



Pastors give their reflections at the recent Prayer Service for Christian Unity. Photo Credit: Anthony Arteaga

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

February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | *12 de febrero de 2017 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE

COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.

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

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

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

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

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



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

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

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **WITHOUT GIFTS, WE CAN'T BE A GIFT**

There is a revealing story in the well-known book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. In the retelling, a man had recently received the gift of a car from his brother. He was leaving his office and came upon a street boy admiring the car. The man told the boy that his brother had given it to him. The boy was visually stunned and in near disbelief. As the boy begins saying, I wish..., the man knew what he was wishing for. The boy was going to say that he wished he had a brother like that. *but*, the boy said, "I wish that I could be a brother like that."

Now that's a generous heart. It reminds us that the getting isn't what's important, it's the giving. The boy recognized how a gift would make a difference in someone else's life.

This weekend, we reflect on the generosity of giving we have expressed as a family of faith here at St. Bonaventure. This weekend, we remember how our giving has given back and made a difference in the lives of those who come to us to deepen their faith, break bread together, receive care in the loss of a loved one, for a laugh and friendship, for prayer, to have their child baptized in our faith or prepared for First Communion or Confirmation, for reconciliation and to celebrate the liturgy together as one family in faith.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

Keeping Connected to Our Parish Community

- Enjoyed our first Surf and Turf Dinner hosted by the Knights
- Began implementing the *Amazing Parish* principles
- Brought back Simple Soup Lenten dinners, hosted by the Knights of Columbus
- Organized our 1st Parish Registration Fair
- Managed the creation of a new Photo Directory to be distributed in 2017
- Published a new Parish Web Site
- Replaced the Parish Hall Tables and

Chairs

- Experienced two spirit filled retreats

Nourishing the Development of Our Faith and Knowledge of Christ

- Continued a series of evenings for Exploring Catholics as "Mercy Me! Questions from the Church in the Year of Mercy"
- Offered a parish-wide book study with continued offerings of group book studies
- Welcomed over 600 children, teens and adults to gather closer to Jesus at our Barnyard Round-up Bible Camp
- Organized 55 people's attendance at the Walk for Life, co-hosted by the Knights of Columbus
- Co-hosted Interfaith dialogue between Muslims and Christians
- Organized Faith in Action Ministry to stand in solidarity with our neighboring brothers
- Advocated together for rent stabilization actions in Concord and living wages for our community
- Partnered with our Deanery group to create a Catholic community-wide Social Justice Advocacy Group: Catholics United for Justice

Offering to Share the Holy Spirit's Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure

- Payed off early our building loan debt
- Combined parish choirs released the "One Body" CD
- Renewed our Safe Environment registration and trainings, preparing over 700 parishioners to work with or alongside our children
- Gathered and distributed over 1,400 gifts through our Giving Tree Ministry
- Raised over \$24,000 to feed the hungry at the Crafty Crafters Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale
- Collected 21,209 food items through the Knights of Columbus Food Drive
- Adopted the Ahmadi Family, refugees from Afghanistan
- Hosted a spirited Ministry Fair with over 75 participants and received 170 volunteer sign-ups
- Shared nearly \$100,000 with our Parish Outreach Organizations
- Watched our garden thrive through the drought at the hands of our Garden

Angel volunteers

- Began rectory renovations and preparations for our new pastor
- Worshiping Through Prayer, Mass and the Sacraments**
- Opened our hearts to the Year of Mercy
 - Celebrated over 600 daily and Sunday liturgies
 - Hosted a Christian Unity Service with our neighboring parishes
 - Expanded the Advent Concert with added instrumentalist musicians and increased audience
 - Continued our 5th Sunday Rosary
 - Hosted Ecumenical Good Friday Service
 - Conferred over 1,000 Sacraments
 - Baptism
 - Infant to age 7 535
 - Children age 7-17 27
 - Adults..... 6
 - First Communion..... 219
 - Confirmation (Teens) 84
 - Confirmation (Adults)..... 11
 - Marriages & Convalidations 46
 - Funerals..... 71
 - Adult Initiation 7

Finances

At the beginning of 2016, our Finance Council made a request for a 10% increase in giving. It had been four years since our last appeal to parishioners to consider increasing their financial gifts. Since that time, inflation in the Bay Area had increased our costs for the same level of service by over 10%. Some of our families responded. Our giving increased by 3%.

