



John went throughout the whole region  
of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
- Luke 3:3

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

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December 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent | 6 de diciembre de 2015 Segundo Domingo de Adviento

**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**

**■ FIND THE MERCY YOU NEED THIS YEAR**

This Tuesday, December 8, Pope Francis opens the Holy Year Door in the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome. Following the Jewish custom which celebrated a Holy Year of Jubilee every 50 years, the Catholic Church began to do the same. This custom was inaugurated by Pope Boniface VIII in the year 1300.

For the Jewish people it was a way to begin everything in society all over again, like a new moment in creation. All debts were forgiven. All property was returned to its first owner. All loans were cancelled. All slaves were set free. All sins were forgiven. The Catholic Church has never been quite that merciful in its celebrations, which focused more on gaining indulgences, participating in the Sacraments, going to Confession and reducing time to be spent in purgatory. Practicing the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy were also promoted.

Pope Francis has called for a Holy Year of Mercy, that is to have God's Mercy at its center. The Pope wants us to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ( Luke 6: 36)." The mercy of God is a great mystery. The Pope invites each one of us to discover the gift once again for ourselves, and pass the gift of awareness along to others.

St. Bonaventure Church will have its own Holy Year Door. As we walk through and walk out the door may we realize that we are walking into something grand and helpful; and when we leave, may we realize that we are bringing more to the world and those in it on the outside, the very mercy of God.

There are two approaches to God's Mercy: either that we have to earn it or just receive it. There have always been two schools of spiritual thinking about this. The first way of thinking believes that God came into the world to redeem us because we are sinful. Once redeemed, we should perform differently, showing our gratitude. The other way believes that God came into the world to love mercy

and grace into us, to fill all of creation with his presence. All is grace. We do not have to earn our way. God is there to help us when we fail, which may be often or not. Mercy holds everything together. That should be the motivation of our lives. This kind of God of love does not have to give us "Indulgences" to release our time in Purgatory. We should be so grateful to be loved by God as to want to love God fully in return.

This, I believe, is the God of Pope Francis, and it is certainly my God. I fact, I believe that Pope Francis is doing all he can to help us understand and to embrace this understanding and experience of God. That is why he convoked the "Year of Mercy."

The year is not only for us as individuals to receive from God. The Pope wants us to be missionaries of God's mercy to others, especially those who live outside the church and society, and those who are deemed lost because they do not fit in. The Pope is asking us to bridge distances, to embrace human life and to touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others.

"I am thinking of those burdened by sufferings, injustice and tyranny; of those enslaved to money, to power, to success, worldliness. We are all called to comfort our brothers and sisters, to testify that God alone can eliminate the causes of existential and spiritual tragedies."

So we shall be doing many things to reach out to various groups of people, from divorced and remarried, to gay persons who feel rejected by the church. Often church representatives and church procedures are obstacles to many Catholics. In this Year of Mercy, we will try to remove as many obstacles to God's love and to full communion with the Church as possible. If Fr. David and I can be of help to you or to anyone, please let us know.

Two years ago, Pope Francis wrote in "The Joy of the Gospel": "I invite all Christians to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them." He extends this invitation again in this Year of Mercy. No one is excluded

from the mercy and joy brought by Jesus. Encourage one another and encourage those you know who need God's mercy to find it this year.

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS  
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**■ GIFTS OF LIGHT : PARISH CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**

We want to thank those who responded to our recent invitation to include the parish in your special Christmas giving.

We are blessed with the financial gifts that you share on Christmas. These gifts provide us cash for our work into the first quarter of the year. Thank you for your generosity at Christmas.

