



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

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April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | 9 de abril de 2017 Domingo de Ramos "De la Pasión 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, 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

■ **ANCIENT DAYS, REMEMBERED,
 CELEBRATED**

We have come today to Holy Week, and we enter **the cosmic celebrations of Redemption and Salvation and the Great Fulfillment.** The Holy Trinity explodes in divine compassion and mercy into all living beings.

Easter is a new life. Easter is a new way of being. Easter is a new way to appreciate our experience of life. Easter is the new reality to be.

This is not poetry. This is not a Pipe Dream. Easter is who we really are. All this has unfolded for us through the life of the real person, Jesus Christ.

What we remember, with open faith, are **his final days, his last will and testament,** his final gifts to us that we have changed human history and culture.

Holy Week are days of history remembered. While they describe moments in the last days of Jesus' life, they remind us also of the patterns of our lives and remind us of Jesus' commitment to walk us through them, listening to His Father and being willing to fulfill his life as God intends all of us to do.

**Palm Sunday:
 Applause and Condemnation**

In Jesus' day, there was a palatable feeling, almost hysteria – people hoping that Jesus was the expected Messiah to fulfill the freedom of the Jewish people – to have Romans and their Jewish-corrupted religious leadership off their backs. They could taste their freedom as Jesus mounted a donkey and rode into Jerusalem with boisterous acclaim.

However, it all went downhill as he was arrested in a few days and jailed. He was not the One. At the beginning of the week, Jesus seems to be the New Leader who was desired; by the end of the week, the orchestrators of what they wanted to have happen threw him under “the so-called bus.”

This year we read the full account of the Passion from the Tradition of St. Matthew.

We hold and take home symbolic palms. They remind us of how fickle we are and how easily we are swayed. On one level, Jesus stands tall and unperturbed with the hate of the world that stands apart and against God. The Messiah God wants is not the Messiah that people want. Will we like the path that the true Messiah will follow?

**Holy Thursday: Liberation,
 Communion, Service, Collaboration**

Holy Thursday remembers the liberation of God's people from oppression, a return to the land promised, led by Moses. It was a most difficult journey, both physically and spiritually. It was a time of great testing.

It was done by a community of people. It began with a fusion of tribal groups into a confederation that became a people who recognized that God was establishing a new covenant with them.

We celebrate that God and his people are one family with mutual ideals, with a living interdependence, in an unbreakable bond.

The sacred meal is Jesus' re-interpretation of something ancient, into a new communion with God through Jesus, the Christ. Holy Communion calls us to join Jesus, who promises to remain with us and reveal Himself as he appears over and over in a sacred banquet of Holy Communion.

Not only does Jesus remain and appear, but he reappears. Jesus invites us to show up in the daily communion between Him and all his brothers and sisters as well.



**Good Friday: The Passover, the
 Surrender, the Dedication, the Final
 Gift**

We will never know how difficult, how sensitive, or how draining it was for Jesus to see his death coming, and to surrender Himself to what must have felt like a complete wash-out to nothingness. There are situations and experiences in life that arouse those same feelings in us.

We do not focus completely on the violence of the end. Nor do we focus completely about the violence of our endings. Jesus has shared this greater hope that suffering in communion with Jesus strengthens our possibility of suffering with purpose, hope and acceptance.

Jesus arrives at inner peace: “Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit.” To have the dedication of Jesus, to follow the journey to our end in faith and surrender is not the end, but a new beginning. To let Jesus show us how, and to invite him to accompany us on our own Good Friday will be a blessing that carries us into a future that means our resurrection.

**The Easter Vigil: Sacraments of
 Initiation, The Great Passover, the
 Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

It was the firm belief in the ancient church that Jesus the Christ and Lord would return to earth at some Easter Vigil in the future. That was the hope that brought early Christians to gather on the evening of the Great Vigil every year.

What did they do each year? A tradition developed very early to come together, to light the new fire. Part of the spring cleaning was to clear cooking fireplaces and ashes, to clean oil lamps. With a new fire, the light was a powerful sign of new life that would continue for another year. The fire was shared and taken home.

At the beginning of the Great Vigil, those gathered remembered the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the prophets especially, to realize for what they had waited and how the world changed for them, through baptism into Jesus Christ.

Waiting until midnight and the rising of the sun were also the Adult Catechumens, waiting to be baptized, confirmed and brought to the Eucharist for the first time.