Unfortunately, expenses increased 5%, which includes an investment of funds in our facilities this year, including the beginning preparation of the rectory for our new pastor, restructuring office space and replacing our tables and chair in the hall. We ended the year with a slight surplus of \$1,166.

There is much evidence of love and gratitude in our parish. We can see it in the generosity of time, talent and treasure. We can see it in the early retirement of our building debt this year.

If we direct those funds that were being given to the Parish Capital Campaign,

we could see an increase of \$100,000 in our Sunday giving. Imagine how we could build our community with the addition of priests, facilities improvements for the parish hall, increased formation with speakers and parish retreats, and communications to our absent brothers and sisters. God’s possibilities are endless.

■ LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017

Our 2017 Finances

We have an exciting year ahead with the retirement of our pastor Fr. Richard and welcoming Fr. Mathew Vellankal. And hopefully we will receive a third priest to be present for the pastoral care of the parish.

With the arrival of Fr. Mathew in the rectory and the addition of a third priest comes increased pastoral care, ideas and possibilities. It also brings increased expenses including living costs at the rectory, salary and benefits for the new priest.

We can also expect to continue seeing inflationary impacts on our expenses. Last year expenses increased 5% while giving increased 3%. Our 2017 Budget is nearly break-even, which means we have budgeted equal amounts of income and expenses. And though that sounds healthy, it does not provide any surplus for savings, facilities improvements or major repairs.

To continue meeting the needs of those who come to our doors, and to extend our hands of welcome, we hope and pray for continued and expanded generosity.

EXIT LANES CLOSED

On Friday, February 17, both exit lanes to Clayton Rd. will be closed. They will be blocked off by equipment to repair the overhead lights from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You will have to exit out the back gate on this date. Of course, this is assuming that it is not raining. If it is, we will move the repair date to February 24.

2016 4th QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

	12 MONTH ACTUAL	12 MONTH BUDGET	DIFF.	TOTAL BUDGET
REVENUE				
Weekend Donations	1,270,975	1,272,100	-1,125	1,272,100
Easter & Christmas Donations	137,550	130,000	7,550	130,000
Children’s Faith Formation <i>(includes Bible Camp)</i>	83,101	77,650	5,451	77,650
Teen Formation Ministry <i>(includes Bible Camp)</i>	50,865	53,800	-2,935	53,800
Weddings and Baptisms	99,119	91,000	10,549	91,000
Facilities Maintenance	32,999	25,000	7,999	25,000
Social Outreach	30,555	36,000	-5,445	36,000
Gifts for Other Parish Ministries	12,440	15,500	-3,060	15,500
Defined gifts Inc. Campaign Interest & Catholic Voice	40,050	34,500	5,550	34,500
Interest Income	2,417	1,750	667	1,750
TOTAL REVENUE	1,760,071	1,737,300	22,771	1,737,300
OPERATING EXPENSE				
Administration	417,905	402,166	-15,739	402,166
Interest: Ministry Center Construction Loan	4,860	6,927	2,067	6,927
Property Maintenance	308,878	274,586	-34,292	274,586
Property Insurance & Taxes	51,059	52,795	1,736	52,795
Priests & Rectory Living	159,538	155,601	-3,937	155,601
Liturgy & Music	143,252	147,417	4,165	147,417
Children’s Faith Formation <i>(includes Bible Camp)</i>	153,399	158,609	5,210	158,609
Teen Faith Formation <i>(includes Bible Camp)</i>	131,228	134,229	3,001	134,229
Adult Faith Formation	51,786	57,731	5,945	57,731
Hispanic Ministry	100,776	95,463	-5,313	95,463
Other Ministries	4,462	9,700	5,238	9,700
Weddings & Baptisms	15,385	14,134	-1,251	14,134
Social Outreach	37,170	38,500	1,330	38,500
Diocesan Assessments	179,207	179,207	0	179,207
TOTAL OP. EXPENSES	1,758,905	1,727,065	-31,840	1,727,065
Revenue Over/Under Total Expense	1,166	10,235	-9,069	10,235

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.