We want to invite your further generosity with some other special parish needs. To make one of these gifts or any other special gift, you can put it in an envelope with a note designating your intention and place it in the Sunday basket. If you would like a Christmas card that indicates your gift was made in someone's name, please contact Marion Guglielmo at marion.guglielmo@stbonaventure.net. She will be happy to provide you with the card. Below is the list of special parish needs:

- \$25 to provide a Bible for our children preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (We provide one Bible for each of our children preparing for the sacrament. This includes tax and shipping.)
- \$100 to bring a visiting priest to help our parish priests when they need respite or to serve off campus
- \$100 to purchase one of the 3 new trees we are buying for the Christmas environment
- \$180 to sponsor a Confirmation teen's attendance at the Confirmation Weekend Retreat (This expense can be a substantial burden for some of our families.)
- \$1,500 to construct a Parish Directory sign that will provide a map of our parish facilities for visitors. (Following the construction of this sign, we are planning distinct building signage.)
- \$2,500 to replace our aging hall tables and chairs

- \$4,000 to provide industrial ceiling fans for the Large Hall. (The heat in the hall can be oppressive in warmer months.)
- Volunteering to help our parish ministries grow. Several are seeking new members:
  - o Garden Angels
  - o Hospitality Sunday
  - o St. Vincent de Paul
  - o Family to Family
- And may we not forget to include prayers for the continued life of Christ being lived out in our parish.

**■ SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

A parishioner writes, “As a Catholic school student from grades K–12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful.” Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

**■ SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VINTAGE CONCERT**

Annual “Vintage” Christmas Concert – Saturday, December 19, from 7:30pm – 9:00pm. Admission: **FREE**

Featuring VINTAGE (Joyce & Santiago Martinez, Maryann Tarantino and Rich Smith)

Joining VINTAGE will be: Roxanne Pardi, Donnie Fisi, John Jordan and Kevin McFarland.

Special Guests: Katy & Dell Burchett

**■ DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?**

If so, you can raise money for St. Bonaventure Faith Formation while you shop.

All you have to do is log on to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose “St. Bonaventure Church Concord.” You can shop as you normally would and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to the parish.

**PROCEDURE FOR DISPLAYING EVENTS IN CHURCH FOYER**

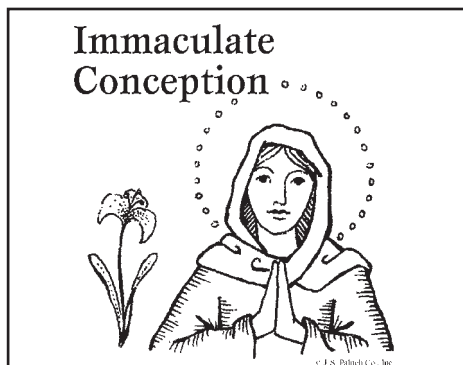
We’ve noticed in recent months many things being left in the foyer for people to pick-up. Many times, we don’t know who left them and/or anything about the organization or event. It also makes the table by the entrance to the church look crowded and messy. In an effort to manage the display of these promotional materials, we are instituting a procedure for displaying these items in the church foyer:

- As a rule, unless something is being sponsored by the parish, diocese or USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), we do not allow flyers in the foyer.
- For all material meeting the above rule, the flyer originals must be stamped for approval by the parish office. After being stamped, they may be copied.
- Flyers are not to be placed on the table by the entrance to the church. There are slots in the Plexiglas notice wall by the door to the hospitality room.

Questions? Contact Christa Fairfield or Eileen Limber (925)672-5800 or [eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net](mailto:eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net)

**■ SAVE THE DATE FOR CRAB FEED:**

The Knights of Columbus will present their annual Crab Feed event on Saturday, January 30, 2016. The theme of the event will be a Super Bowl Party. Come root for your favorite team and enjoy a great meal. Tickets will be on sale in early December.



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Weekend of November 28 & 29 Collection**

Goal: \$25,440  
Actual: \$ 25,903  
Over: \$463

**2nd Collection:**  
**St. Vincent de Paul: \$3,493.50**  
**Thanksgiving: \$1,882.50**  
**Food for the Family: 2,455**  
**(Nov. 22 & 28)**

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

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LITURGY & PRAYER

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
**December 6, 2015, Second Sunday**  
**of Advent**

This Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open the “Holy Door” in Saint Peter’s Basilica, symbolically opening the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. In today’s scriptures, Baruch confidently anticipates God’s healing of the brokenness of humanity, and Paul sees God bringing our discernment, knowledge, and love to fulfillment. Our experience of life and of ourselves can make such prophecies seem wildly optimistic, even hopelessly naïve. Pope Francis challenges us to live this Jubilee Year as a graced time, when God’s mercy reawakens our enthusiasm to live our baptismal call as gospel people, our hope renewed and ourselves recommitted to selfless charity. Notice that in Luke’s Gospel today, God bypasses the religious elite and politically powerful to speak to a humble believer in the barren desert the saving word that will transform history. So God’s mercy continues to accomplish humanity’s salvation *in and through* ordinary, flawed, and least likely instruments—even us.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** IS 35:1-10; PS 85:9-14; LK 5:17-26  
**TUESDAY:** GN 3:9-15, 20; PS 98:1-4; EPH 1:3-6, 11-12; LK 1:26-38  
**WEDNESDAY:** IS 40:25-31; PS 103:1-4, 8, 10; MT 11:28-30  
**THURSDAY:** IS 41:13-20; PS 145:1, 9-13AB; MT 11:11-15  
**FRIDAY:** IS 48:17-19; PS 1:1-4, 6; MT 11:16-19  
**SATURDAY:** ZEC 2:14-17 OR RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; JDT 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38 OR LK 1:39-47, OR ANY READINGS FROM THE COMMON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, NOS. 707-712  
**SUNDAY:** ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; PHIL 4:4-7; LK 3:10-18



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■ **ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM**

Give yourself the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness as you prepare your heart to celebrate Christmas. Join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service containing a Liturgy of the Word followed by an opportunity for individual confession and absolution on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the church.

■ **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Tuesday, December 8**

This is a holy day of obligation. In the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we see the hand of God preparing the way for his Son, choosing Mary, and keeping her free from sin from the very moment of her conception. We invite you to gather with your parish community and give thanks and praise to God for his plan for our salvation.

Masses will be held at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and 7:30 PM

■ **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Saturday, December 12, 7:00 PM**

Behind the miraculous appearance and icon that define Our Lady of Guadalupe is a story of persistence and courage. Our Lady helped Juan Diego make his point through her miracles. This story reminds us to trust and makes clear the certainty that, when God calls us to proclaim his kingdom, we are surrounded by the grace we need to see our mission through. Our celebration begins with **Mañanitas at 5:00 AM** featuring mariachi music and a rosary. That evening, we will celebrate a **Solemn Mass at 7:00 PM (in Spanish)**. We hope that you can join us for this day of festivities!

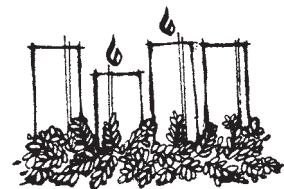
**NEED A NEIGHBOR?**

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.



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**Christmas Eve:  
Thursday, December 24**

- 3:00 PM Christmas Mass with Early Childhood Christmas Pageant
- 5:30 PM Christmas Mass with Elementary Children's Christmas Pageant
- 8:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass
- \*12:00 AM Christmas Midnight Mass (time change)

**Christmas Day:  
Friday, December 25**

- 8:00 AM Christmas Day Mass (English)
- 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass (English)
- 12:45 PM Christmas Day Mass (Spanish)

**LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY**

■ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CC INTERFAITH HOUSING**

**Volunteer/Outreach Steering Committee:** Be a part of this dynamic and growing group of congregation representatives and community volunteers who provide ongoing guidance, support, and ideas for CCIH's current volunteer and outreach programs. We meet six times per year in the evenings.

■ **TAKE ACTION – STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH SYRIAN REFUGEES**

In the wake of the tragic events in Paris on November 13, Catholic Charities of the East Bay urges the community to stand in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of Syrians and others displaced by the violence in their homeland.

While this is a complex issue, we urge our community to avoid the impulse to blame all refugees for the actions of terrorist organizations. They, too, are victims of violence and persecution and seek a place of safety and freedom. Instead, let us stand firm and serve the marginalized, just as we pray for continued healing and safety in our communities.