While not as long as those ancient first vigils, the church today continues to celebrate in the same way. **It is still the most important liturgical celebration** of the whole year.

Every Catholic should experience one such vigil before they die.

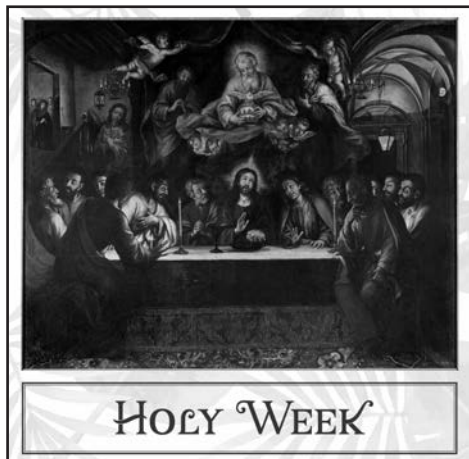
If you have had the patience and desire to learn about Holy Week, this is what we celebrate and remember and take into our hearts and lives this week. We invite you to journey with us this week.

You will find the complete Holy Week and Easter Schedule in the Lenten Pullout in the bulletin.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **DIRECTORIES! DIRECTORIES!
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If you had your portrait taken for the photo directory in September, you may now obtain your **free** copy. If you **didn't** have a portrait taken and are interested in purchasing a directory, a limited number of them will be available at a cost of \$10. The directories are now available for pick-up in the church office during regular office hours.



Mark Your Calendar

**St. Bonaventure 60th Anniversary—
 Fr. Richard's 50th Ordination Anniversary—Retirement**

There are a number of liturgical celebrations and events occurring this year to acknowledge the Retirement, Ordination Anniversary of our beloved Fr. Richard, and St. Bonaventure's 60th Anniversary. Following is a listing for your information. Please check our website and bulletin for more detailed information as the events occur.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday, May 17	5:30pm	50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass	Parish Church
Saturday, June 10	6pm	Fil-Am Community Dinner with and for Fr. Richard *Following 5pm Mass	Parish Hall
Sunday, June 11	2pm	Hispanic Community Celebration *Following 12:45 Spanish Mass	Parish Grounds
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement	Concord Hilton
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

■ **FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING**



The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Bonaventure with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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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■ **CELEBRATION OF FR. RICHARD MANGINI'S 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND RETIREMENT: SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 (Reservations Required)**

So you have heard about the great festivities taking place on Saturday, June 17 and you want more details? Here they are:

Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.; tickets are \$75/person. You may also purchase tickets for a table of 10.*

**Individuals choosing to sit together at a table will be required to register at the same time to ensure requested seating accommodations. Sorry, no exceptions.*

Where: Hilton Hotel, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord

How and when may I purchase tickets?

One can now purchase ticket(s) for this wonderful event in the following ways:

- If you want to purchase your tickets by credit card, you may do so through "*Faith Direct*" by going to the St. Bonaventure website: www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents

This is the online giving software used by our parish. It will enable you to purchase tickets by using a credit card. (Credit card is the only method you can use to make a purchase.) Even if you do not already have an account set up as your electronic method of contribution to the parish, you can still purchase tickets, using a credit card, at "*Faith Direct*" for this event.

- If you prefer to pay by Cash or Check, these purchases may take place in the church office during regular office hours.

For your convenience, you may access and complete the required registration form at St. Bonaventure website: www.stbonaventure.net/CelebrationEvents

Necessary Information in order to purchase tickets:

- Name of each attendee
- Contact phone number
- Choice of one dinner entre (Pan Seared Salmon, Chicken Caprese, Filet Mignon, or Vegetarian.

Any questions please contact, Stephanie Pence, (925) 672-5016 or Marie Shockley, (925) 672-4129. Deadline for reservation purchase is May 15, 2017.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

You can honor a loved one, either living or deceased, with a gift to our Easter Flower Fund. Envelopes can be found at the exits of the church, or you may fill out the information below, cut it out, then send it or bring it to the office. What a wonderful way to remember someone special!

