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October 23, 2016 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | *23 de octubre de 2016 Trigésimo 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

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **WHAT IS THE AMAZING PARISH?**

Two weeks ago, the clergy of the Diocese of Oakland held its triennial Convocation of Clergy in Asilomar, Pacific Grove, along with Bishop Michael Barber and 145 priests—all those in parish, pastoral work.

“The Amazing Parish” was the focus of the convocation. What makes a parish “Amazing” is something very simple and profound—whatever brings people closer to Jesus Christ. “The Amazing Parish” is an effort by Danville resident Patrick Lencioni, (who is a business consultant to major corporations), to apply principles of sound administration, personnel development, morale development, and product creativity to the Church. Mr. Lencioni has begun to work with Protestant, Evangelical and Catholic Churches in the United States.

The most important focus is on “The Sunday Experience.” The music, the message and the spirit of welcome is key. How to do that? Lots of ideas and suggestions, which we will explore here at St. Bonaventure’s. And the Pastoral Office and new Sunday morning parking lot attendants have a lot to do with it. A number of new initiatives we can start soon. We just need to do some tweaking. One general principle is that everything we are doing should be explicitly leading people to Jesus Christ. If not, it should be reviewed and let go. Now, that may be amazing. More to come!

At the end of the conference session with Bishop Barber, he wanted us to know his priorities for the diocese and our parishes—to make our parishes places where people encounter Jesus. The bishop would encourage us to evaluate every facet of parish life in light of that goal.

The Bishop listed three priorities:

1. To make the Sunday Mass the prime time experience of the week. The music, the message and the spirit of hospitality must engage the heart and soul of each person who comes.

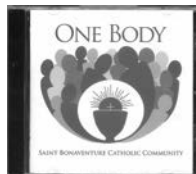
2. To do the Spiritual and Corporal Works of mercy—all of them. Mercy does not end with “The Year of Mercy.”

3. To inspire our Catholic parishioners to be disciples. Each, as Catholics, must inspire and talk and encourage others to become Catholics with us. How we are going to do that is the question of the century. But we have to get going before your time and my time runs out.

Of course there is a lot more to be said and explained about all of this, which will come over the weeks ahead. Stay tuned. The first thing that needs to be done is to gather the Pastoral Staff together and begin to share what was shared with Fr. David and me. That will be at the next Pastoral Meeting.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **ONE BODY CDS NOW AVAILABLE**



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



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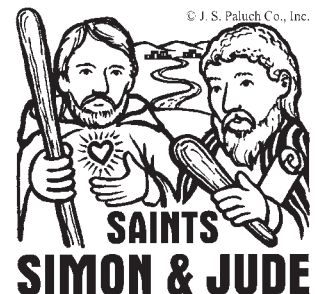
LITURGY & MUSIC

■ **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



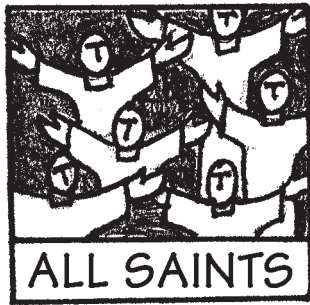
Today’s Gospel graces us with a beautiful prayer that can make every day of our lives a jubilee of mercy: “O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13). Religious Israelites despised the tax collector who prayed it, for collaborating with Gentile occupiers and handling currency that bore the “divine” emperor’s graven image. But the Pharisee’s long-winded self-congratulation, mixed with self-righteous condemnation, was no “prayer” at all. “The Pharisee... spoke this prayer *to himself*” (18:11, emphasis added). Praying the tax collector’s simple, sincere, succinct cry for mercy acknowledges our own sinfulness, and “welcomes” other sinners as brothers and sisters with whom we can identify, even empathize, echoing Pope Francis’ famous comment about not being the one to judge. Indeed, the tax collector “went home justified” (18:14), that is, restored to God’s friendship, for God’s mercy is not prize achieved but gift received. “Let your prayer be brief: for tax collector, prodigal son, and dying thief were all reconciled to God by a single phrase!” (Saint John Climacus, 7th century).