Parish Operating Cash Balance	\$309,086.00
Parish Reserve (Savings)	\$175,000
Parish “Campaign Share” (Savings)	\$66,782
*Designated for Hall HVAC/Air & Windows	

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of February 4 & 5 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
 Actual: \$28,844
Over: \$3,404

2nd Collection

Facility Improvement: \$4,490
Food for Family: 822 (1/24 & 29)

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

■ PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Good news — the second and final proof of our 2016 Parish Directory is back in the hands of Lifetouch. Lifetouch will do their magic and produce our beautiful hardback directory. Their turnaround time is 30 business days, so the estimated shipping time will be the first part of March. With that date in mind, our plan is to have the distribution after all Masses the weekend of March 18/19 and 25/26. The directories will also be available in the church office during regular hours. For those parishioners who are interested in purchasing a directory, a limited number of directories will be available and the cost will be \$10.00.

Thanks to all of you who were able to partake in the 2016 Parish Directory; the committee hopes you will be pleased with this edition. Special thanks go out to the committee and all the angels who helped with the hosting at the portrait sessions — we couldn't have done it without you.

■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Bonaventure with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Follow the link below to quickly enroll in eGiving to St. Bonaventure.

To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



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LITURGY & MUSIC

■ COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Saturday, February 18 at 2:00pm

Suffering and illness affect us in body, mind, and spirit. If one member suffers in the Body of Christ, which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member. In times of frailty, sickness, treatment, or surgeries, the parish family assures the infirmed of our care and support through prayer, personal visits, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This will not be a Mass. The celebration will consist of a Liturgy of the Word followed by the anointing. All requiring this Sacrament of healing are invited to join us.

■ 5PM SATURDAY CHOIR LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The role of the choir is to assist the assembly in worship by leading them in singing during the Mass.

The 5pm Saturday Choir is open to anyone who wants to join, and rehearses on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Music Room.

If you wish to become a member of the choir, feel free to come along to the rehearsal, speak to the director, Paul McWilliams, after 5pm Saturday Mass, check in with any choir member, and/or contact Anthony at aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net and your information will be forwarded to Paul.

■ 'ONE BODY' CDS AVAILABLE AT REDUCED PRICE!

If you have not purchased the 'One Body' CD, this is the time to do so. Take advantage of the reduced price. The cost is now only \$10. 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. All the proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Church.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: GN 4:1-15, 25; PS 50:1, 8, 16BC-17, 20-21; MK 8:11-13

TUE: GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; PS 29:1A, 2, 3AC-4, 3B, 9C-10; MK 8:14-21

WED: GN 8:6-13, 20-22; PS 116:12-15, 18-19; MK 8:22-26

THU: GN 9:1-13; PS 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; MK 8:27-33

FRI: GN 11:1-9; PS 33:10-15; MK 8:34 -- 9:1

SAT: HEB 11:1-7; PS 145:2-5, 10-11; MK 9:2-13

SUN: LV 19:1-2, 17-18; PS 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 3:16-23; MT 5:38-48

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our Senior Moments coordinator is short on bingo prizes for this bi-monthly event. In particular, we are requesting small-medium liquid laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, dish detergent, packages of sponges (two-sided with scrubber side), and toilet paper. We always need toiletries for our families and homeless clients. New only, please! If you can contribute any of these things, please bring them to the office. Eileen will be collecting items and will bring them to the Center after February 20. Our last drive was very successful. I brought a car-load of bingo prizes to the center in early December.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ 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 (Parish Ministries
– Men’s Spiritual Network).

■ 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, February 14**, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @☎ 925-672-5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ ADULT CONFIRMATION

The parish celebration of Confirmation will be on May 13 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

■ BOY SCOUT TROOP 444 ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 19, Large Hall,
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$5.00/person or \$15.00/family

All proceeds go to St. Bonaventure
Catholic Community

■ ST. MARY’S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary’s Center in Oakland. (Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish)

The next dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **February 19**. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left in the Small Hall on the ledge near Frank’s corner office. Please bring items before the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday. Cash donations for St. Mary’s can be left in the church office. All items need to be marked “St. Mary’s-Oakland”.

Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Carol & Jim Riley ☎ 672-4383 & Carol & Pete Chrobak ☎ 672-7158.

■ 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

■ CARONDELET’S ANNUAL MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT: Sunday, Feb. 26 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This is a special time for mothers and daughters to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bond in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually enriching atmosphere. The event includes the retreat, coffee/juice service, brunch and Mass.

The retreat is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are currently in 9th grade or above. To register visit: www.carondeleths.org

■ MAJOR CATHOLIC AUTHOR TO EXPLORE DUAL JOURNEY IN OUR LIVES

Harold Fickett, a prolific writer (20 books) will provide profound insight into the duality of our Christian life at the Catholics@Work breakfast Tuesday, Feb. 14 (Crow Canyon Country Club). Fickett also co-authored two books with Chuck Colson, the Watergate convict-turned-Christian convert who eventually organized a major prison-help ministry.

Himself a convert, Fickett’s Catholic faith and extensive media skills blend into a powerful life vision that is timely and relevant to the contemporary faith journey. Fickett’s books include inspiration (*The Living Christ*), biography (*Flannery O’Connor: Images of Grace*) and fiction (*The Holy Fool*). With Colson, he co-authored *The Good Life* and *The Faith*. Today Fickett heads SCENES Media, a diverse resource with positive, God-oriented media. <http://scenesmedia.com/> (check it out!)

Details: **Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:00 AM (ends promptly at 8:15)**. Optional Mass at 6:30 AM celebrated by **Father Jayson Landeza** at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Buffet breakfast. **Cost:** members \$20; non-members \$30. Go to the website www.catholicsatwork.com

■ BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you offer love, hope, friendship, information, and practical help for women in crisis who are facing unplanned pregnancies and ensure them that they are not alone? Birthright welcomes those interested in supporting the programs of Birthright and working with pregnant women, offering them alternatives to abortion and resources to continue with their pregnancies. Volunteers are needed who will commit to 3 to 4 hours a week either working with clients or helping in the office with support services. No experience is needed, only a non-judgmental and loving spirit. For information on training, please call Birthright of Walnut Creek/Concord at 925-798-7227 or visit the center at 3106 Clayton Rd. in Concord.

■ CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF THE "VILLAGE MOVEMENT"

Clayton Valley Village, Inc. invites you to learn more about the nationwide "Village Movement" and the 15th anniversary of the first village, Beacon Hill Village, in Boston.

Date: Monday, February 13

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Hoyer Hall in the Clayton Library

Program:

1:00 pm Check-In

1:30 pm Overview of Clayton Valley Village and membership information

2:00 pm Live webinar presentation by Village to Village Network including keynote speaker Atul Gawande, author of the best-selling book "Being Mortal and What Matters in the End."

3:00 pm Reception; informal Q&A

Clayton Valley Village offers seniors the opportunity to stay in their own homes for as long as possible by offering a network of services to support them. For more info, please contact Sue Manning (925) 672-2727.

■ JOIN US FOR PASTA DINNER NIGHTS

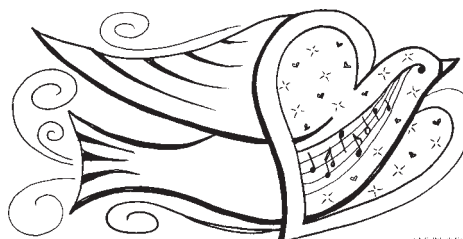
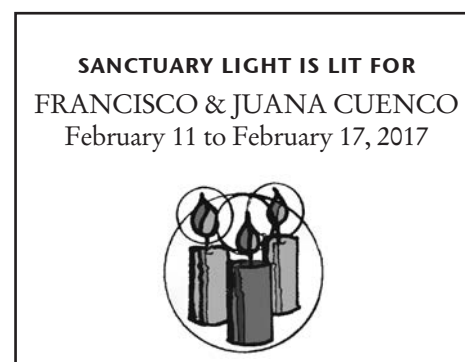
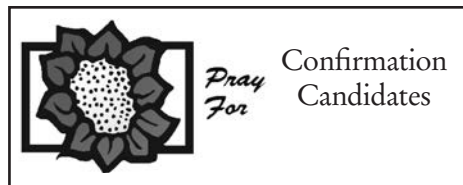
When: February 19, March 19, May 21, August 20, October 15, November 19, and December 17; 4:30pm – 6:30pm; San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr. Danville; \$15 (Adults); \$10 (Children 12 & under)