Name

Address

Phone

Amount:
Designation (*please list*):

Gift:

In Honor of

In Memory of:

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

Well, Easter is almost here and we want to see if we can improve on the parking procedures. So here are some important facts that will aid the Parking Enforcement Officers to get you parked quickly, keep all of you safe (whether on foot or in a car), and keep traffic flowing on Clayton Road and through the parking lot:

1. Enter the Church parking lot on Clayton Road. (The back gate is exit only). Do not attempt to enter through the back gate - you will be turned away and slow the parking process down.
2. The parking plan will be to fill from the back lot to the front. This allows the officers a clear line of sight to ensure that they know where all the empty spaces are, keeps traffic moving, gets you to a parking spot more quickly, improves safety, and clears Clayton Road the quickest.
3. Please follow the instructions of the officers. Believe me, it will save time and get you parked the fastest. The officers will maintain control of the traffic flow. So look for their direction. They know where the parking is.
4. Please do not run over any traffic control devices. They may not damage your bumper, but will damage the undercarriage and sensors under the newer cars. On the lower cars, they get caught and begin to burn/melt against the exhaust, and smell. Many times you will need to jack up the car to free them.
5. The officers will keep extra places for handicapped drivers open near the Church. If you do not have handicap plates, please have the plaque visible, so the officer can direct you.
6. If you need to just drop someone off, let them know. After dropping off, get back into the flow of cars to get parked. The officers will be looking for those who try to abuse this service.
7. **Parking at the Rectory parking lot will be for musicians and choir only.**
8. Please lower the window and turn down the radio, so you can hear the instructions from the officers.

LITURGY & MUSIC

■ EASTER DECORATING HELP NEEDED

Our Art & Environment could use some extra helpers to prepare and decorate the church for Easter. Both women and men are welcome, since some strong people are needed to help lift heavy and/or bulky items. Decorating for Easter will take place the morning of Saturday, April 15. If you are able to help, please contact Anthony Artega at arterga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.

■ EASTER SUNDAY 7:00AM MASS

Reminder: On Easter Sunday, the first morning Mass will begin at 7:00am, NOT 7:30am. The usual 7:30am Mass time returns on April 23.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 42:1-7; PS 27:1-3, 13-14; JN 12:1-11
TUESDAY: IS 49:1-6; PS 71:1-6, 15, 17; JN 13:21-33, 36-38
WEDNESDAY: IS 50:4-9A; PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; MT 26:14-25
THURSDAY:
CHRISM MASS: IS 61:1-3AB, 6A, 8B-9; PS 89:21-22, 25, 27; RV 1:5-8; LK 4:16-21
LORD'S SUPPER: EX 12:1-8, 11-14; PS 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15
FRIDAY: IS 52:13 — 53:12; PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1 — 19:42
SATURDAY:
A) GN 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31A]; PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; OR PS 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
B) GN 22:1-18 [1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18]; PS 16: 5, 8-11;
C) EX 14:15 — 15:1; EX 15:1-6, 17-18;
D) IS 54:5-14; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
E) IS 55:1-11; IS 12:2-6;
F) BAR 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; PS 19:8-11;
G) EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28; PS 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 OR IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 OR PS 51:12-15, 18-19;
H) ROM 6:3-11;
I) MT 28:1-10
SUNDAY: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9 OR MT 28:1-10 OR (AT AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING MASS) LK 24:13-35

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS

■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!

We need help at the 9AM Mass serving coffee and/ or juice and refilling food trays for the 11AM Mass. If you like to serve and at the same time meet our parishioners, this is the ministry for you. If interested, please call Stan 925-889-9229. Thank you.

■ VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED!

The Food Pantry at St. Bonaventure's is in great need of volunteers to pick up once a week in the morning from local grocery stores and take to pantry storage. Also, Tuesday mornings with pantry prep and distribution in the Large Hall, any hours between 6:30 and 11:00.

If interested, please contact Warde Comeaux at 989-5374, email: como3@aol.com or Donna Zukowski at 381-4161. Leave a message on your day of availability and what you are able to do. Thank you.

Let us continue to pray for a full recovery!

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

■ PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW: ST. BONAVENTURE'S MAKER FUN FACTORY BIBLE CAMP: JULY 17-21



What's all the *buzz* about? Do you have lots of *imagination*? Do you like to *build* and *create*? We are *gearing* up for an amazing Bible camp and we want you to *bee* a part of it. "Maker Fun Factory" Bible Camp will be full of great Bible stories, *creative* crafts, team-*building* games, delicious snacks and so much more.