We urge you to take action TODAY! Call Steve Mullin at (510) 768-3165 or e-mail [smullin@cceb.org](mailto:smullin@cceb.org). Or visit: <http://www.cceb.org/2015/11/take-action-stand-in-solidarity-with-syrian-refugees/>



*The Lord has  
done great things.*

**FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS**

■ **PAULINE BOOK FAIR**

The Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our parish after all the Masses on December 5/6. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries and other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family! Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good media. Credit cards accepted.

■ **WCF ADVENT EVENING**

Please join us for an evening of reflection on Monday, December 7, in the chapel at 7 pm, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Fr Kevin Schindler-McGraw OFM will present "Once Upon A Time: The Advent Story of Sacred Transformation." We will look at principal elements of the biblical 'advent' tradition and how they call and challenge us to become what we celebrate. Questions? Maureen 925-360-1621.

■ **WOMEN'S (WCF) RETREAT FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY**

We invite you to mark your calendars for the Women's Christian Fellowship Retreat "Blessed are the Merciful." Jan 29-31, 2016. It will be led by Dr. Margaret Turek, the head of Evangelization and Catechesis in the Oakland diocese, and Fr Patrick Summerhays, a priest in the San Francisco diocese. Cost: \$190; at St Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel. Start the New Year on the right track with other women who will soon become new friends. Questions? Maureen 925-360-1621.

■ **2016 MEN'S RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE**

The annual St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat will be held March 4-6, 2016 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Registration opens soon. For more information call Peter Nixon at 925-363-5884 or Matt Remington at 925-672-4006

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN**

**ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM FAMILY EVENT**

- Pancake breakfast
- Crafts and activities for children
- Visit from Santa

Saturday, December 12, 9am to 11:30am in the Large Hall

Experience the magic and wonder of the Christmas Season as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! St. Bonaventure's Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast

Cost is \$5 per person/family maximum is \$30. Tickets are available in the Church Office. Deadline for ticket sales is Wednesday, December 9. Contact Rosann Halick if you have any questions at 672-5800, Ext. 2204; [rosann.halick@stbonaventure.net](mailto:rosann.halick@stbonaventure.net)

There will be a special visit from Santa!

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## ■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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

The practice of Contemplative (or silent) Prayer is just that: “practice”. It’s not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We have two opportunities during the week to practice Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm and/or Wednesday 7:15-7:45am. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

## ■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 26-28. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 or go to [www.oaklandwwme.org](http://www.oaklandwwme.org). Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

## ■ TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

Blessings from Tai Chi for Health! Join us in the powerful, playful practice of Tai Chi & Qi Gong. Sessions are each Wednesday, in the Small Hall, and Friday in A4, from 10am to 11am. Bring an open mind and bottled water. Love offerings \$10. Contact Instructor Ben at 925 565-4636 with questions.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### ■ ADULT ACTIVITIES:

**SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Thursday, December 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$12 per person. We’ll be celebrating the Birth of Jesus with a delicious ham dinner provided by Chef Greg. As always drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday December 7 by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on December 5 & 6. Adults of all ages are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE: MINI-PILGRIMAGE TO SAN JUAN BAUTISTA:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016

### ■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry. Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **December 5 & 6**. 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!

### ■ KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Please stop by the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” table to shop for this year’s Christmas cards. We have a beautiful assortment of religious cards, Advent wreaths, replacement candles and more. When you want to send the very best, send “Christ” at Christmas.

### ■ GIVING TREE “SORT NIGHT”

You are invited to help sort gifts on **Sunday, December 6** after the 5 o’clock mass in the Church. We will take all the gifts and organize them by the numbers on the ornaments. It is truly a beautiful sight to behold the HUGE stack of gifts and the festive atmosphere as parishioners bustle about organizing presents in the Church. Each gift sparkles with the love that God has for all of us, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus! All are welcome to join us.

