

JESUS WAS

transfigured before them;

his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

– Matthew 17:2

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August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord | 6 de agosto de 2017 *La Transfiguración del Señor*

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/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes : 6:30 AM &
9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.
This requires two months preparation

*En Español: 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. *Lla-
me a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote
ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de preparación.*

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

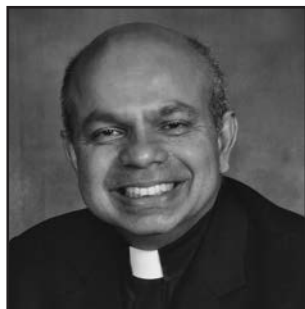
In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*



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. MAT



PASTOR INSTALLATION

This weekend I am being installed as the 9th pastor of St. Bonaventure church. I am thankful to our Vicar General, Very Rev. George Mockel, for kindly officiating the liturgy and installing me as the pastor. My sincere appreciation goes to all the guests who have come from near and far. Your presence means a lot to me. I am indebted to the clergy, staff, pastoral council and parishioners of St. Bonaventure's for your warm welcome and loving support.

The word "pastor" means "shepherded" and relates to the Latin verb 'pascere' – "to lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat." The present-day usage of the word is rooted in the Biblical image of shepherding. It means the spiritual feeding of human beings because we read in Jeremiah 3:15, "I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently." Jesus called himself the "Good Shepherd" in John 10:11.

Here in the USA, the term "pastor" is used in the Catholic Church for what in other English-speaking countries is called a "parish priest." According to Canon Law 519, "The parish priest is the proper clergyman in charge of the congregation of the parish entrusted to him. He exercises the pastoral care of the community entrusted to him under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop, whose ministry of Christ he is called to share, so that for this community he may carry out the offices of teaching, sanctifying and ruling with the cooperation of other priests or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of Christ's faithful, in accordance with the law."

It is with a profound sense of gratitude to God and to all of you, as I begin my ministry here as your servant-leader. After the wonderful example of Pope Francis, I want to lead the parish with humility. Like him I want to be compassionate, authentic and effective.

One of the most oft-quoted Francis-isms is his directive to "smell like your flock," which means immersing myself deeply in the community. So, I will try my best to be available and to be present to you. You will see me standing around the church before and after every weekend Mass. I will make every effort to attend the many meetings in the parish and accept as many invitations to homes as possible.

I hope to remember always Pope Francis' five words: "Who am I to judge?" I am here with an open heart. I want to continue to spend a lot of time listening to you to gain new perspectives and to learn your stories, goals, desires, and strengths.

I will maintain an open-door policy. Anyone in need can easily approach me. I know that the parish has to be run like a field hospital, taking care of the wounded and the hurt. Please do not hesitate to call me if you are sick or someone in your home is sick and wishes to be anointed or prayed over. In my heart, there is a special place for the sick and the elderly.

By the grace of God, I am blessed with a lot of energy and drive and my hope is that I can infuse that to all in the leadership role here. Let us make our church campus an irresistible environment of energy and excellence. With your cooperation, we can make it an ever-amazing parish. Together, let us continue to nurture a healthy parish that has reliance on prayer and sacraments and has passion for evangelization and discipleship.



PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Thank you for being a part of our St. Bonaventure family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission.

This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy, and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Bonaventure continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities, and the Sacraments. During these summer months, your generosity through *Faith Direct* can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish ministries. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA725**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

LITURGY & PRAYER

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15. We will observe this Holy Day of Obligation with three Masses: 6:30am, 9:00am, and 7:30pm in the church.

JOIN THE RESURRECTION CHOIR!

Help us prepare for our annual Christmas Concert. We have openings for all voice types: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We will teach you everything you need to know.

Rehearsals begin **Monday, August 7** at 10:00am in room A4. New members will be welcome from August 7 through Sept. 11.

This year's concert is scheduled for Saturday evening, Dec. 2. We will be doing a "Lessons and Carols" program. The readings come directly from scripture, starting with Old Testament events leading up to the birth of Jesus, and concluding with the visit of the Magi. Our songs will include old familiar carols, some new arrangements of familiar carols, and new choral pieces.

Have questions or need more information? Please contact Janice Anelli at bjanelli@astound.net or 925-687-4058.

MASSES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We will continue to celebrate the Centennial Year of Our Lady of Fatima with a special monthly Mass from August thru October this year. The Masses will be on the 13th of each month, except for August, when it will be on the 14th. The Masses will be in the chapel at 7:00pm with Fr. Mathew presiding. All are welcome to join us!