Menu: Spaghetti (with meat and vegetarian sauces), salad, garlic and French Bread, dessert and beverage

Purchase tickets: sandamiano.org (925) 837-9141

■ RETROUVILLE

Marriage Help – Retrouville has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 24, 25, & 26, 2017, call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com



Mass Intentions For The Week

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 Jim Garry
Frank Billeci
Marcelino Domingo
Jan Smith

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Ernesto Martinez
Lorraine Curotto
Marcelino Domingo
Mary Loh
11:00 Dominic Minetti
Jonathan Johnson
David Johnson
LeAnn Margaret Cahill
5:00 Eric Victorino
Eduardo Manalo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Adrian Yap
Alicia Taborga
Ofelia Camantigue

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 All Pastoral Staff
9:00 Juana Cuenco
Food Pantry Volunteers
All foster children

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 Children with cancer
9:00 Trey Alcorn
Marcelino Domingo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Joel V. Cuenco
Marcelino Domingo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 William H. Leigh
Marcelino Domingo
Norma Evaristo & Family
Manuel & Ramon Marquez

■ **SIN REGALOS, NO PODEMOS SER UN REGALO**

Hay una reveladora historia en el popular libro, *Sopa de Pollo para el Alma*. En el relato, un hombre recientemente recibió el regalo de un coche de su hermano. Salía de su oficina y se encontró con un niño de la calle admirando el coche. El hombre le dijo al niño que su hermano se lo obsequio a él. El niño estaba visualmente aturdido y no podía creerlo. Cuando el niño comenzó diciendo, deseo..., el hombre sabía lo que el niño deseaba. El niño iba a decir que él desearía tener un hermano así. PERO el niño dijo: “yo quisiera poder ser un hermano así.”

Ese es un corazón generoso. Nos recuerda que recibir no es lo que es importante, es el dar. El niño reconoce cómo un regalo haría una diferencia en la vida de otra persona.

Este fin de semana, reflexionamos sobre la generosidad de dar que hemos expresado como una familia de fe aquí en San Buenaventura. Este fin de semana, recordamos cómo nuestra generosidad ha sido recíproca y marcó una diferencia en las vidas de aquellos que vienen a nosotros a profundizar su fe, a partir el pan juntos, a recibir atención en la pérdida de un ser querido, por una sonrisa y amistad, por oración, a tener su hijo bautizado en nuestra fe o preparados para la 1 ° Primera Comunión o Confirmación, para la Reconciliación y para celebrar la liturgia juntos como una familia en la fe.

ALGUNOS ASPECTOS DESTACADOS DE 2016

Mantenernos Conectados a Nuestra Comunidad Parroquial

- Nuestra primera Cena de Mar y Montaña organizada por los Caballeros de Colón
- Comenzamos a aplicar los principios de la *Extraordinaria Parroquia*.
- Trajimos de nuevo la Simple Sopa de Cuaresma, hecha por los Caballeros de Colón
- Organizamos nuestra 1 ° Feria de Registro Parroquial
- Creación de un nuevo Directorio Fotográfico para ser distribuidos en el año 2017

- Publicación del nuevo Sitio Web de la Parroquia
- Sustituimos las sillas y mesas del salón parroquial
- Tuvimos la experiencia de dos retiros espirituales