## ■ UPDATE ON 9 AM SUNDAY CHOIR CD – ONE BODY



By now I am sure most of you know that the 9:00 AM choir is recording another CD and that we have invited

each choir of the church to contribute a song of their choice, as well as participate in one community song. I am very happy to inform you that we have raised over \$12,000 in CD pre-sales, which is enough to pay for all the costs of making the CD. We could not have done this without you, and we thank everyone who helped us surpass our original goal of \$10,000. To date, we have recorded nine songs in the church with piano only and have four songs to go. There is still a lot more work to do, and I regret to inform you that the CD will not be ready before the end of the year. I was hoping that we could accomplish this by Christmas, but with the holiday season fast approaching, it just isn’t possible given the scheduling conflicts in recording instrumentalists and soloists separately in the studio. Rest assured the new CD is coming, and we will keep you informed. For all those who purchased a pre-sale CD expecting to give it as a Christmas present, I am sorry that this is not possible. If anyone wants a refund or has any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Maryann Tarantino at [MARYANN.TARANTINO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARYANN.TARANTINO@GMAIL.COM). Thank you.

### ■ 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.

■ **ST. BONAVENTURE  
 CANCER SUPPORT**

A community of parishioners and survivors of cancer are waiting and willing to share your experience, pray with you and be there to help you through your ordeal. We offer ourselves in love and prayer to be at your side in many ways. *Please call us; know that you are not alone:* ☎ Elaine Shingleton at 672-1850, or Maria Padilla Fulmore (*Que habla Español*) 686-6916. **Section: Outside of Parish**

**OUTSIDE PARISH**

■ **DIABLO CHORAL ARTISTS INVITES**

Join Diablo Choral Artists for a Christmas Music Sing-Along on **Friday, December 11, 7:30 pm**, Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Live piano accompaniment, with the words projected on a large screen. Tickets (at door only) are \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. Refreshments will be provided.

■ **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL**

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY** is renovating its program in light of the vision of Pope Francis for the New Evangelization. The courses are newly designed to equip parish ministry leaders, catechists, parents and all adults to be more effective in communicating the relevance of the Catholic faith for their lives. A new stable of instructors models a style of teaching that fosters transformation in Christ, and a missionary outlook focused on witnessing to God's mercy within our families, parishes, and the wider world.

Classes meet one Saturday a month. If you're hesitating, "come and see" by auditing a course. And if you are a graduate of the program, come back and take a new course or retake one with a new instructor at half-price. Spring 2016 courses are: Old Testament, Christian Prayer and Spirituality, the Sacraments, and the Creed: Part I (Trinity, Jesus Christ, and the Cross Event). Each course provides

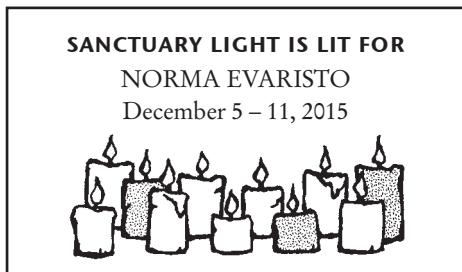


12.5 hours of ongoing adult education. The fee per course is \$120. For more information go to [http://www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-formation/adult-faith-formation/spm\\_or\\_contact Sandra Martinez at 510-267-8371](http://www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-formation/adult-faith-formation/spm_or_contact_Sandra_Martinez_at_510-267-8371). Deadline to register is December 18. Check out our SPM Facebook page and view our video with Bishop Barber's endorsement and student testimonials!

■ **TOGETHER IN GOD'S MISSION OF  
 MERCY — ADVENT RETREAT**

Join us for a weekend retreat to reflect on the areas of our lives that need healing and mercy. Gather in gratitude to share stories of mercy we've experienced. Explore how God calls us to share the gift of mercy with others.

Saturday December 12, from 9am to 3:30pm at Maryknoll Regional Mission House, 16642 Ashland Ave., San Leandro. For questions or help with registration, contact Kris East at (510) 276-5021 or [keast@mayknoll.org](mailto:keast@mayknoll.org).