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

- MONDAY:** NM 11:4B-15; PS 81:12-17; MT 14:13-21
- TUESDAY:** NM 12:1-13; PS 51:3-7, 12-13; MT 14:22-36 OR MT 15:1-2, 10-14
- WEDNESDAY:** NM 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29A, 34-35; PS 106:6-7AB, 13-14, 21-23; MT 15:21-28
- THURSDAY:** 2 COR 9:6-10; PS 112:1-2, 5-9; JN 12:24-26
- FRIDAY:** DT 4:32-40; PS 77:12-16, 21; MT 16:24-28
- SATURDAY:** DT 6:4-13; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; MT 17:14-20
- SUNDAY:** 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A; PS 85:9-14; ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:22-33



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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

WOW GOD!

Maker Fun Factory was the theme of this year's Bible Camp, held here at St. Bonaventure the week of July 17-21. What an incredible week it was, a *Wow* week where 343 children, 190 teen counselors and 80 adult volunteers came together to praise God in all the activities of the camp!

Each day of camp was filled with a bible story that showed God's love for us: He created us, He is always for there us and with us, and He made us for a reason. There were many activities that supported the message of the camp – beautiful crafts that the campers made, fun games that they played, great songs that reinforced the daily camp theme, and yummy snacks prepared by our wonderful snack team! We had an awesome teen skit crew that provided a reenactment of the daily bible story and also entertained us with a hi-

larious "creative" themed skit. There was joy, hundreds of smiles, the chants and praise of children's voices and, most of all, the spirit of God which prevailed each and every day!

Memories were made as teen counselors were buddies to the campers. They became friends by sharing the day with each other. The highlight of the camp for many of the teens was getting to know their buddies. And their buddies said the same for them. The special bond that developed was heartwarming. We were so fortunate to be able to witness the unfolding of God's great plan – for his people to come together, to praise him and to carry that message out in all we do. This is what being "Church" is all about – it is about the sharing of our faith in the most spectacular way – with each other! Many of the teen counselors came to bible camp as young children and always looked forward to being a counselor. As counselors, they came to us with eager hearts and tons of love! They joined us with such enthusiasm, spirit and

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2017. Photo Credit: AMANDA RESTANI



STEWARDSHIP
of Treasure

Weekend of July 29 & 30 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$19,903
Deficit: (\$5,537)

2nd Collection
St. Vincent de Paul: \$3,607.50
Food for Family: 194

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

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pride – a pride in their faith that was shining through them. We are so very blessed to have these young people in our community – they are carrying out God’s message of Love and Peace!

We experienced many “Wow God” moments in our camp - the campers filled with smiles and energy, the awesome teens who served as buddies, the families who shared their children with us each day, and the wonderful adult volunteers who facilitated every aspect of the camp. It was a magnificent week We are so very blessed.

Many, many thanks to our team who made this camp happen: Jacob Perry, our Youth Minister, and Debbie Schnick, our Assistant, ... to our wonderful priests who led us in prayer each day, to the St. Bonaventure Staff and especially to the Facilities Team led by Frank Palmeri.

Our outreach to others was a way that God’s Love was shared. We provided food for our St. Bonaventure Food Pantry, school supplies for the children at Garden Park Apartments, personal care items for the families of the Monument Corridor in Concord, supplies for the Blue Star Moms to send to our military men and women serving our country, and \$758 to be sent to Catholic

Relief Services to aid in bringing clean water to people all over the world. Thank you to all who supported these wonderful organizations at camp. You have touched many hearts with your generosity!

We are already planning our Bible Camp for next summer! Stay tuned for a new theme filled with Bible stories and great adventures!

—“Rose the Builder” Rosann Halick

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Bonaventure’s religious education classes will begin the week of September 24. Our faith formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and kindergarten and continue through high school.

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

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade. Each grade builds on the child’s faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus’ life and teachings and will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become who Jesus wants us to be.

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

Registration for Faith Formation Classes will be held on Saturday, August 26, Sunday, August 27 and Sunday, September 10 from 9AM to 6PM in Classroom A-1. We will be available to answer any questions you have and assist you with registering your child for the appropriate class. You will also be able to register in the church office after August 27. If your child has been in our Faith Formation program last year, you will receive a packet of materials in the mail in mid-August. In mid-

August, there will also be registration forms in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration.