Now is the time to plan activities for those sunny days of summer. We offer a pre-school program for 3 and 4 year olds which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6th grade program

meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6th Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really awesome camp activities.

Forms will be available in the Church foyer, office and on our website in late April. We will have registration on "Registration" Saturday, May 13 from 9am to 1pm in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$65 for preschoolers and \$80 for elementary-age students.

Adults, we need you to be our Team Leaders. All you need is a desire to have loads of fun with kids! Contact Rosann Halick, 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or rhalick@stbonaventure.net for more information.

Teens – 7th grade through high school - we need you to be our camp counselors. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact Jacob Perry, 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or jperry@stbonaventure.net.

So let's put all the *puzzle* pieces together to make the *connection* with God at "Maker Fun Factory" Bible Camp because ... We are all Created by God and Built for a Purpose!

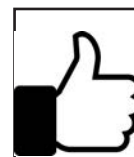
■ CREW OPEN HOUSE

Come and experience Venture Crew 444's Open House.

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Room B5, St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord.

Venturing is a coed program for youth 13 who have completed the 8th grade, or ages 14 to 21.

For more information contact crew444@astound.net. You can also go to www.scouting.org/venturing.



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LIFE AND JUSTICE

■ WE NEED SWIM DIAPERS & SUNSCREEN!!

Sunny days mean that swim days are near! The 27 families at Garden Park Apartments are looking forward to May when their community pool opens. Of the 40 children on-site, about half are under the age of 5 and require swim diapers to enjoy the pool. Due to very limited funds, however, the families cannot afford to purchase swim diapers nor sunscreen for their children. We are hoping that you can help Contra Costa Interfaith Housing families by donating swim diapers (all sizes) and family-size sunscreen so that the children and adults we serve have a happy and healthy summer. Please drop off your donations to Eileen Limberg in the parish office by May 1.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Turn off your I-Pads, your I-Phones, and your I-Tunes and come experience a new way to look at your marriage through I-Marriage. In our monthly meetings, we will learn how Andy Stanley's three key teachings help you enrich your marriage and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." We will meet, **Tuesday, April 11**, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or selimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ MOMS' GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!). Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We usually meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. Because of Spring break and Easter, **our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19**. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

■ 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 start learning about some of these "pivotal players" April 24-May 23 in Classroom A1. There are two opportunities a week: Monday afternoon (1:00-2:30pm) or Tuesday evening (7:00-8:30pm). Please sign up in the parish office or call Eileen so we have enough resources. There is no charge.

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

ALLELUIA!! Christ has Risen! Today begins the Easter Season and we all rejoice. God's love and care for us and His wish to grow closer to us is celebrated during this season. Return that love and wish for closeness by joining us for Contemplative Prayer. We gather 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

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 20 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

Come celebrate the Easter Season with lunch provided by Chef Greg's Catering. We will enjoy baked Easter ham with salad, scalloped potatoes and green beans. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday April 17 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on April 15 & 16. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Next dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **April 23**. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left in the **Hospitality Room**. (Note that this is a *new* location). Please bring items before the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday. Cash donations for St. Mary's can be left in the church office. *All* items need to be marked "St. Mary's-Oakland".

(*Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish). St. Mary's Center also needs gently used forks! Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Carol & Jim Riley 672-4383 & Carol & Pete Chrobak 672-7158