**Mass Intentions  
 For The Week**   
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

5:00 Patrick Smith  
 Jack Smario  
 Souls in Purgatory  
 Carlos Luis Brenes

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community  
 9:00 Margaret & Raymond Mangini  
 Rudy Mercader  
 Francisco Aguilera  
 Don Fitzgerald  
 11:00 Ina Schultz  
 Grace Folsom  
 Rolando V. Llacer  
 Judy Unger  
 5:00 Paul David Czarnecki  
 Marlene Gonzalves  
 Mary Plunkett

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**

6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Muriel Claeys  
 Elba Herrera  
 Katie Grace

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

6:30 Louis Ferreri  
 9:00 Mary Meyerhoff  
 Ryan Docili  
 Helenice Dos Passos  
 Richard Gaffney

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

6:30 Rolando V. Llacer  
 9:00 Communion Service

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

6:30 For an end to terrorism  
 9:00 Phil Sorenson  
 Rolando V. Llacer  
 Manuel Moutinho

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**

6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Rolando V. Llacer  
 Justina Lusiana  
 Louie & Mary Moutinho

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

5:00 Scott Holm  
 Souls in Purgatory  
 Nancy Massetani  
 Jeffrey Stich  
 Rolando V. Llacer

■ **LUCAS 3:1-6**  
**ADVIENTO UN LLAMADO A LA MISERICORDIA**

Misericordia significa ir a la ayuda de otro con un sentido de relación. Adviento significa “próximo” o “llegada”; así que el enfoque de la temporada de Adviento es esperar. Si juntamos Misericordia y Adviento, tendremos que estamos esperando que todas las personas y las naciones en la tierra estén en una relación en la que se fomente la ayuda mutua en vez de la competencia y el conflicto. ¡Así se establecerá el Reino! Esta es una espera activa. “Tenemos Misericordia” unos a otros trabajando para generarla.

Este Adviento, nos preparamos una vez más para la venida de Cristo y la Navidad, nos permite prepararnos también a la venida de todos aquellos que están en busca de la misericordia y del pueblo santo de Dios. Hagamos que todas las puertas estén abiertas para ellos en el Año de la Misericordia. En las palabras del Papa Francisco: “en este Año Jubilar, dejemos que Dios nos sorprenda. Él nunca deja de abrir las puertas de su corazón y de repetir que nos ama y quiere compartir su amor con nosotros.”

**11/29 Primer domingo de Adviento: Misericordia es Esperanza:** Vigilantes esperando el Día del Señor. Las escrituras de este Adviento abren con Jeremías proclamando la promesa de Dios de justicia y seguridad para personas oprimidas y cansadas de la guerra. Pablo pide a los cristianos aumentar y abundar en el amor para todos. Finalmente, después de nombrar terribles cataclismos naturales, (podríamos añadir el terrorismo humano), Jesús nos invita a evitar desvíos egocéntricos y ansiedades de auto consumo. En cambio, debemos anticipar con confianza y misericordia la venida de Jesús, asistiendo devotamente a aquellos que necesitan de la misericordia de Dios y nuestro cuidado.

**Preguntas de reflexión de la semana: en la preparación para el inicio de la próxima semana del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, considerar: ¿cómo la misericordia de Dios ha tocado mi vida? ¿Cómo puedo ser un instrumento de la misericordia de Dios a otros en este Año jubilar?**

**12/6 Segundo domingo de Adviento: Misericordia es Aceptar:** Viene la restauración. El esplendor de la misericordia de Dios, viene, restaurando la paz con justicia y unidos para la adoración. Pablo afirma con confianza, que Dios continuará cumpliendo esas promesas al aumentar el amor de los creyentes y afilando su discernimiento de los valores. Pasamos el Adviento, preparándonos para la venida del Señor y esto es apropiado. Pero la llegada es más que una temporada de cuatro-Domingos; es todo un camino de vida. Nuestra vida bautismal se caracteriza por la constante preparación para el cambio seguro que trae cada venida de Cristo.