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

LIFE AND JUSTICE

IMMIGRATION MYTHS DEBUNKED

Myth #2: It’s just a matter of following the law
Many Americans want immigrants to enter the country legally. But under current immigration laws, there are very few options for legal immigration; the costs are increasingly prohibitive and the wait for any kind of status can be long and frustrating. According to the State Department, that imaginary “immigration line” is already 4.4 million people long, and depending on the type of visa sought and the country of origin, the wait can be years to decades long. In some countries, such as the Philippines and Mexico, people have been waiting over 20 years for approval of a family-sponsored visa.

Immigrants can legally get to the US by being sponsored by an employer or a family member; they can enter the country as refugees; or they could receive one of the selectively distributed professional or diversity visas. The Diversity Visa Program makes 55,000 green cards available to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the US. Fees to obtain permanent US visas can range from \$200 to \$700, excluding legal fees. Plus - there are visa quotas which limit immigration from any given country.

In many poor, violence-ridden countries, or in cases where parents are separated from their children, immigrants say the wait is unbearable, leaving many to resort to illegal border crossing. That journey can be expensive and deadly. Smugglers charge anywhere from \$3000 to \$70,000 depending on country of origin, mode of transportation and distance travelled. Many don’t make it. According to federal records, more than 6000 immigrants have died crossing the southern border since 1998 (from a 2014 article <http://money.cnn.com/2014/11/20/news/economy/immigration-myths/>)

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

CATHOLICISM: PIVOTAL PLAYERS

“The call to holiness is universal, which means that holiness is not meant for a privileged few, but is the mission towards which all Christ’s disciples should aspire.” Bishop Robert Barron followed up his widely popular “Catholicism” with a new series that highlights those men and women whose friendship with Christ transformed not only their own lives, but also the world. Join us as we learn about some of these “pivotal players.”

- On Aug 14/15 and Aug 21/22, Gina Cattalini will lead the discussion on the life of Blessed John Henry Newman.
- On Aug 28/29 and Sep 11/12, Christa Fairfield will share the life of GK Chesterton.
- On Sep 18/19 and Sep 25/26 we will explore the art of Michelangelo.

Classrooms and times: Monday afternoon in A1 (1:00-2:30pm) or Tuesday evening in A4 (7:00-8:30pm). Please sign up in the parish office or call Eileen so we have enough resources. There is no charge.

EL SALVADOR DEL MUNDO

Why is the altar decorated differently this weekend? The Spanish Salvadorian Community of San Bonaventure Church has celebrated this tradition for about 25 years, during one Sunday in August, at the 12:45 Mass. We like to keep this tradition as long as we can. The feast of El Salvador del Mundo means the celebration of the Savior of the world. In this case the Salvadorians believe their Savior is Jesus Christ. The celebration started first in 1525 and is celebrated the first week of August, in the country of El Salvador (in Central America). El Salvador celebrates the feast of El Salvador del Mundo as a public holiday, “La bajada” or “The Descent”. This feast is also the same day as the Feast of the Transfiguration. The main events of the festival are religious ceremonies and processions around the country.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

Have you never been baptized and wonder what the big deal is? Were you baptized in another Christian faith, but wonder what makes Catholics different? Were you baptized Catholic, but never received Eucharist and Confirmation? If you fall into any of these categories, this process may be for you. A new group of adults interested in becoming Catholic or thinking about being baptized will begin on August 20. Individuals will be brought into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil (March 31, 2018). For further information and registration, please contact Eileen ☎ 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

PRaise NIGHT

Come and Praise with us as “VINTAGE”’s Joyce, Santi and Maryann lead us to joyfully sing to God for all the good things he has given us. It’s on Friday, August 11 from 7:30- 9:00pm in the church. It is *free* and it is going to be *fun*! See you there.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: JOSHUA, JUDGES and RUTH

This year’s scripture study examines 3 important books of the Old Testament- Joshua, Judges and Ruth. In Joshua, we discover a faithful leader who carries out God’s commands. This is followed by the deteriorating faith and failure we find in the book of Judges. Finally, we conclude with the heart-warming story of grace and redemption in the book of Ruth!

The Scripture Study will begin on Thursday September 7, 2017 and will continue each week through to the end of May 2018. The morning class begins at 10:00 a.m. and the evening class begins at 7:00 p.m. Participants can attend either class. Each weekly session is 90 minutes long and includes a discussion on the commentary and study questions by Steve Ray and Video Lectures by either Father Courtney or Father Pacwa SJ.