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■ **INVITATION TO A BI-LINGUAL MASS
 IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS
 AND SAN SIMON**

When : Friday, October 28, 7:00 PM
 Where: Saint Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Rd. Concord. Information: Samuel & Conchita Guzman ☎ 285-2834



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■ **ALL SAINTS' DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Tuesday, November 1. We will celebrate four special Masses in the church honoring the saints: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, & 7:30pm.

■ **ALL SOULS' DAY: MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

We will celebrate All Souls' Day with three Masses of Remembrance in the church on Wednesday, November 2: 6:30am, 9:00am, & 7:30pm (Bilingual).


All those who have been buried from our parish during the past year will be honored with a special reading of their names at all of the Masses during the Prayer of the Faithful. In addition, you are welcome to bring a photograph or memento of a deceased loved one and place it on one of the memorial tables in the sanctuary during the Mass you attend on November 2. A photo may also be placed on our Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos altar that will be placed in the vestibule.

■ **ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES**

During the month of November we remember all of our loved ones who have passed on. You may remember your loved ones in a special way by picking up an All Souls' envelope, writing their names and placing your gift to the parish inside, and then returning the envelope either to the parish office or by placing it in the collection basket. These envelopes, along

with the Book of the Names of the Dead, will be placed in a prominent place in the church sanctuary throughout November, so that those who have died may be remembered in a special way during the month.

Envelopes may be found on the back tables, at the side doors, and on the table in the foyer.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EPH 4:32 – 5:8; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 13:10-17
TUESDAY: EPH 5:21-33 OR 5:2A, 25-33; PS 128:1-5; LK 13:18-21
WEDNESDAY: EPH 6:1-9; PS 145:10-14; LK 13:22-30
THURSDAY: EPH 6:10-20; PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10; LK 13:31-35
FRIDAY: EPH 2:19-22; PS 19:2-5; LK 6:12-16
SATURDAY: PHIL 1:18B-26; PS 42:2, 3, 5CDEF; LK 14:1, 7-11
SUNDAY: WIS 11:22 – 12:2; PS 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 THES 1:11 – 2:2; LK 19:1-10

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ **ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY**

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **MAKING A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL PLAN**

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

■ **MOMS' GROUP**

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!). Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the first Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our next meeting will be November 2.** Fr. Richard will join our group to discuss faith and families. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

■ **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

The diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation will be on February 18, 2017 at the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested **will begin November 7.** There will be evening and afternoon session offered. Each candidate must:

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

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

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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 start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.” Let us serve God willingly by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Nov. 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, is highly recommended. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne (☎ 925.672.2016) or Joe & Sue (☎ 925.680.7767) now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org. Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND CANCELED!

We are not having Hospitality on **November 5 & 6** due to other events happening that weekend. We will be back the first weekend of December.

■ LOOKING FOR AN ADULT TRIP COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone or a couple to take over planning the adult trips. We usually have 3 interesting, informative or spiritual trips, and 3 or 4 casino trips each year. We make arrangements with American Stage Tours. We let them know what our dates of preference are and they

make arrangements with the receiving venues for us. If interested, contact Gerry ☎ 709-5404 for more details.

■ MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN

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

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

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

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

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

■ RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE SOLD: OCTOBER 29 AND 30 AFTER MASSES.

In addition to a wonderful Silent Auction at our Holiday Boutique, “Winter Wonderland” Gala, we will be conducting raffle drawings for superb gifts. Raffle drawings will take place on Saturday afternoon, November 5. Winners need not be present to win.

To give you a head start in filling out your name/address/phone on the raffle tickets, we will be conducting a pre-sale of tickets after Masses on October 29 and 30. This will allow you more time to bid on Silent Auction items and more opportunity to browse and purchase Friday evening and Saturday.

All purchases can be made by cash/check/credit card. Be sure to bring your tickets with you to deposit into the raffle drawing bags. Good Luck!!

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure Food Pantry

■ ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!