**Preguntas de reflexión de la semana: Como el año del Jubileo de la Misericordia comienza, con giros y vueltas ¿Qué es necesario que Dios desenrede en mi vida? ¿Qué aristas suavizar? ¿Qué Montañas de orgullo podar? ¿Valles de indiferencia y descuido llenar de misericordia para otros?**

**12/13 Tercer domingo de Adviento: Misericordia es Regocijo:** el Santo de Israel está entre nosotros. ¡Juan el Bautista proclama! “Uno más poderoso que yo viene... Él os bautizará con Espíritu Santo y con fuego... El trigo que se reunirá en su granero y la paja quemará con fuego inextinguible” (Lucas 3:16, 17). ¿Qué es una “Buena noticia”? ¿”Regocijo” en el domingo? ¡Sí! El habló para tres grupos claramente diferentes: multitudes devotas, pecadores publicanos y soldados verdaderamente despreciados — preguntan, “¿Qué debo hacer,” la respuesta de Juan es que no hay ninguna necesidad de cambio donde la vida les ha puesto, sólo en lo que la vida les ha dado. Lo mismo para nosotros: estamos donde estamos, pero convertidos en lo que Dios espera que seamos. Juan exhorta a la multitud a compartir ropa y alimentos; recaudadores de impuestos a la justicia práctica, con integridad profesional y personal; soldados a ser honestos y respetuosos. ¡Nos podría decir Juan, todo lo anterior! En otras palabras, ser caritativos, generosos. Practicar el Evangelio traduce el Año jubilar de la Misericordia en testimonio

vivido. Juan incluso se sorprendió cuando el Mesías previsto llegó, no con manos juzgadoras, sino con manos de sanación, compasión y perdón-- Misericordia.

**Preguntas de reflexión de la semana: ¿qué me alegra? ¿Cuándo he estado feliz recientemente? ¿Cómo expresar esa alegría a los demás? ¿Cómo puedo yo contagiarla?**

**12/20 Cuarto domingo de Adviento: Misericordia es expresar:** teniendo a Cristo vivo dentro de nosotros. El Evangelio de la Visitación cuenta que Juan el Bautista salta de alegría en el vientre de Elizabeth. David saltó y bailó delante del arca llevando preciosas muestras de la presencia permanente de Dios (tablas de la ley, vara de Aarón, Maná celestial), así que Juan saltó cuando llega María, con Jesús — encarnado cumpliendo la ley, pastor verdadero de la humanidad, Pan vivo del cielo. Sin embargo este regocijo también nace del auto sacrificio. Cómo deben haber sido las preocupaciones de María, como madre soltera joven, cuyo embarazo causó a José, hombre justo, tal angustia. Todavía al instante, sin egoísmo, María trasciende a sí misma, corriendo a pesar de su peligrosa condición sobre terreno peligroso, para ayudar a una pariente mayor. En la proclamación del Año de la Misericordia que acaba de empezar, el Papa Francisco exclamó cuánto deseaba este año de Jubileo estar lleno de misericordia, para que podamos salir a todo el mundo, llevando el bálsamo de la misericordia de Dios tanto a los creyentes y a los lejos de la fe, señalando que el Reino de Dios ya está presente entre nosotros. Porque por el bautismo y la Eucaristía, como María, tenemos el Cristo viviente dentro de nosotros, salir para servir a los demás en el amor abnegado es nuestro mejor regalo de Navidad a todos.

**Preguntas de reflexión de la semana: ¿Cómo puedo “salir de mí mismo” esta semana y a lo largo de la temporada Navideña para llevar “el bálsamo de la Misericordia de Dios”? Pensar de una persona o situación.**



## ■ SERVICIO DE CONFESIÓN O RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO

Adviento no se considera un periodo penitencial sino más bien un período de deleite, devoción y expectación.

Celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación o Confesión debe ser parte de nuestra preparación para la venida del Salvador. Participamos en este Sacramento porque estamos seguros de que Dios es misericordioso. Tenemos esta confianza ya que siempre Dios nos ha mostrado su justicia y su misericordia.

Servicio de Reconciliación en Español: **San Buenaventura el jueves, 17 de diciembre a las 7:30 PM.**

## ■ PROCEDIMIENTO PARA DEJAR ANUNCIOS EN LA ENTRADA DE LA IGLESIA

Hemos notado que en los últimos meses, se han dejado muchos artículos y anuncios en la entrada de la Iglesia para uso de los feligreses. Muchas veces, no sabemos quién los deja o cualquier información acerca de la organización o del evento. Además la mesa de la entrada a la Iglesia se ve muy desordenada. Para poder mantener el orden, organizamos un nuevo protocolo para cualquier material de anuncio en la Iglesia.