The scripture study program is from Catholic Scripture Study International www.cssprogram.net. In addition, there are video presentations throughout the year on various Catholic topics, and a class retreat before Holy Week. Students can register in the church office until August 15, 2017. The cost

for the program is \$55.00. If you have additional questions or need a form in order to mail in your registration, I can be contacted at Greg Gamache bonaventurebible@astound.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 September 19, 2017 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. The workshop is free, but registration is required by September 10, 2017. Please call Helene Billeci at ☎ (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Summer is here!! Do you want to find a nice cool air-conditioned haven of peace and quiet? Join us for Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life and give thanks for the blessings we receive.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your servant, therefore, an unders“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Improve your listening skills by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekend is at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on September 29- October 1. Space is *very* limited! Early registration 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



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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, August 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

We're having something different! Come join us for a great lunch provided by 'Mann's Chinese Cuisine'. We will enjoy Fried Rice, Chow Mein, Cashew Chicken, Sweet & Sour Pork, and Lemon Chicken. Um! As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday August 7 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at ☎ 363-4708 or by **registering after Mass on August 5 or 6**. Adults of all ages are welcome!

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Today is Hospitality Weekend: **August 5 & 6**. Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry.

After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we have wine, soda, cheese, cookies, and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2017)

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, you want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or, maybe a wine donation for the wine pull, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. 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. All donations are tax deductible. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (925.693.0457). All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.

OUTSIDE PARISH

ST. AGNES SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Please join us as we celebrate St. Agnes School's 50th Anniversary! The celebration will kick off with a 10:45am Mass on Sunday, **August 27**, and a BBQ lunch reception following.

Tickets are available to purchase at St. Agnes School's Office, St. Agnes Church Office and online. Tickets are \$20 per person for ages 11 and older. The first child, 10 and under, is free. Additional child ticket(s) are \$10. The ticket includes BBQ lunch, one drink and dessert.

There will be activities for children, anniversary tile creation, and a chance to share memories of St. Agnes. For any questions, please contact Rachele Daco or Holly Joaquin at Anniversary@stagnesconcord.com. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

"A RETURN TO GRACE" – A MOVIE ON MARTIN LUTHER'S LIFE AND LEGACY

Thursday, August 17, 7:30pm, Century 16 Downtown Pleasant Hill

Unlike traditional movie showings, this screening will only happen if enough tickets are reserved before the deadline on August 10. You can purchase tickets and see more information about the event as well through the event page: <http://luthermovie.link/concord>.



*Pray
For*
Don & Jeanann Davis

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
DEACON JOE RUBIO
 August 5 – August 11, 2017



**All peoples, nations,
and languages serve
him**



© Annika Nelson

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 at 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.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- 5:00 Carlos Teran, Sr.
 Janine Judge
 Landon Holmes
 Joelsano Nagranpa

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 7:30 Peggy Sullivan
 Jane Colaco
 Raymond Symington
 Frank & Angie Formoso
- 9:00 Jim Callaghan, Jr.
 Margaret & Raymond Mangini
 Robert Kain
 Joseph Novicky
- 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 5:00 Henry Alumia
 Joelsano Nagranpa

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

- 6:30 World Peace
- 9:00 Rocio Polanco
 Carmelino Vingson
 Ramon Visperas
 Jovito Javier

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 6:30 Vilma Patawaran
- 9:00 Roberto Mora
 Ralph Moriscal
 Rafael Corona
 Emily Crescencio

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 6:30 Don & Jeanann Davis
- 9:00 Joseph Purcell

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- 6:30 William M. Jordan
- 9:00 Lisa Dunn
 Mary Holm
 Duncan Jericho Untal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

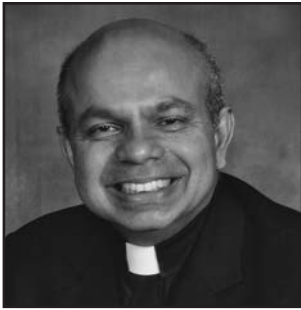
- 6:30 All the St. Bonaventure Ministries
- 9:00 Celso Santa Ana
 David Jaimes
 Jaime Santos

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- 5:00 Cecil Palma
 Hung Le
 Souls in Purgatory
 Ben Marquez & Family



PENSAMIENTO DE PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL



NOMBRAMIENTO DEL PASTOR

Este fin de semana voy a ser nombrado como el Pastor de la iglesia San Buenaventura.