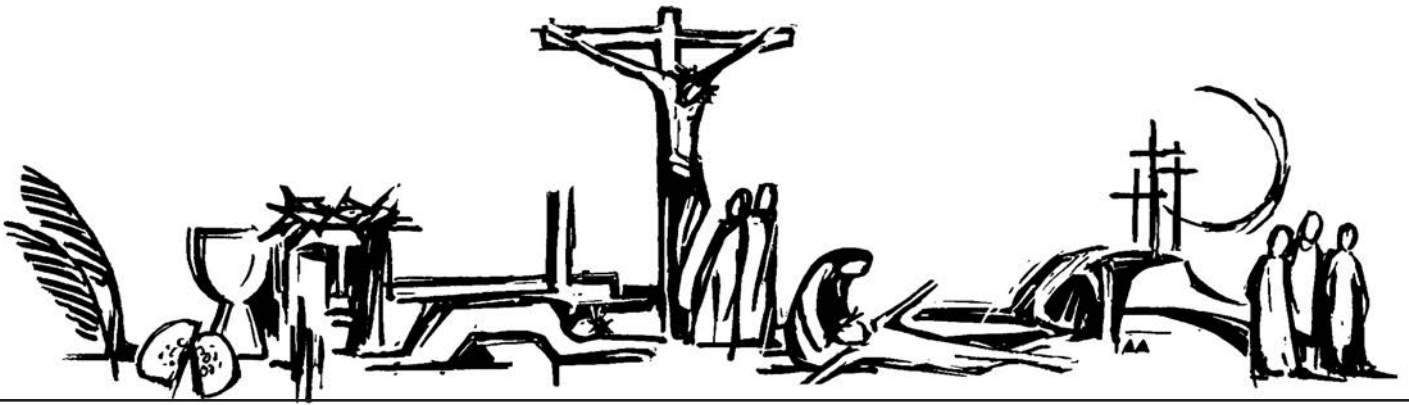
■ CLASSY CRAFTERS DONATIONS REQUEST

Vacation season is coming up soon. As you enjoy your journeys to exotic ports both near and far, please remember the Holiday Boutique. A bottle of wine for the wine pull (\$30 minimum), an imported liquor would be a nice raffle or silent auction item. Or perhaps a unique piece of jewelry from your travels? The possibilities are as endless as your vacation dreams. Whether your travels take you near or far, we'll be here to gratefully accept your donations. Call Gerry Ferri 925-709-5404.

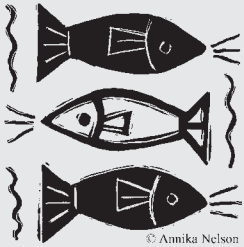
■ KELLY MOORE OFFER

To parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland looking to purchase paint for the protection and beautification of your home: did you know that by purchasing paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company, a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to our Catholic Diocese?

The Kelly Moore Paint Company is excited to offer a special KM Club Discount for your purchases of quality Kelly Moore Paint at any of our Kelly Moore stores. Go to www.kellymoore.com and click on the store locator). A unique Kelly



LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE



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Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Please pray for our Elect and those preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church in these final days of their preparation:

Gary Boswell
Abdoul Fofana
Stewart Lehman
Christopher McFerran
Malik Rodriguez
Michael Rodriguez
Marco Sanchez
Kristen Spillner
Heather Zamora



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EASTER VIGIL

Celebrated the Saturday night before Easter, the Vigil is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year. It is full of symbolism and storytelling. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the story of salvation. We baptize those adults who have been preparing this year and whom we have been praying over during Lent. We welcome into the church those baptized in another Christian faith and celebrate with those adults who have been baptized Catholic, but have not received Communion and Confirmation. True, the Mass can last 2-3 hours, but it is a beautifully moving ceremony, one that I encourage all Catholics to experience at least once in their life. Join us this year on April 15 at 7:30pm and celebrate what makes us Catholic Christians.

Thank you to parishioner Mary Franceschini for writing our Lenten Reflections this year. Every week there will be a center pullout in the Bulletin with the reflections, events and other information that apply to the upcoming week and beyond. You can also sign up to receive the reflections every morning in your email. Go to the parish website: www.stbonaventure.net and sign up through the link on the front page.



April 9 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

"Behold your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass..." Mt 21: 1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem, humbly, riding on the most humble of creatures. In the midst of the acclamations, he knows what awaits him: betrayal and suffering. The father's business is more important than ever now.

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the holy city, did he have a moment to reflect that his mother had ridden on a humble creature, cradling him in her arms, to save him from treachery years before? Instead of riding into a great city, he ended up as a refugee in Egypt. Behold your king.



April 10 Monday

"I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice..." Is 42: 1-7

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the Servant of the Lord, the chosen one. He has been taken by the hand, formed, and set as a covenant to the people, a light for the nations. Jesus was all this when he walked the dusty roads with his disciples, healing the sick, and teaching the crowds. He had a mission and he followed through.

Maybe the words of Isaiah can apply to us. We must be taken by the hand by Jesus to be formed, and not just for us, but to be a light for the nations. Someone once said that Jesus has no hands but ours, so it's up to us to continue his work. We have a mission and we must follow through.