All bakers, pastry chefs and candy makers! The ladies working the Country Kitchen at the boutique on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, would love it if you would share some of your talents in your cooking/ baking field and donate some goodies to be sold that weekend to benefit our Food Pantry! We have been so spoiled in the past by your delicious sweet treats that we are really salivating with unquenchable hunger for them soon. Please consider our needs at the Country Kitchen and call Jean Gaultieri at 925.588.8020 and let her know what you will be able to share. All homemade items can be brought in at any time on Thursday, Nov. 3 or Friday morning, November 4 (before noon) to the Small Hall or the office! We are so looking forward to these tasty sweet treats and breads. Thanks so much!

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure Food Pantry

■ NEW PARISHIONERS

Mel & Janette Bissada
 Michael & Sharon Chetcuti & Family
 Alvaro & Maria Contreras & Family
 Olivia Dorgan
 Robert Englund
 Frank Escobar
 Andrew Hirsch
 Malerie Keane
 Zachary & Sarah Leonard & Family
 Wallace & Enes Lonsway
 Sonja Martin
 Rafael & Amy Martinez & Family
 Steven & Kelly Randall & Family
 Tracy & Barbara Rodriguez & Family
 Christopher & Deborah Rovere





ELECTION 2016

“We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern.” - Pope Francis

PLEASE VOTE November 8, 2016

A link to more information on faithful citizenship can be found on the parish website or www.catholic.org

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST)

The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern CST has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. We have highlighted several key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

1. *Life and Dignity of the Human Person:* All human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.
2. *Call to Family, Community and Participation:* The person is not only sacred, but also social. How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity for individuals to grow in community.

3. *Rights and Responsibilities:* Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.
4. *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:* A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. Our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.
5. *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers:* The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation.
6. *Solidarity:* We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in world surrounded by violence and conflict

7. *Care for God’s Creation:* We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation.

Summary condensed from the US Bishops website (under teachings and what we believe) www.usccb.org

RESOURCES

California Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.catholic.org)
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org)
League of Women Voters (Education Fund) (www.easyvoterguide.org, www.votersedge.org/ca)
CA Democratic Party (www.cadem.org/vote/2016-ballot-initiatives)
CA Republican Party (www.cagop.org/ballot_measure_endorsements)
Common Sense Kids Action Voter Guide (www.cakidscampaign.org/voterguide)

REMOTE MATERIAL COOPERATION: What does that mean?

By Greg Colley

Voting while Catholic can prompt challenging questions: Can a Catholic vote for a candidate who supports a woman's right to choose abortion, or a candidate who supports use of the death penalty or euthanasia? The Church's teaching on these subjects is clear and unequivocal. Yet the Church also recognizes that when discerning a political choice, decisions may not be easy – candidates take positions on a number of subjects, not all of which align with Church teaching. In this brief article, the example of moral discernment where a candidate is pro-choice or pro-death penalty will be used as an example of morally informed political decision making, not as arguments in favor of positions contrary to Church teaching.

First, in the simplest terms, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has made it clear that the Church cannot tell Catholics how to vote on election day. Catholics must vote their conscience - their informed consciences. This means it is possible that morally grave considerations may prompt a Catholic to vote for a candidate who otherwise supports acts which are otherwise known to the Church to be grave moral evils.

Second, it is important to make a moral distinction: there is a moral difference between what the government actively does and what the government allows to happen. For example, the death penalty under certain circumstances may be morally evil, and it is the government itself which executes the sentence. In the case of abortion, however, the

government may allow a woman to choose, and if so it is not directly involved in the act of terminating a pregnancy.

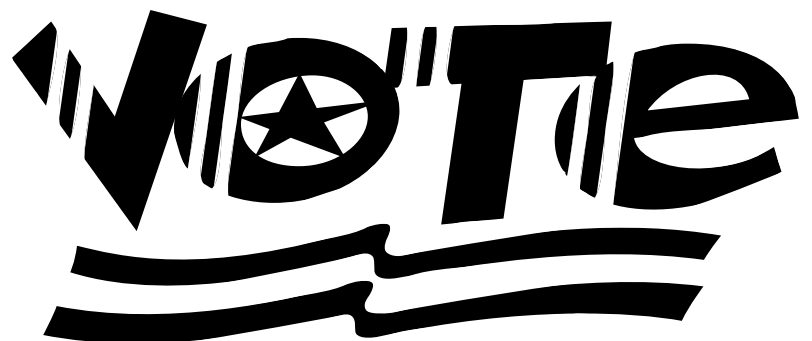
Pope Benedict XVI, writing as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger in a 2004 letter to Cardinal McCarrick in the United States, wrote

“A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate’s permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate’s stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.”

