

January 1, 2017 Mary, the Holy Mother of God | *1 de enero de 2017 Santa María, Madre de Dios*

### 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

### ■ NEW YEAR RESOLUTION: GOD'S PEACE IN YOUR HEART

Today is New Year's Day and there is always a feeling of hope and new life in the air. Some people overcome themselves with resolutions to change parts of their lives, to become better persons in some part of their lives.

What is important is to take a wiser and more intentional approach, because fortified eggnog wears off, and we can be left with our old selves. I would suggest that each of us focus on Peace: personal peace in all our relationships, personal peace within ourselves. We cannot coast into peace. We can find it only by discovering the presence that is ourself, and connecting to the presence of God, that enables us to connect to one another.

May the New year begin in peace and peacefully run its course. May we work at living a peaceful life with everyone around us. May we promote peaceful relationships between members of our families.

In our families, it all comes down to living together and working for each other's happiness – the best of friendship and teamwork.

**A word to parents:** You are models for your children. They will take on and imitate your goodness or your dysfunctions. Strive to be and to act the very best model. If not, you will end up in a muddle.

**A word to children:** Your parents are working very hard so that you can have a very good life. You can express your appreciation when asked to help around the home. You can also become more thoughtful and respectful toward one another. That cuts down on a lot of noise inside the home. Is it that important to get one's way? There should be only one way – to be together, to be there for each other. Love flows from the heart, never from being selfish or wanting only for oneself.

Do you want peace in your home and family life? Then you have to make peace happen.



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### ■ POPE FRANCIS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pope Francis in his message for the 50<sup>th</sup> World of Peace writes: "I wish peace to every man, woman, and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity."

In the first World Day of Peace, Pope Francis recalls Pope Paul VI writing: "Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitions, nationalisms, not conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for false civil order."

### ■ THE DOMESTIC ROOTS OF A POLITICS OF NON-VIOLENCE

Pope Francis refers to and quotes from his exhortation, "The Joy of Love" – "The Family is the indispensable crucible in which spouses, parents and children, brothers and sisters learn to communicate and to show concern for one another, and in which friction and even conflicts have to be resolved, not by force, but by dialogue, respect, concern for the good of the other, mercy and forgiveness."

We have just completed a Holy Year of Mercy, studying, reflecting and witnessing the God of Mercy breaking open human hearts, which in turn have become more merciful. This change does not just happen. "Each one of us needs to look deeply within and to allow God's mercy to enter there."

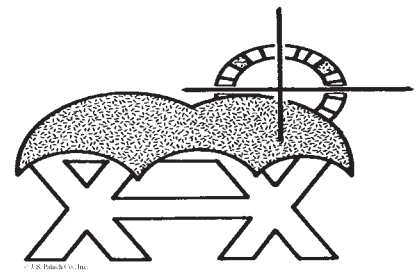
It was St. Therese of Lisieux, called the Little Flower, who invited and reminded people "to practice the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship."

### ■ "PRIMERO DIOS," PUT GOD FIRST

When I go to El Salvador each year to close the scholastic "Instituto" named after me, I begin to hear a very deep-hearted and faith-inspired expression: "Primero Dios." Most Latin American countries have a similar expression. "Primero Dios" can be translated: "God takes first place" or "If God wishes" or "It's up to God."

The expression is more than just a "Hello, goodbye or good luck." It is a genuine, heartfelt expression of humility and gratitude. "Will I see you tomorrow?" Primero Dios. "I will pray that you will feel better," Primero Dios. "I will see you soon," Primero Dios. "I hope you get the job," Primero Dios. "I hope that you do well in that test," Primero Dios. It is really a prayer.

Although a cultural expression, it expresses a total dependence on God, a subtle humility and a kind gentleness toward all. Could we all put that expression into our hearts and our vocabulary? Primero Dios!