April 11 Tuesday

"The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name." Is 49: 1-6

Jesus, the Servant of the Lord, was called from birth. From Mary's womb he was given his name. He was made "glorious in the sight of the Lord" and his God was his strength. Strength indeed he needed to bear betrayal from one of his own, strength to always be firm, yet gentle in answering Herod's questions, not to mention every ounce of strength during his flogging and horrific agony on the cross.

We too must find strength in the Lord in the trials of our lives. Maybe we have been betrayed for one reason or another or have experienced ridicule, and maybe both at the same time. Even in the trial of sickness, we have needed every ounce of strength in our bodies to recover. God was our source of strength. Let us never hold back from calling upon him in the upheavals of our lives.



April 12 Wednesday

“Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” Mt 26: 14-25

How heavy Jesus’s heart must have felt in knowing that one of his own would betray him. He had gathered with the apostles for the traditional meal of the Passover, looking upon each face with love and care. When he said that one of them would betray him, the apostles became distressed. Judas, who knew what he was going to do, feigned surprise. Jesus affirmed him as the betrayer, yet he must have still felt love towards him, and pity. In a matter of hours, Judas would realize that it was better to be dead than to live with what he had done.

God has given us free will. He will take us by the hand, and guide us, but when we let go of his hand to doggedly pursue our own road, at whatever cost, he will not hold us back. He will wait anxiously for us to return to him. Judas didn’t turn back from betraying Jesus, but in the end, he must have realized the enormity of what he had done. He hung himself. We aren’t called to go to that extreme, but we can take a good, hard look at ourselves and repent. Jesus is waiting.



April 13 Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

“It is the Passover of the Lord.” Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14

The Passover was to always be celebrated in this month of the “ripe grain” called Abib, close to the vernal equinox of March-April. The “ripe grain” coincides with springtime, the time of renewal. Jesus is the “ripe grain” that, as a beloved song that we often sing, “falls to the ground and dies.” We are renewed!

There isn’t a more beautiful time of year for celebrating the Passover, or the Supper of the Lord, than in springtime. We come out of the cold and the darkness of winter. But this just isn’t about a change of season, it’s also about our minds and hearts. Have we experienced cold and darkness within us? Now is the time to open the windows of our minds and hearts to the warm sunshine of the love of Jesus. Let’s truly celebrate the Passover!



April 14 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

“Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?” Jn 18: 1-19: 42

Today is the reason that Jesus was born. The little Baby in Mary’s arms would die a slow, agonizing death on the cross. Once again, he would be placed in Mary’s arms, but this time bloody and lifeless. The Father had given him the cup and he accepted it so that his Father’s will be done.

For us, drinking the cup of betrayal, sorrow, pain, is anything but easy. We ask God to spare us. Some have more than their share of the cup to drink. We will never understand the “why” of pain and suffering, but we can look to Jesus, who will hold our hand tightly. He’s been there, and he will be there next to us to help us drink the cup.



PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR A MEAL DURING LENT

O God of mercy and compassion, with humility of heart we ask your blessing on the meal we are about to share. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may we be inspired to share our gifts with the needy. May the sharing of this meal urge us on to work tirelessly to bring your word of comfort to all who seek meaning and direction in their lives. Bless us, the food we are about to receive, those who prepared it, and the friendships we share. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) RICE BOWL

RICE BOWL



If you haven't returned your bowls, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE THIS WEEK.** www.crsricebowl.org

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Every week, CRS introduces us to a family and recipe from the different countries that benefit from Rice Bowl. April 9-15 we encounter Micaela from the Diocese of Honolulu. *"You are born with breadfruit, you grow up with breadfruit and you die with breadfruit.* This popular saying from the Micronesian island of Chuuk, thousands of miles off the coast of Hawaii, captures the importance of this starchy fruit. It's a staple both for the Chuukese living in Micronesia, and for people like Micaela, who were forced to migrate to Hawaii due to a changing climate and rising seas.