Doy gracias a nuestro Vicario General, el Reverendo George Mockel, por la amabilidad de oficiarse la liturgia y nombrarme como Pastor. Mi sincero agradecimiento a todas las personas que han venido de cerca y de lejos. Su presencia significa mucho para mí. Estoy en deuda con el clero, personal, consejo pastoral y feligreses de San Buenaventura por su cálida acogida y el apoyo amoroso que me han demostrado.

La palabra "Pastor" significa "guía" y se refiere al verbo *pascere* en Latín. "Para dirigir a las ovejas a que salgan a comer." El uso actual de la palabra tiene sus raíces en la imagen bíblica de pastoreo. Esto significa el alimento espiritual de los seres humanos, cuando leemos a Jeremías 3:15, Yo voy a nombrar para ustedes pastores según mi corazón, ellos serán un guía con sabiduría y prudencia". Jesús se llamó a sí mismo "El Buen Pastor" según Juan 10:11.

Aquí en los Estados Unidos, el término pastor se usa en la Iglesia Católica, en otros países de habla inglés se llama párroco. De acuerdo con el Derecho Canónico 519, "El párroco es el pastor adecuado al cargo de la congregación de la parroquia. Ejerce el cargo pastoral de la comunidad que se le ha encomendado bajo la autoridad del Obispo Diocesano, cuyo ministerio de Cristo está llamado a compartir, esta comunidad puede llevar a cabo las funciones de enseñar, santi-

ficar y gobernar con la colaboración de otros sacerdotes, diáconos y con la asistencia de los miembros laicos de la fe de Cristo de conformidad con la ley." Mi ministerio empieza aquí como su líder y servidor con profunda gratitud a Dios y a todos ustedes. Quiero llevar la parroquia con humildad siguiendo el maravilloso ejemplo del Papa Francisco. Al igual que él quiero ser compasivo, auténtico y eficaz.

Uno de los cuantos Francisismos más a menudo citados en su dirección es "oler a su rebaño," que para mí significa la inmersión profunda en la comunidad. Por lo tanto, con mi mejor esfuerzo voy a intentar estar disponible y presente para ustedes. Me verán de pie alrededor de la iglesia después de las misas de fin de semana. Voy a hacer todo lo posible para asistir a las muchas reuniones en la parroquia y aceptar invitaciones a las casas como me sea posible.

Espero recordar siempre cinco palabras del Papa Francisco: ¿Quién soy yo para juzgar?

Estoy aquí con el corazón abierto. Quiero continuar escuchándolos a ustedes para ganar una perspectiva nueva y aprender sus historias, metas y deseos.

Voy a mantener una política de puerta abierta. Cualquier persona en necesidad se puede acercar a mí fácilmente. Yo sé que la parroquia tiene que actuar como un hospital de campaña cuidando adecuadamente las heridas y el dolor. Por favor, no duden en llamarme si está enfermo o alguien en su casa está enfermo y desea ser ungido y hacer oración. En mi corazón hay un lugar especial para los enfermos y los ancianos.

Por la gracia de Dios, yo soy bendecido con una gran cantidad de energía y mi esperanza es que la pueda infundir aquí a todos en el papel de liderazgo. Hagamos de nuestra iglesia un campo con un ambiente irresistible de energía y excelencia. Con su cooperación podemos hacer una parroquia increíble. Juntos, vamos a trabajar para nutrir y hacer una parroquia saludable que confía en la oración y en los sacramentos que tiene pasión por la evangelización y el discipulado.

REFLECIÓN DE PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

En este domingo celebramos la fiesta de la transfiguración del Señor en el Monte Tabor. La Segunda Lectura 2 Pedro 1, 16-19 "*Cuando les anunciamos la venida gloriosa y llena de poder de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, no lo hicimos fundados en fabulas hechas con astucia, sino por haberlo visto con nuestros propios ojos en toda su grandeza*". San Pedro, Santiago y Juan fueron elegidos por Jesús para subir a solas con él a un monte elevado. Por esta razón Pedro da testimonio de haberlo visto con sus propios ojos en toda su grandeza y como Dios lo lleno de gloria y honor. Jesús se transfiguró, *su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve*. El propósito de la transfiguración de Cristo es mostrar su gloria celestial a sus discípulos para que ellos pudieran entender quien realmente era Jesús. Los discípulos conocían a Jesús en su persona humana, pero en este momento Jesús les revela su gloria celestial. Hoy al ver a Jesús transfigurado pueden entender mucho más su divinidad y esto los prepara para estar seguros ante la muerte de Jesús. En este grandioso momento apareció Moisés y Elías. Moisés representa la ley y Elías representa a los profetas y hoy la ley y los profetas deben darle acceso a Jesús. Jesús es el culmen de la ley y de los profetas. Jesús es el Hijo de Dios y por esta razón la expresión de la voz del padre "**Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien yo me complazco**". Dios Padre nos revela quien es Jesús y lo revela a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. En este momento los discípulos comprenderán mucho más la persona de Jesús. En Evangelio de San Mateo Dios dice "Escúchenlo". Los Discípulos tuvieron la oportunidad de escuchar la voz de Dios. Sin embargo, al momento de escuchar la voz de Dios ellos cayeron rostro en tierra. Jesús se acercó a ellos y los tocó y les dijo levántense no teman.