Alimentando el Desarrollo de Nuestra Fe y El Conocimiento de Cristo

- Continuamos la serie en las tardes para explorar los Católicos como ¡Mi Misericordia! Preguntas de la iglesia en el Año de la Misericordia”
- Ofrecimos Estudio de Libros de Amplia Parroquia con continuas ofertas de estudios de libro de grupo
- Acogimos más de 600 niños, jóvenes y adultos para reunirlos más cerca a Dios mediante de nuestro Campamento de Biblia
- Organizamos 55 personas que atendieron la Caminata por la Vida, co-organizada por Los Caballeros de Colón
- Co-Hospedamos diálogo de distintas religiones entre Musulmanes y Cristianos
- Organizamos el Ministerio de Acción de Fe para estar en solidaridad con nuestros hermanos.
- Juntos advocamos por acciones de estabilización del alquiler en Concord y mejores salarios de vida para nuestra comunidad
- Nos asociamos con nuestro grupo Diaconato para crear un grupo de defensa Católica de Justicia Social de la toda la comunidad: Católicos Unidos por la Justicia

Ofrecimiento para compartir los dones del Espíritu Santo de tiempo, talento y tesoro

- Pago temprano final de la Deuda del Centro Ministerial
- Venta del CD “Un Cuerpo” hecho con la combinación de los distintos coros de la parroquia
- Renovación de nuestra registración y entrenamiento de Ambiente Seguro. Preparamos más de 700 feligreses para trabajar o ayudar con niños
- Reunimos y distribuimos más de 1,400 regalos por medio del Ministerio del Árbol de Regalos
- Recolectamos más de \$24,000 en la Venta de Artículos Manuales y

- Pastelería de los Crafty Crafters
- Recolectamos 21,209 productos de comida a través de Los Caballeros de Colón
- Adoptamos la Familia Ahmady, ellos son refugiados de Afganistán.
- Organizamos la Feria de Ministerios con más de 75 participantes y recibimos 170 voluntarios que se inscribieron
- Compartimos como \$100,000 con Nuestras Organizaciones de Extensión de la Parroquia
- Vimos nuestro jardín crecer gracias a nuestros voluntarios, Ángeles del Jardín
- Empezamos las renovaciones y preparaciones de la rectoría para nuestro nuevo pastor.

Adorar por medio de la Oración, Misa y los Sacramentos

- Abrimos nuestros corazones a el Año de La Misericordia
- Celebramos más de 600 Liturgias Diarias y en domingos
- Organizamos Servicio de Unidad Cristiana con las parroquias vecinas
- Expandimos el Concierto de Adviento añadiendo instrumentos musicales y aumentando nuestra audiencia
- Continuamos con nuestro Rosario de Quinto Domingo
- Organizamos Eucuménica Servicio de Viernes Santo
- Otorgamos más de 1,000 Sacramentos Bautizos
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Financias

A principios de 2016, nuestro Consejo de Finanzas solicitó 10% de aumento en donaciones. Habían pasado cuatro años desde nuestro último llamamiento a los feligreses a considerar aumentar sus donaciones financieras. Desde entonces, la inflación en el área de la bahía había aumentado nuestros gastos para el

mismo nivel de servicio por encima del 10%. Algunas de nuestras familias, respondieron. Nuestras donaciones aumentaron un 3%.

Lamentablemente, los gastos aumentaron 5%, que incluye una inversión de los fondos en nuestras instalaciones este año, incluyendo el comienzo de la preparación de la Rectoría de nuestro nuevo pastor, reestructuración del espacio de la oficina y reemplazar nuestras mesas y silla para el salón. Terminamos el año con un ligero superávit de \$1.166.

Hay mucha evidencia del amor y la gratitud en nuestra parroquia. Podemos verlo en la generosidad de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Podemos verlo en el pago anticipado de este año de la deuda de la construcción del Centro Ministerial.

Si dirigimos los fondos que fueron dados a la campaña de Capital de la parroquia, podríamos ver un aumento de \$100,000 en contribuciones del domingo. Imagínense cómo podríamos construir nuestra comunidad, con la adición de sacerdotes, mejoras de instalaciones en el salón parroquial, aumento formación con altavoces y retiros de la parroquia y las comunicaciones a los hermanos y hermanas ausentes. Las Posibilidades de Dios son infinitas.

■ MIRANDO HACIA EL 2017 Nuestras finanzas del 2017

Tenemos por delante un año agitado con la jubilación de nuestro Párroco el Padre Richard, dando la bienvenida al Padre Mathew Vellanka y esperando recibir un tercer sacerdote para que este presente en el cuidado pastoral de la parroquia.