Como regla general, **no se permite ningún anuncio en la entrada de la Iglesia**, excepto cuando es anuncio de la Parroquia, de la Diócesis o de USCCB.

Todo anuncio debe ser aprobado y sellado por la oficina de la Iglesia ANTES de hacer copias o colocarlo.

Los anuncios no deben ser puestos en la mesa a la entrada de la Iglesia. Hay compartimientos en el presentador de plástico en la pared por la puerta del salón de hospitalidad.

¿Preguntas? Por favor contactarse con Christa Fairfield o Eileen Limberg (925) 672-5800 o eileen.limberg@stbonaventure.net



### En Camino a Belén Evento Familiar Desayuno "Pancake"

Manualidades y Actividades para niños  
Visita de Santa  
Sábado, Diciembre 12  
9AM a 11:30AM en el Salón Grande

Experimente la magia y el poder de la Navidad  
Preparémonos para la venida de Jesús!  
Organizado por los Caballeros de Colón de San Buenaventura  
Costo \$5 por persona/familia máximo \$30

Los tiquetes están disponibles en la oficina Principal.  
Fecha límite para comprar tiquetes, Diciembre 9.  
Contacte Rosann Halick si tiene preguntas- 672-5800, Ext. 2204  
e-mail: rosann.halick@stbonaventure.net

Tendremos una visita especial de Santa!

## ■ LAS POSADAS: VIERNES 20 DE DICIEMBRE, 2015

En las "Posadas" se representa el camino que recorrieron José y María buscando alojamiento en Belén. Vemos también la inhospitalidad de

la gente, negando posada a una mujer en embarazo y a su esposo. Las posadas son una tradición hispana, donde participan los niños de la catequesis con cantos y luces que simbolizan ese momento tan precioso antes del nacimiento de nuestro redentor. Es un evento para niños y adultos. No se lo pierdan, los esperamos, viernes 20 de Diciembre a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia.

## ■ TITULO?

Estoy seguro que la mayoría de ustedes saben que el coro de la Misa de las 9 a.m. está grabando otro CD y que hemos invitado a cada coro de la iglesia a contribuir con una canción de su elección, además de participar en una canción comunitaria. Estoy muy feliz de informarles que hemos recaudado más de \$

12,000 en pre-venta, que es suficiente para pagar todos los costos de hacer el CD. No podríamos haber hecho esto sin ustedes, y gracias a todos los que nos ayudaron a superar nuestra meta original de \$ 10,000. Hasta hoy, hemos grabado nueve canciones en la iglesia con solo el piano y tenemos cuatro canciones más para grabar. Sin embargo, todavía hay mucho más trabajo que hacer, y lo lamento informarles que el CD no estará listo antes de fin de año. Tenía la esperanza de que pudiéramos terminar para esta Navidad, pero con la temporada navideña acercándose rápidamente, simplemente no es posible, dados los conflictos de programación en la grabación de instrumentistas y solistas por separado en el estudio. Tenga la seguridad que el nuevo CD vendrá, y lo mantendremos informado. Para todos aquellos que compraron un CD pre-venta esperando dar como regalo de Navidad, lamento que esto no es posible. Si alguien quiere un reembolso o tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, por favor siéntase libre de mandar un correo electrónico a Maryann Tarantino en maryann.tarantino@gmail.com. Gracias.



### Virgen de Guadalupe

LA IGLESIA DE SAN BUENAVENTURA INVITA A TODA SU COMUNIDAD A LA CELEBRACION ANUAL DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE EL DIA 12 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2015.

5:00 AM TRADICIONALES MAÑANITAS

6:30 PM COMENZANDO CON LOS DANZANTES

SEGUIDO CON LA MISA SOLEMNE.

ESTAN TODOS INVITADOS, SERVIREMOS CENA

**Horario de Oficina:**  
**Diacono Mariano Preza**  
**Teléfono ☎ (925) 844-9015**  
Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30p.m.  
Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Viernes: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.