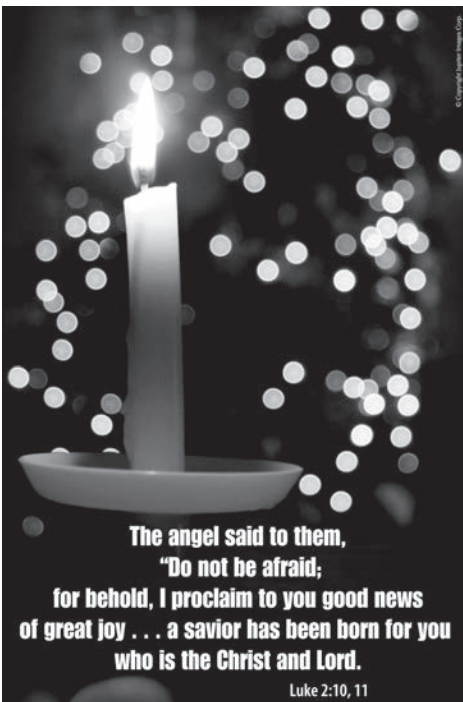


### ■ APPLICANTS FOR DE LA SALLE AND CARONDELET

Anyone seeking a letter of recommendation from Fr. Mangini should fill out the questions on the recommendation form, on a separate sheet of paper, or give what your answers would be. I do not know each applicant well enough to fill out the forms. I would be happy to interview each applicant. I do not write vague letters. Who are you? What do you stand for? How much of a Catholic and Christian are you? What are your goals in life? What kind of service have you done for others? What do you want to grow up to be? How will Carondelet or De La Salle help you to reach that? After I see the answers to these questions, I will write a letter of recommendation.



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The angel said to them,  
"Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news  
of great joy . . . a savior has been born for you  
who is the Christ and Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS  
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**■ CDS ARE HERE!**



If you preordered CDs and/or want to purchase CDs, please contact Grace Maes at (925) 285-0694. 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.

**■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING**



In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Bonaventure through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: CA725

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



**OFFICE CLOSURE  
Christmas &  
New Year Holidays:**

Friday, December 30, 2016  
thru Friday, January 2, 2017



**LITURGY & MUSIC**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** 1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1-4; JN 1:19-28  
**TUESDAY:** 1 JN 2:29 -- 3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-6; JN 1:29-34  
**WEDNESDAY:** 1 JN 3:7-10; PS 98:1, 7-9; JN 1:35-42  
**THURSDAY:** 1 JN 3:11-21; PS 100:1B-5; LK 4:14-22A  
**FRIDAY:** 1 JN 5:5-13; PS 147:12-15, 19-20; MK 1:7-11 OR LK 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**SATURDAY:** 1 JN 5:14-21; SAL 149:1-6A, 9B; JN 2:1-11  
**SUNDAY:** IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

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## LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

### ■ 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 with an opening retreat at St. Bonaventure, January 20-21. They will meet Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm in the Rectory Conference Room, from January 24 through June 20.** If you are interested in more information, please contact Eileen (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### ■ 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 next meeting will be January 4.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

### ■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Turn off your I-Pads, your I-Phones, and your I-Tunes and come experience a new way to look at your marriage through I-Marriage. In our monthly meetings, we will learn how Andy Stanley's three key teachings help you enrich your marriage and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." We will meet, Tuesday, January 10, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. Contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

### ■ HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we'd like to invite you to attend the **Healing the Heart** workshop. It provides a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one. The loss may have been a recent one or a long time ago. The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. It is a Christ-centered program, but you do not have to be a member of St. Bonaventure's parish or a Catholic to attend.

The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening January 24, 2017 from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. The workshop is *free* but registration is required by January 15, 2017. Please call Helene Billeci at (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register.



### ■ WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

**Keys to Spiritual Freedom:** January 27-29, 2017 at St. Claire's Retreat Center in Soquel. Led by Father Joseph Kim of the San Jose Diocese. The cost is \$210. We invite you to start your new year off with a weekend of prayer, learning and community. Registration forms available in the church office or on the parish website. For any questions, call Maureen at 925-360-1621.

### ■ 2017 MEN'S RETREAT HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER: A Retreat with the Psalms

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat, which will be March 3-5 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Our retreat master will be Fr. John Endres of the Jesuit School of Theology, who will focus on the psalms as resources for individual and communal prayer. For more information, call Peter Nixon (925-381-7853) or Matt Remington

(925-672-4006). Registration forms are available online at [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net) (Parish Ministries – Men's Spiritual Network).