Con la llegada del Padre Mathew en la rectoría y la adición de un tercer sacerdote viene mayor atención pastoral, ideas y posibilidades. También trae mayores gastos incluyendo los costos de vida en la rectoría, salario y beneficios para el nuevo sacerdote.

También podemos esperar seguir viendo impactos inflacionarios en nuestros gastos. Los gastos el año pasado aumentaron 5% mientras que los ingresos un 3%. Nuestro presupuesto de 2017 es casi inflación neutral que significa que hemos

presupuestado una cantidad igual de ingresos y gastos. Y aunque eso suena saludable, no proporciona ningún excedente para ahorros, mejoras de instalaciones o reparaciones mayores.

Para continuar satisfaciendo las necesidades de aquellos que vienen a nuestras puertas y poder extender nuestras manos de bienvenida, esperamos y oramos por una generosidad continua y aumentada.

■ CELEBRACION COMUNITARIA DEL SACRAMENTO DE LA UNCIÓN PARA LOS ENFERMOS: Sábado, 18 de febrero a las 2:00pm (En Ingles)

Sufrimientos y enfermedades nos afectan en cuerpo, mente y espíritu. Si un miembro sufre en el cuerpo de Cristo, que es la iglesia, todos los miembros sufren con ese miembro. En tiempos de debilidad, enfermedad, tratamiento o cirugías, la familia de la parroquia asegura a los enfermos de nuestra atención y apoyo mediante la oración, visitas personales y el Sacramento de la unción de los enfermos. No se trata de una Misa. La celebración consistirá en una liturgia de la palabra seguida de la unción. Todos los que requieren de este Sacramento de sanación están invitados a unirse a nosotros.

■ EL CENTRO DE CRISIS DE LA MONUMENT NECESITA SU AYUDA

Nuestro Coordinador de la Tercera Edad necesita premios para el bingo que se celebra dos veces al mes. En particular solicitamos tamaños pequeños y medianos de detergente líquido para lavandería, pequeño y mediano, hojas de tela suavizante, detergente para la vajilla, paquetes de esponjas (dos caras con el lado depurador) y papel higiénico. Siempre estamos necesitados de artículos de aseo para nuestras familias y clientes sin hogar. Nuevo solamente por favor! Si usted puede contribuir con alguna de estas cosas, por favor traerlo a la oficina. Eileen coleccionará estos objetos y los llevará al centro después del 20 de febrero. Nuestra última colección fue muy exitosa. Pudimos llevar un coche lleno de premios de bingo al centro a principios de diciembre.

■ INFORMACION DEL DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Buenas noticias - la segunda y última prueba de nuestro directorio de la parroquia del 2016 está en manos de Lifetouch. Lifetouch hará su magia y producirá nuestro hermoso directorio con tapa dura. Les tomara 30 días para prepararlo, o sea que el tiempo estimado de envío será a principios de marzo. Con esa fecha en mente, nuestro plan es que la distribución será después de las Misas del fin de semana del 18/19 de marzo y 25/26 para las personas que se tomaron fotografías. Los directorios también estarán disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia durante las horas regulares. Para los feligreses que están interesados en la compra de un directorio, una cantidad limitada de directorios está disponible y el costo será de \$10.00.

Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en el Directorio Parroquial del 2016; el comité espera que este usted complacido con la edición. Especial gracias a nuestro comité y todos los ángeles que ayudaron ordenando las sesiones para tomas las fotografías-no lo podríamos haber hecho sin ellos.

■ INSTITUTO HISPANO

El Instituto Hispano fue fundado para responder a la formación teológica y pastoral de agentes evangelizadores comprometidos en la Misión de la Iglesia. Por ello la Universidad de Santa Clara a través de la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California, ofrece un programa de certificación en **Teología Hispano Latina y Estudios Pastorales**.

El programa consiste en la participación durante tres años, de dos semanas intensas de estudios, normalmente durante la segunda y tercera semana de Julio. Nuestro programa cuenta con una facultad acreditada con un doctorado académico y reconocida experiencia en su materia. Por más de 25 años, nuestras clases se realizaron en la Escuela de Teología en Berkeley. Con el deseo de continuar brindando la calidad académica y favorecer la experiencia comunitaria e intelectual del programa, ahora lo tenemos en el campus de la Universidad de Santa Clara.