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Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.

Cuando se alzaron los ojos, ya no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús.

La transfiguración del Señor es nuestra transfiguración. Como cristianos bautizados en Cristo también estamos invitados a hacer viva la transfiguración del Señor. “Su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve”. Jesús resplandece glorioso para revelarnos su poder divino a cada ser humano. Jesús nos manifiesta su poder en la transfiguración y nos invita a transformar nuestra vida. A que nuestro rostro resplandezca como el sol y que nuestras vestiduras se vuelvan blancas como la nieve. Como podemos transfigurarnos como Cristo. Jesús transfigurado nos espera con los brazos abiertos y nos invita a acercarnos a Él. Jesús está en la capilla de nuestra parroquia durante todo el día y nos espera a cada uno de nosotros. Nos invita a participar en la Eucaristía y en los Sacramentos para irnos transformando en nuevos hombres y mujeres. En nuestro tiempo estamos siendo bombardeados a través de diferentes maneras en las redes sociales y nos absorben mucho tiempo. Quizás nos olvidemos de compartir con la familia, dialogar con los hijos, y fomentar una verdadera armonía entre padres e hijos. De tal manera que las cosas del mundo no nos dejan transfigurarnos como Cristo y experimentar su amor en nuestra vida. El enojo, la envidia, el rencor, la vanidad, el orgullo, no nos dejan escuchar la voz de Jesús. Sin embargo, Dios no se cansa de decirnos “este es mi hijo amado, escúchenlo”. El mundo nos grita a vivir en el mundo lejos de Dios.

La invitación es que abramos nuestro corazón para transfigurar nuestra vida y cambiar de un hombre viejo a un hombre nuevo. Hombres y mujeres llenos de amor, paz, paciencia, y sabiduría. Que seamos capaces de escuchar la voz del Señor para seguirlo. Jesús se acerca

a nosotros y nos dice las mismas palabras que dijo a Pedro, Santiago, y Juan **“levántese no tengan miedo”**. Hermanos y hermanas no tengan miedo de seguir al Señor y transfigurarnos del amor divino de Dios.

MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATÓLICO: POR UNA FAMILIA MÁS FELIZ

Para ti que deseas fortificar tu matrimonio en el amor y la unidad.

El MFCC te ofrece un programa de estudio y reflexión sobre los diferentes aspectos que afectan el matrimonio y la familia. En el movimiento van a encontrar las herramientas necesarias para manejar las dificultades de la vida matrimonial inspirados en la palabra de Dios. Este ministerio no es solo para parejas que tienen problemas; es para ti que quieres fortalecer tu relación matrimonial.

El propósito de este ministerio es ayudar a las parejas a desarrollar técnicas de comunicación que los lleven a mantener viva la llama del amor, fortalecer la unidad, y vivir el sacramento del matrimonio revestidos de la gracia de Dios.

Para mayor información comunícate con José y Karina Hernández 925 - 609-9859, o con Gilberto E Isabel Carrasco 408 - 693-5737. Enriquece tu matrimonio. Cristo te llama.

HORARIO DE OFICINA PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

Teléfono (925) 844-9015
 Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm
 Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm
 Viernes: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Las personas mayores de 20 años que deseen confirmarse favor dirigirse a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas para registrarse y/o recibir información. El programa empieza en Octubre y la confirmación es en Enero en la Catedral de la Luz en Oakland. Además de la información personal, es importante tener los certificados de Bautizo y de Primera Comunión.

CATECUMENOS

Estamos invitando a los jóvenes mayores de 18 años y a los adultos que no hayan sido Bautizados ni recibido su Primera Comunión a que se acerquen a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas y se inscriban a las clases para Catecúmenos.

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.

Ofrecemos clases en español en preparación para la Primera Comunión. 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.

Registros:

Sábado 26 y domingo 27 de agosto.
 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM; Salón A-1.

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!