In specific terms, Catholics might therefore consider voting for a candidate who clearly demonstrates a preferential option for the poor - such as support for universal healthcare, robust assistance programs for families and children, support for a living wage, foreign aid to victims of natural disasters,

etc. (all arguably pro-life positions) - even if that candidate supports a woman's right to choose when it comes to abortion. “Proportionate reasons,” in this example, include support for many millions of poor people, which may be weighed against the candidate allowing choice in the case of abortion.

The notion of “remote material cooperation” is even more important in the case of presidential candidates. The president does not make laws, the president only enforces them. The legality of abortion in the United States is now a matter of constitutional law. It is possible, however, that the president could influence the rate of abortions - such as by offering healthcare for mothers, jobs for those who need them, and additional assistance programs which may help them to not choose abortion. Catholic voters should consider the candidate's ability to influence policies when they carefully consider for whom they will vote.



DEATH PENALTY: PROPS 62 & 66

All Life Is Sacred – Innocent or Flawed

SACRAMENTO, CA - During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we, the Catholic Bishops of California **support Proposition 62** which would end the use of the death penalty in California. Our commitment to halt the practice of capital punishment is rooted both in the Catholic faith and our pastoral experience.

All life is sacred – innocent or flawed – just as Jesus Christ taught us and demonstrated repeatedly throughout His ministry. This focus on the preciousness of human life is fundamental to Christianity and most eloquently expressed in the two great commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mk. 12.30-31) Jesus makes clear that to love God we must love our neighbor. Each of us holds an inherent worth derived from being created in God’s own image. Each of us has a duty to love this divine image imprinted on every person. “Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.” (I Jn. 4.20)

Our support to end the use of the death penalty is also rooted in our unshakeable resolve to accompany and

support all victims of crime. They suffer the very painful consequences of criminal acts. With the violent loss of a loved one, a sword has pierced their heart. Their enduring anguish is not addressed by the state-sanctioned perpetuation of the culture of death. As we pray with them and mourn with them we must also stress that the current use of the death penalty does not promote healing. It only brings more violence to a world that has too much violence already. We will continue to promote responsibility, rehabilitation and restoration for everyone impacted by the criminal justice system. Only through their healing will the entire community be healed.

The Bishops of the United States have long opposed the use of capital punishment. In the past, it was sometimes morally justified in order to protect society, but those times have passed. Proposition 62 provides voters with the opportunity to end this practice in California, just as 19 other states have already done.

Capital punishment has repeatedly been shown to be severely and irrevocably flawed in its application. In the long – but absolutely necessary – process of ensur-

ing an innocent person is not put to death, we have seen many accused persons being exonerated as new forms of forensic investigation have enabled us to better scrutinize evidence. The high cost of implementing the death penalty has diverted resources from more constructive and beneficial programs both for rehabilitation and restoration of victims and offenders. Finally, repeated research has demonstrated that the death penalty is applied inconsistently along racial, economic and geographical lines.

For all of these reasons, we must also **oppose Proposition 66** which will expedite executions in California. The search for a fair and humane execution process and protocol has failed for decades. Any rush to streamline that process will inevitably result in the execution of more innocent people. Neither the proponents nor the opponents of the death penalty wish this result.

As Catholic Bishops we are heartened by the growth of Catholic lay movements aimed at ending the use of the death penalty. The faithful have heard the words of St. Pope John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis to stop this

practice around the world. As Pope Francis has stated:

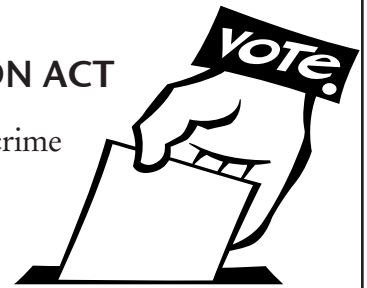
A spreading opposition to the death penalty, even as an instrument of legitimate social defense, has developed in public opinion, and this is a sign of hope. In fact, modern societies have the ability to effectively control crime without definitively taking away a criminal’s chance to redeem himself. The issue lies in the context of a perspective on a criminal justice system that is ever more conformed to the dignity of man and God’s design for man and for society. And also a criminal justice system open to the hope of reintegration in society. The commandment “thou shall not kill” has absolute value and pertains to the innocent as well as the guilty. (2/21/16 – Angelus)

In November – the concluding month of the Year of Mercy – Californians have the opportunity to embrace both justice and mercy (cf. Ps. 85.11) in their voting. We strongly urge all voters to prayerfully consider support for Proposition 62 and opposition to Proposition 66.



PROP 57: THE PUBLIC SAFETY & REHABILITATION ACT

- Punishment for its own sake is never an adequate response to crime
- Brings common sense to juvenile court proceedings
- Victims must have a central place in our justice system



SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Catholic Conference (CCC) of Bishops offers its support for Proposition 57: The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act. This balanced approach to the criminal justice system in our state would advance the well-being of our residents and communities by re-focusing our collective efforts on rehabilitation, treatment and education programs. In addition, the initiative will place the decision to try juveniles as adults into the hands of those who best understand the intricacies of dealing with young people – the juvenile court.

Every day, in our parishes and ministries, we witness the devastating impact of crime on the people and families of our communities. Victims, whose lives have often been shattered, search for answers, look for healing and seek an opportunity to voice their needs. Families of perpetrators hide their pain, alone in their anguish and afraid to ask for help. And the incarcerated fruitlessly search for hope as programs that offer the possibility of rehabilitation are scrapped in lieu of the high costs of prison construction.

Through chaplaincies, prison ministries, parish outreach and other efforts, people of

faith respond to the Gospel call and minister to all people impacted by crime. But we can, and society must, do more. Proposition 57 is a much needed first step. Our public policies include many elements of punishment, but that is not sufficient to prevent crime, heal victims and restore relationships and harmony in society:

[A] Catholic vision of crime and criminal justice can offer some alternatives. It recognizes that root causes and personal choices can both be factors in crime by understanding the need for responsibility on the part of the offender and an opportunity for their rehabilitation. A Catholic approach leads us to encourage models of restorative justice that seek to address crime in terms of the harm done to victims and communities, not simply as a violation of law. [Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective On Crime And Criminal Justice, A Statement by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000]

The threats to human dignity endemic to the current criminal justice situation in California demand our attention both as a people of faith and as residents of

California. As we recognize and appreciate the dignity of others, together we build stronger, safer communities.

Many policy initiatives like “three strikes” laws and longer and mandatory sentences have tried – and failed – to correct our dysfunctional criminal justice system. The lack of resources for crime prevention has only led to overcrowded prisons, foreseeable recidivism rates and unsafe communities. These policies often result from fear, a natural spontaneous response to violence. We are called to take more constructive action by designing policies that employ resources most effectively, are based on the best available research and offer reasoned approaches. Appropriate and wisely-developed policies – such as offered in Prop 57 – will actually result in safer communities rather than a continuous cycle of crime and incarceration.

The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act offers alternatives: an increase in public safety leading to less crime; programs to promote healing and rehabilitation; the means to deal with offending juveniles as the wounded children that they are; placing more decisions in the hands of impartial judges; and a chance at parole for

non-violent offenders.

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have a special call to address the difficulties characteristic of our current criminal justice system. As Pope Francis has said:

In the broad context of human social relations, when we look to crime and punishment, we cannot help but think of the inhumane conditions in so many prisons, where those in custody are often reduced to a subhuman status in violation of their human dignity and stunted in their hope and desire for rehabilitation. The Church does much in these environments, mostly in silence. I exhort and I encourage everyone to do more, in the hope that the efforts being made in this area by so many courageous men and women will be increasingly supported, fairly and honestly, by the civil authorities as well. [World Day of Peace Message, 2014.]

We respectfully urge the citizens of California to prayerfully and conscientiously study this situation and support the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act, Prop 57, on the November 2016 ballot.