### ■ ADULT CONFIRMATION

The parish celebration of Confirmation will be on May 13, 2017 with William Cardinal Levada. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested will begin **Monday, February 27**, from 7:00-8:30pm. 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 requested by February 15.

### ■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Christmas time is the time to celebrate the beautiful gift of God becoming man. Jesus was a great healer and teacher who taught us to pray. He suggests we go to our quiet space to pray. Spend some quiet time with God. Join us on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm in the Chapel.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### ■ ADULT ACTIVITIES:

**SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Thursday, January 12 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

We'll be celebrating the New Year with delicious Chinese food provided by Mann's Chinese Cuisine. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by **Monday January 9** by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on January 7 or 8. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ **WALK FOR LIFE**

St. Bonaventure Parish and the Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring buses to take people to the ‘Walk for Life’ in San Francisco on January 21, 2017. The buses will depart the St. Bonaventure parking lot at 9 AM. There will be a nominal fee of \$15 which will get you a Commemorative T-Shirt and a seat on the bus. Contact Tom Payne at 925-672-7700 or 925-288-1412 or email him at thomashpayne@outlook.com to reserve a seat.

■ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FUND-RAISER.**

The Annual Fund-Raiser event for the Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017. This will be the “Second Annual Super Bowl Surf & Turf Party”, catered by Wilma Lott Catering and served by the Knights of Columbus. We will be serving great hot and cold appetizers, salad, Shrimp Scampi and New York Strip Steak. We will again have an exciting Dessert Auction, numerous big raffle prizes and a live auction of such items as a Wine Barrel and a one-week vacation opportunity. Please come and support the many charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus, such as the 200 new coats given to needy families in the Monument Corridor, the support given to local seminarians and the assistance provided to the parish youth programs. These activities are made possible by your generous support of our annual fund-raiser. Tickets for this fund-raising event are available after all the Masses during January 2017, and in the parish office. Ticket price is \$45 per person or \$40 per person for a table of eight or more. Last year’s event was great fun and a rousing success. Get your tickets early so you won’t be left out!

■ **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.

**OUTSIDE PARISH**

■ **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL PRESENTS A TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN**

Thursday, January 19; 6:00pm – 7:00pm.  
(Refreshments will be provided)