SAINT BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC CHURCH—IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN BUENAVENTURA
February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time— 12 de febrero de 2017 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

2016 REPORTE FINANCIERO DEL 4to TRIMESTRE				
	12 MESES ACTUALES	12 MESES PRESUPUESTO	DEFICIENCIA	PRESUPUESTO ACTUAL
ENTRADAS				
Donacion Semanal	1,270,975	1,272,100	-1,125	1,272,100
Donaciones de Pascua y Navidad	137,550	130,000	7,550	130,000
Formacion de la Fe de Niños (incluye campamento de Biblia)	83,101	77,650	5,451	77,650
Formacion de los Jóvenes (Incluye campamento de Biblia)	50,865	53,800	-2,935	53,800
Matrimonios y Bautismos	99,119	91,000	10,549	91,000
Mantenimiento de las Instalaciones	32,999	25,000	7,999	25,000
Donaciones a Organizaciones Sociales	30,555	36,000	-5,445	36,000
Donaciones Para Ministerios de Otras Parroquias	12,440	15,500	-3,060	15,500
Donaciones Especificas-Interes de la Campaña- La Voz Catolica	40,050	34,500	5,550	34,500
Interes de Ingreso	2,417	1,750	667	1,750
INGRESO TOTAL	1,760,071	1,737,300	22,771	1,737,300
GASTOS DE OPERACION				
Administracion	417,905	402,166	-15,739	402,166
Interes: Prestamo Para La Construcion Del Centro Ministerial	4,860	6,927	2,067	6,927
Mantenimiento de la Propiedad	308,878	274,586	-34,292	274,586
Seguro e Impuestos de la Propiedad	51,059	52,795	1,736	52,795
Vivienda de los Sacerdotes y Rectoria	159,538	155,601	-3,937	155,601
Musica & Liturgia	143,252	147,417	4,165	147,417
Formacion de la Fe de Niños (incluye campamento de Biblia)	153,399	158,609	5,210	158,609
Fomacion de los Jóvenes (incluye campamento de Biblia)	131,228	134,229	3,001	134,229
Formacion de Adultos	51,786	57,731	5,945	57,731
Ministero Hispano	100,776	95,463	-5,313	95,463
Otros Ministerios	4,462	9,700	5,238	9,700
Matrimonios & Bautizos	15,385	14,134	-1,251	14,134
Donaciones Sociales	37,170	38,500	1,330	38,500
Evaluacion de la Diocesis	179,207	179,207	0	179,207
GASTOS TOTALES DE OPERACIONES	1,758,905	1,727,065	-31,840	1,727,065
Extra Ingresos/Total de Gastos Cortos	1,166	10,235	-9,069	10,235

Balance En Efectivo De Las Operaciones Parroquiales \$309,086.00
Reservaciones De La Parroquia (Ahorros) \$175,000
"Porcion De La Campaña" De La Parroquia (Ahorros) \$66,782
*Designado Para El Systema de Calentamiento, Aire Acondicionado & Ventanas

BAUTIZOS 2017
LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA · LUGAR CLASES: B-1
ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102
******PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA******

FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 03/25	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/08	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/24	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/20	12:00 p.m.	Fri.05/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/27	12:00 p.m.	Fri 05/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/10	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/02	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/17	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/30	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/07	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/28	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/19	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/11	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/26	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/09	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/15	7-9:30 p.m.

El Instituto se basa en una pedagogía que toma en serio el llamado bautismal, para responder a las necesidades de la Iglesia. Proporciona la formación de líderes que son dirigentes competentes, conscientes y compasivos.

Aquí tienen la oportunidad de dar un paso más para encontrar lo que como agentes de pastoral andan buscando. Que la luz que viene de lo alto ilumine nuestra búsqueda y sacie nuestro saber.

Registración empezó Enero 17. Por favor, para cualquier pregunta, llamar a **Maria Teresa Montes-Lara** al número 510- 549-5020.