OUTSIDE PARISH

2016 MUSIC AT ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

We are presenting our 8th season of Music at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church with concerts and special events. These concerts are for the parish and community and are offered without tickets. There is plenty of safe parking, lots of seats close to the artists, and a wonderful reception following each concert.

Friday, October 28 at 8:00PM we present the silent movie “The Headless Horseman and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow” accompanied by Don Pearson on the Rodger’s 958 Digital/Pipe Organ. This one-hour film ends with a thrilling chase scene that comes alive with Don creating music for the movie. You have to experience what it is like to watch a movie and have a fantastic organ shaking your pews.

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.

CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL’S OPEN HOUSE

Carondelet High School’s Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 6 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit www.carondeleths.org/admissions.


CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL’S 27TH ANNUAL VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 4

Kick off your holiday season by enjoying one of five holiday teas, a fashion show, a community open house, and breakfast with Santa. All events feature a beautiful boutique and silent auction. Don’t miss your chance to win one of five extravagant, spectacularly themed Christmas trees with fabulous prizes. For more information and to register, visit www.carondelet.org/visions.

EXPERIENCE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Prospective students and their families are invited to our campus in Escondido, CA on Saturday November 12, from 9am-4pm for “University Day”. The event includes presentations from the faculty, a campus tour, and sessions on academics, student life, and financial aid. Juniors and seniors in high school may come early for an overnight campus experience. JPCatholic offers degrees in creative media, business, theology, and humanities. Visit jpcatholic.edu to register.

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
RENA MILCETICH
 October 22 to October 28, 2016



Pray For



ELISA DE GUZMAN

Mass Intentions For The Week 

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 5:00 Jan Smith
 Sr. Roberta Carson
 Pat & Tom O’Brien
 David Picallo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 7:30 Dorothy Foppiano
 Emidio Busuttill
 Emerenciana Manalang
 Robert Sino
- 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 11:00 Fr. Richard Mangini
 Charles Farrugia
 Marie & Henry Roberts
 Carmelino Vingson, Sr.
- 5:00 Maria Bilan
 Ramon Bilan
 Eve Zagala

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Ed Maes
 David Rivero

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul volunteers
- 9:00 Dimitris Argyriou
 Crisanto Mariano
 Emily Crescencio

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 All priests and deacons
- 9:00 Families of victims of violence

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Angelo Gardella
 Precop Colaco

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 5:00 Leonida Palma
 Jim Narberes
 Mary Jane Davis
 Suzanne de Jager

■ LUCAS 18, 9-14

Hoy Jesús nos cuenta una parábola destinada “para algunos que creyéndose buenos, despreciaban a los demás.”

Los creyentes tenemos que tener mucho cuidado en las actitudes que emanan de nuestra vida cristiana. Vivir siguiendo a Cristo supone estar en el mundo con una vida equilibrada y bien pegada a la felicidad. Felicidad que no hace daño ni a la propia persona ni a los demás. Creo que esto es cierto cuando intentamos hacer nuestro camino de las bienaventuranzas. Lo que intenta explicarnos el Evangelio de hoy no es la bondad presente en nuestra vida sino la actitud que toma la persona que disfruta de tal regalo.

A los cristianos nos han educado en el respeto a la persona. Bien conocido es aquello de “condenar el pecado no al pecador...” pero la realidad muchas veces es bien distinta. El pecado de los otros muchas veces en nuestra manera de percibirlos absorbe a la persona condenándola junto con su comportamiento. No olvidamos con frecuencia que en el corazón de todo ser humano siempre está latiendo la presencia amorosa de Dios, del Dios que espera, acoge y perdona.

Lo curioso de la parábola es que los dos estaban haciendo algo objetivamente bueno: los dos estaban orando. Lo que les diferencia a uno de otro es la actitud exterior e interior con lo que hacían sus rezos:

Los dos fueron al templo a orar: No es suficiente el espacio religioso para lograr con la ayuda de Dios las actitudes del Evangelio. Vemos gente “de Iglesia” cuya inmadurez humana y espiritual es más que evidente. Ir al templo es entrar en el espacio de Dios, en los criterios y objetivos del Evangelio. Ocurre que muchas veces nuestro cuerpo entra en el templo, pero nuestra vida está atascada en celos, en afanes de reconocimiento por parte de los demás, en complejos disimulados en falsa espiritualidad... Nuestra vida tiene que estar permanentemente en el templo, esto es, en la presencia de Dios para aprender a ser tal cual Él nos quiere.