866 Oak Grove Road, Concord;  
Kindergarten Classroom (by the gym)

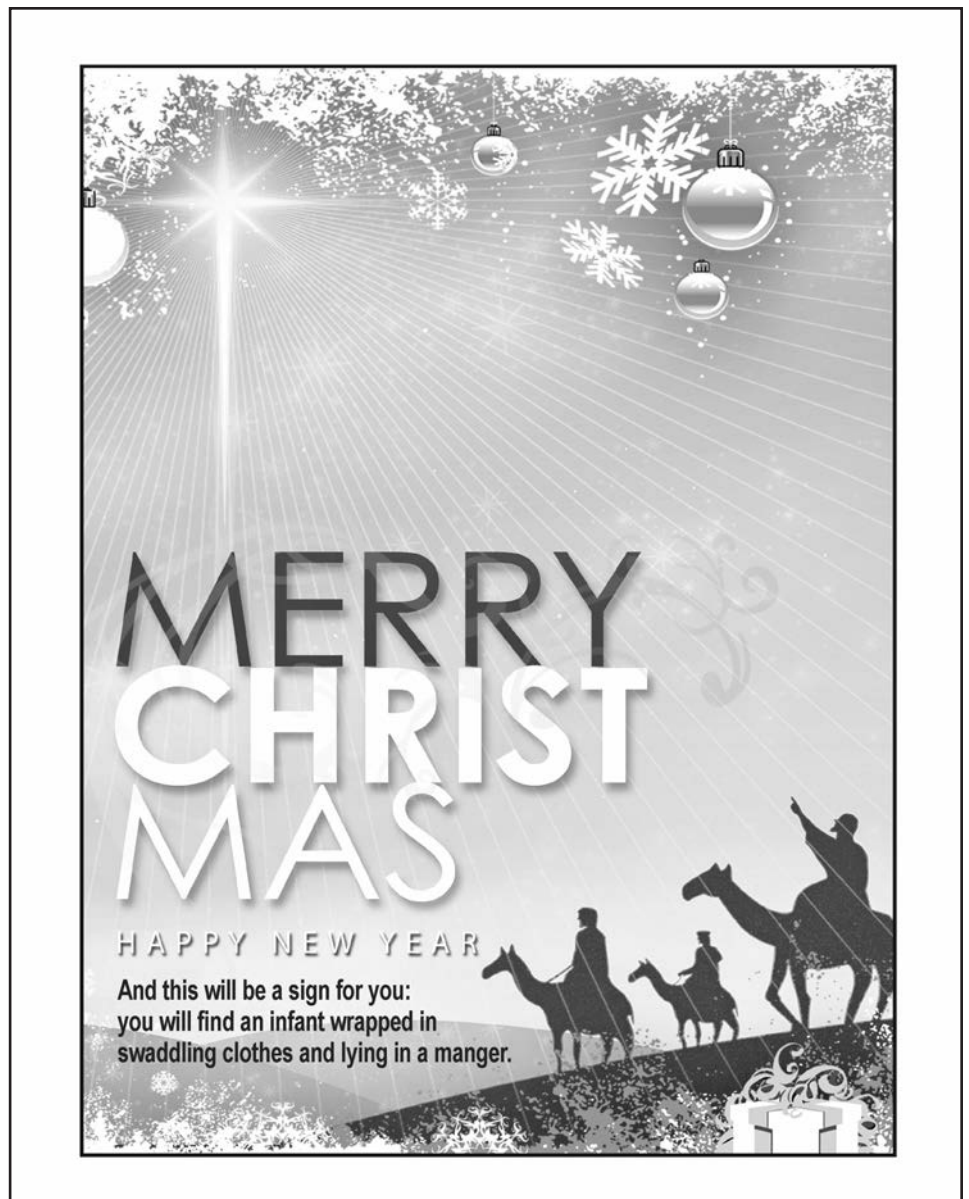
**Please do not bring any children.**

Please reply: 682-5414.

■ **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

For all grades on Sunday, January 29, the beginning of Catholic Schools’ Week from 11:30am until 1:30pm. Applications will be given out at this time

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## ■ CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING

**We're Off to See the Wizard!** Contra Costa Interfaith Housing's (CCIH) annual auction gala, *Ruby Slippers-There's No Place Like Home* is Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Diablo Country Club. This *over the rainbow* evening includes a silent and live auction, dinner, and dancing. We are looking for fun and unique items for the auctions, as well as wine and gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Do you have extra airline miles? Maybe a timeshare? We're open to your ideas! Visit <http://bit.ly/2dQy0d2> to donate an item or, if you have any questions, email [elba@ccinterfaithhousing.org](mailto:elba@ccinterfaithhousing.org). See you on the yellow brick road!

## ■ ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION

Traveling Exhibit of Religious Icons, both contemporary and traditional, at St. John's-Clayton and St. Michael and All Angels-Concord, December 10 – February 17

*Icons in Transformation* showcases the paintings of Russian artist Ludmila Pawlowska in her only Bay Area appearance.



Traditional icon from the Vassilevsky Monastery in Suzdal, Russia



To Be Seen by Ludmila Pawlowska

More than 150 contemporary icons by internationally known Russian artist Ludmila Pawlowska, plus traditional icons from the Vassilevsky Monastery in Russia, will be displayed. The exhibit is divided between St. John's Episcopal Church, 5555 Clayton Road in Clayton (across the street from St. Bonaventure) and St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2925 Bonifacio Street, next to Baldwin Park, in Concord. Dec 10, 2016 – Feb 17, 2017

**At St. Michael's:** Fridays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Saturdays & Sundays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. . Other times by appointment by calling Gary Carr at 925-890-7839.

**At St. John's:** Sundays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Other times by appointment by calling Gary Carr at 925-890-7839.