El fariseo se mantiene de pie: La verdad es que el creyente sale un tanto mal parado

en esta parábola, pero así es como debe ser. No censura Jesús lo que cree o lo bueno que hace. Jesús ataca la soberbia y el afán de suficiencia con el que lo hace. Nuestro fariseo cumple lo estipulado pero no cambia la actitud del corazón.. Muchos cristianos no se dan cuenta que todo lo que hacemos, los métodos que utilizamos, las estructuras organizativas, las celebraciones litúrgicas son siempre para crecer en el amor de Dios: no son fines en sí mismos. ¿De qué te sirve hacer tantas cosas “religiosas” si luego tu vida está lejos del amor que Cristo nos trae? El fariseo cumple lo prescrito y por eso se cree bueno. Piensa que lo que él hace es lo más importante y que lo que hacen los demás no lo es. Cada ser humano tiene un termómetro en el seguimiento de Cristo. Si tu vida crece día a día en el amor, estás por el buen camino. Si, en cambio, tu vida cada día es más soberbia disfrazada de tantas maneras de falsas espiritualidades, ya te has apartado del camino...

El cobrador de impuestos se había quedado a cierta distancia: Este hombre percibe la distancia que nos separa en esta vida de Dios. Nuestro Dios no está lejos de nosotros. Está tan cerca que podemos charlar con Él cada día y en cada momento, pero sabemos que está en el mundo sin confundirse con él. Descubrir la distancia que existe de mi vida hasta Dios es el camino de la conversión. Vivir en cristiano es reducir distancias sin soberbias, sin envidias, latiendo en el amor a Dios.

El cobrador de impuestos volvió a su casa perdonado por Dios; pero el fariseo no. Curiosa distribución la que Dios hace. Al que tenía más pecado se le perdonó y al que vivía según la ley cumpliendo todo lo prescrito apenas fue escuchado. La paga de la humildad y del reconocerse ante Dios tal y cual somos es el perdón y la paz interior. La soberbia religiosa es un arma que siempre se utiliza contra el otro. Es como decirle a los demás: “Yo soy más santo que tú...” La santidad es dejar un hueco en el corazón lo más grande posible para albergar a Dios y a la humanidad entera.

El fariseo no fue perdonado porque lo que presentaba ante Dios eran logros y cumplimientos. El publicano, en cambio,

oraba no presentando las conquistas espirituales logradas por prácticas religiosas sino que se presentaba ante Dios humillado, pidiendo misericordia.

Termina el Evangelio recordándonos la necesidad de la humildad para no presumir de la fe y del cómo la vivimos; más bien una vida de fe vivida en plenitud será siempre un interrogante para los demás y una llamada a la misericordia de Dios. Nada tiene de qué presumir quien sabe que es Dios quien nos lo da todo. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

■ SE JUBILA EL DIÁCONO MARIANO

El Diácono Mariano Preza se jubilará de su papel como Coordinador del Ministerio Parroquial de la comunidad hispana, a finales del año.

Debido a problemas de salud, su médico le ha prescrito un descanso sabático de seis semanas comenzando el 16 de octubre. Después de este período sabático, el diácono Mariano volverá a trabajar sirviendo en un período de transición hasta finales del año cuando se jubile oficialmente como miembro de nuestro Personal Pastoral.

Mariano seguirá sirviendo como diácono en nuestra parroquia, para celebrar bautizos, funerales, bodas y quinceañeras, pero ya no servirá como administrador de la comunidad hispana de la parroquia.

Después de que preparemos una nueva descripción del trabajo, se iniciará el proceso para encontrar y contratar a quién será el nuevo administrador Pastoral de la Comunidad Hispana.

Mariano ha servido a la comunidad de habla hispana durante los últimos 31 años, comenzando con la Comunidad Hispana de Concord. Tendremos la oportunidad de agradecer y honrar al Diácono Mariano antes de que él se retire. — Padre Richard A. Mangini

Horario de Oficina:
Diácono Mariano Preza
Teléfono ☎ (925) 844-9015
Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30p.m.
Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

■ **AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA**
Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



El Evangelio de hoy nos engalana con una hermosa oración que puede hacer todos los días de nuestras vidas un Jubileo de la misericordia: “Oh Dios, ten piedad de mí, que soy un pecador” (Lucas 18:13).

“El fariseo... habló esta oración para sí mismo” (18:11). Orando grito sincero, pidiendo misericordia y reconociendo su propia pecaminosidad y “da la bienvenida a” otros pecadores como hermanos y hermanas con quien puede identificarse, incluso empatiza, haciéndose eco el comentario famoso del Papa Francisco que dice no ser quien para juzgar.

De hecho, el recaudador de impuestos “fue a su casa justificado” (18:14), es decir, restauró la amistad de Dios, porque la misericordia de Dios no es un premio logrado sino un don recibido. «Que tu oración sea breve: el recaudador de impuestos, el hijo pródigo y el ladrón moribundo, todos se reconciliaron con Dios con una sola frase!» (Saint John Climacus, siglo VII).

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■ **FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO**

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

■ **INVITACION MISA BILINGUE EN HONOR DE SAN JUDAS TADEO Y SAN SIMON**

Día: Viernes, Octubre 28, 7:00 PM
 Lugar: Iglesia de San Buenaventura, 5562 Clayton Road. Concord
 Información: Samuel & Conchita Guzman
 ☎ 285-2834

■ **TODOS LOS SANTOS MARTES 1 DE NOVIEMBRE.**

La solemnidad de todos los Santos es el martes 1 de noviembre. Vamos a celebrar cuatro Misas especiales en la Iglesia en honor a los Santos: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, y 7:30pm.

■ **MISA POR LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS**
MIÉRCOLES 2 DE NOVIEMBRE

Recordaremos los fieles Difuntos con tres Misas en la Iglesia el miércoles 2 de noviembre: 6:30am, 9:00am y 7:30pm (bilingüe).

Todos aquellos cuyos funerales se realizaron en nuestra parroquia durante el año pasado serán homenajeados con una especial lectura de sus nombres en todas las Misas durante la oración de los fieles. Además, está bien traer una fotografía o un recuerdo de un ser querido fallecido. Se colocará sobre una de las mesas en el Santuario memorial durante la Misa el 2 de noviembre. También puede colocarse una foto en el altar “Día de los Muertos” situado en el vestíbulo.

■ **SOBRES EN MEMORIA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS**

Durante el mes de Noviembre recordamos a todos nuestros seres queridos que han fallecido. Podemos recordarlos de una manera especial escribiendo sus nombres y colocando la donación a la parroquia dentro de un sobre. Luego

puede regresar los sobres a la oficina parroquial o colocarlos en la canasta de la colecta dominical. Estos sobres, junto con el libro de los nombres de los fallecidos, se colocarán en el Santuario de la Iglesia durante el mes de noviembre para que quienes han fallecido pueden ser recordados de una manera especial.

Los sobres los puede encontrar en las mesas traseras de las puertas laterales de la Iglesia y en el vestíbulo.

■ **¡EL CD “UN CUERPO” ESTÁ AQUÍ!**

Si habían ordenado el CD o quieren comprarlo, estamos disponibles después de todas las Misas en las mesas dispuestas para este fin. El CD incluye conciertos de cada uno de los coros de San Buenaventura y cuenta con algunas de nuestras canciones preferidas tales como: Somos un cuerpo, en la fracción del pan y vamos hacer la diferencia (We Are One Body, In the Breaking of the Bread, and Go Make a Difference). El costo del CD es de \$15 cada uno, y todas las ganancias van a la Iglesia de San Buenaventura.

BAUTIZOS 2016 y 2017			
LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1			
ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, 826-5102			
****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 11/19	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 12/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 01/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/13	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 01/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/20	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/04	12:00 p.m.	Fri 01/27	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/18	10:00 p.m.	Fri 02/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/11	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/03	7-9:30 p.m.
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 04/22	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/07	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.