Admission is free, but donations gratefully accepted. For more information, please call Gary Carr at 925-890-7839, or visit our websites <http://www.saintjohnsparish.org>; <http://www.saintmichaelsconcord.org>.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR  
 ED WALLACE**  
 December 31 to January 6, 2017



## 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.



Pray  
 For

for more  
 priests and  
 religious

**Priests** *for the People*

SUPPORT YOUR FUTURE PRIESTS  
*Seminary Christmas Collection*

DECEMBER 24 – 25, 2016

"In Christ, priesthood is linked with his Sacrifice, his self-giving to the Father."  
 — St. John Paul II, *Redemptio Humana*

KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY



## Christmas Flowers Offering

Because of Jesus Christ, we believe in the Communion of Saints. As we celebrate Christmas and bless each other with grace, love and gifts, we honor living family members, and we remember those who have preceded us to the New Life by our Christmas Church decorations and flowers.

Nick & Gina Beni  
Gary & Bonnie Boswell  
Emidio Busuttil  
Sr. Roberta Carson & Family  
Mildred & Ralph Cheda  
John (Jack) Clark & Family  
Noura Daïess  
Ernest & Jean Dell'Isola  
Lynn Demerritt & Family  
Norma & John Evaristo  
Ramon M. Evaristo  
The Fracasso Family  
The Francisco Family  
Linda & George Galeon & Family  
Fr. Al Grosskopf & Family  
Scott Holm  
Albert & Jennie Introcaso  
Pauline Martell & Family  
Jim & Sue Martling  
Linda S. Mercader

Mercader – Evaristo Families  
Kosaka & Camacho  
Pangelinan  
Alexie Rae Francisco- Siu & Family  
Melana Reme Siukituatonga  
Eleana & William Thomson  
Frank Thomson  
Jack & Doris Thomson  
Matthew Thomson  
Idonna Tryon  
The Nation & the world  
St. Bonaventure Church  
Community



## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 Ilyssa Rodriguez  
Rafael & Juanita Sison  
Souls in Purgatory  
Norma Mercader-Evaristo

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 Juana, Francisco & Joel Cuenco  
Lucy Walsh  
Norma Evaristo  
Josephine Hart  
10:00 Felix Adolfo Flores  
Norma Mercader-Evaristo  
Lawrence & Sophia Lozipone  
Douglas Kubic  
5:00 NO MASS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 World Peace & End to violence  
Guidance of all children

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:30 Fr. David Lawrence  
9:00 Fr. Richard Mangini  
People suffering from dementia

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 Communion Service

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 For Children in Orphanages  
9:00 St. Bonaventure Ministries

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 All Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 Pat & Tom O'Brien  
Angela Anderson  
Women Christian  
Fellowship Retreat

## ■ RESOLUCIÓN DE AÑO NUEVO LA PAZ DE DIOS EN EL CORAZÓN

Hoy es el Día de Año Nuevo y siempre hay un sentimiento de esperanza y nueva vida en el aire. Algunas personas se superan con resoluciones para cambiar partes de sus vidas, para convertirse en mejores personas en algún momento de sus vidas.

Lo que es más importante es tomar una actitud más sabia e intencional porque el rompopo no dura para siempre, y seguimos iguales. Sugiero que cada uno de nosotros nos centremos en la paz: la paz en nuestras relaciones, la paz dentro de nosotros mismos. No podemos llegar a la paz sin una sincera intención. Solo la podemos encontrar descubriendo la presencia que está en nosotros, conectarnos con la presencia de Dios, esto es lo que nos permite conectarnos unos a otros.

Puede el Año Nuevo comenzar en paz y tranquilamente su recorrido. Podemos trabajar en una vida pacífica con el mundo que nos rodea. Podemos promover relaciones pacíficas entre los miembros de nuestras familias.

En nuestras familias, viviendo juntos y trabajando por la felicidad de cada uno de los miembros de la familia – es lo mejor de la amistad y el trabajo en equipo.

**Una palabra a los padres:** Ustedes son modelos para sus hijos. Ellos toman e imitan su bondad o su disfunción. Trate de ser y esfuércese por ser el mejor modelo para ellos o usted terminara confundido.

**Una palabra a los niños:** sus padres están trabajando muy duro para que tengan una muy buena vida. Ustedes pueden expresar su aprecio y agradecimiento ayudando en los trabajos de la casa. También pueden ser más reflexivos y respetuosos el uno con el otro. Esto reduce mucho el ruido dentro del hogar. ¿Es importante tener una manera? Sólo debe haber una manera-- estar juntos, estar el uno para el otro. El amor fluye desde el corazón, nunca ser egoístas o desear solamente para uno mismo.

¿Quieren paz en su hogar y en su vida familiar? Entonces tienen que hacer que suceda la paz.

## ■ PAPA FRANCISCO. JORNADA MUNDIAL DE ORACIÓN POR LA PAZ.

El Papa Francisco en su mensaje para la 50 Jornada Mundial de la Paz escribe: “deseo la paz a cada hombre, mujer y niño, a la vez que rezó para que la imagen y semejanza de Dios en cada persona nos permita reconocernos unos a otros como dones sagrados dotados con inmensa dignidad.”

En el primer Día de la Jornada Mundial de la Paz, el Papa Francisco recuerda el escrito del Papa Pablo VI: “La paz es la línea única y verdadera del progreso humano – y no las tensiones de nacionalismos ambiciosos, ni las conquistas violentas, ni las represiones portadoras de un falso orden civil”.

## ■ LAS RAÍCES NACIONALES DE LA POLÍTICA DE LA NO VIOLENCIA

El Papa Francisco se refiere y cita partes de su exhortación, “La Alegría del Amor” – “la familia es indispensable, crisol en que cónyuges, padres y niños, hermanos y hermanas aprenden a comunicarse y a mostrar preocupación unos por otros, y en que la fricción y los conflictos incluso tienen que resolverse, no por fuerza, sino por el diálogo, respeto, preocupación por el bien del otro, misericordia y perdón.”

Sólo hemos completado el Año Santo de Misericordia, estudiando, reflexionando y siendo testigos de la Misericordia de Dios, que abre los corazones afligidos, los cuales se han vuelto más misericordiosos. Este cambio no sucede solo. “Cada uno de nosotros necesitamos mirar profundamente dentro de nosotros mismos y permitir que la misericordia de Dios entre allí”.

Fue Santa Teresa de Lisieux, llamada la Pequeña Flor, quien invitó y recordó a la gente “practicar pequeños gestos de amor, decir una palabra amable, una sonrisa o cualquier pequeño gesto que siembre paz y amistad.”



## ■ “PRIMERO DIOS”

Cuando voy al Salvador cada año a la clausura del año escolar del “Instituto” que lleva mi nombre, empiezo a oír una expresión muy profunda de corazón e inspirada en la fe: “Primero Dios.” La mayoría de los países latinoamericanos tiene una expresión similar. “Primero Dios” se puede traducir como: “Dios tiene el primer lugar” o “Si Dios quiere” o “Incumbe a Dios.”

La expresión es más que un “Hola, adiós o buena suerte.” Es una expresión genuina, sentida, llena de humildad y gratitud. “Lo veo mañana,” Primero Dios. “Ruego para que se sienta mejor,” Primero Dios. “Le veré pronto,” Primero Dios. “Espero que obtenga el trabajo,” Primero Dios. “Deseo que le vaya bien en el examen,” Primero Dios. Esta es realmente una oración.

Al mismo tiempo que es una expresión cultural, expresa una dependencia total de Dios, una humildad sutil y una dulzura amable hacia todos. ¿Todos podríamos poner la expresión en nuestros corazones y en nuestro vocabulario? ¡Primero Dios!





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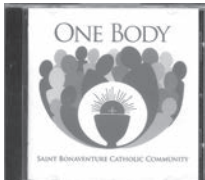
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### ■ CAMINATA POR LA VIDA

La Parroquia de San Buenaventura y los Caballeros de Colón están patrocinando nuevamente autobuses para llevar a personas a caminar por la vida en San Francisco el 21 de enero de 2017. Los autobuses saldrán del estacionamiento de San Buenaventura a las 9:00AM. Habrá una cuota nominal de \$15 que usted recibirá una camiseta conmemorativa y un asiento en el autobús. Contactarse con Tom Payne en 925-672-7700 o 925-288-1412 o un correo electrónico a thomashpayne@outlook.com para reservar un asiento

### ■ CD'S ESTAN AQUI!



Por favor llame a Grace Maes al teléfono: (925) 285-0694 si Ud. Compró o desea comprar el CD con participación de los coros de la iglesia. El

valor es \$15.-nada mas. Nuestra iglesia se favorecerá de las ventas del CD. Gracias por su colaboración.



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