Though Micaela moved to Hawaii seeking a better life, she instead found a community of Chuukese struggling with hunger. Through the *One 'Ohana: Food and Housing for All'* program, Micaela organizes groups of women to learn farming techniques. Together they gain knowledge to plant breadfruit trees and feed their communities. *"It's been years since I dug my hands in the ground. We are reconnecting back to our home, even though it's not the soil from where we came."*



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

April 13 ~ Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30pm, Bilingual

April 14 ~ Good Friday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am
Stations of the Cross ~ 11:00am ~ Garden
Ecumenical Service: The Seven Last Words of Jesus ~ 12:15pm ~ Church
Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 3:00pm ~ Church
Solemn Liturgy in Spanish ~ 6:30pm ~ Church
Solemn Liturgy in English ~ 7:30pm ~ Parish Hall

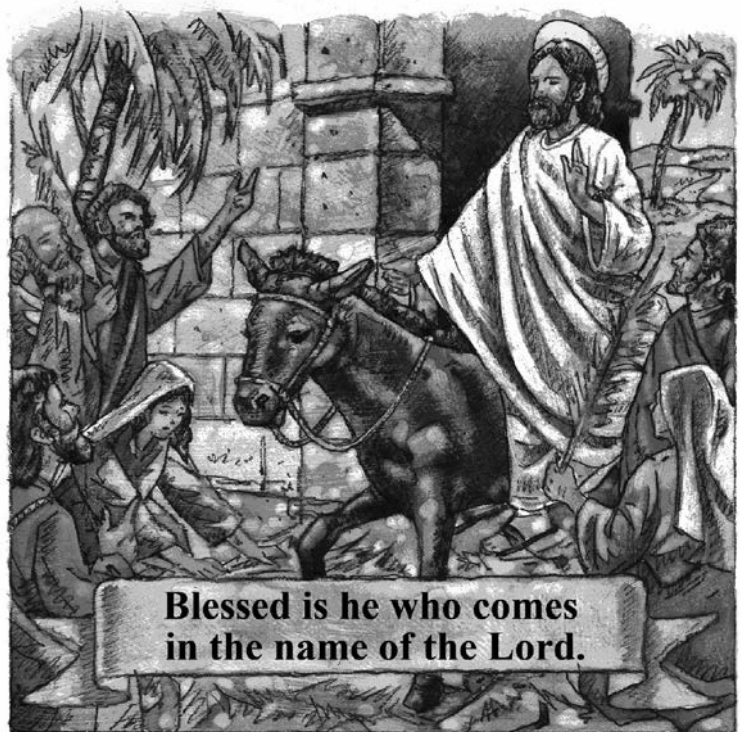
April 15 ~ Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer ~ 9:00am
Easter Vigil ~ 7:30pm ~ Bilingual

April 16 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses in English: Church..... 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am
Masses in English: Parish Hall. 9:15am, 11:15am
Mass in Spanish: Church..... 12:45pm

THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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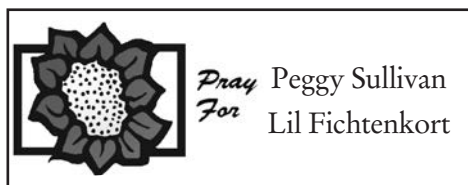
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We are committed to providing you quality products and excellent service at a fair price. When you use the unique KM Club Account # 605-DI4711 for your purchases, we at Kelly Moore will track the net sales dollars before tax annually, and award a percentage of the sales back to the Diocese in the form of a rebate check. Your home, parish and school improvement projects can in this way contribute to the mission of the Church in Oakland. Thank you for your support!

■ **ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY CAMPING AT TAHOE - 2017**

The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: **Sunday, August 6th through Sunday, August 13th**, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe. The cost will be **\$130** for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year's fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso ☎ 864-4748 or Kathy Riso ☎ 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.



■ **"HARANA", THE MOVIE (THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST ART OF SERENADE); SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 7:30PM**

The Filipino-American Ministries of St. Bonaventure Catholic Community and St. Francis of Assisi Church proudly present "Harana" at St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord. Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 for ages 7-17; free for ages 6 & under. Ticket info: 925-207-1608, 925-682-5447, 925-585-2613. Net proceeds benefit St. Bonaventure & St. Francis of Assisi Church.

■ **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.

■ **PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project



■ **ST. AGNES CHURCH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Cauchi Hall, 3966 Chestnut Ave., Concord

We ask that you consider making a life-saving donation during the Good Friday Blood Drive. To schedule an appointment please email Pat Cesnik at stagnesblooddrive@gmail.com or go to www.bloodheroes.com, click "Donate Blood" and enter sponsor code: StAgnes.

Every 3 seconds someone, somewhere needs a blood transfusion - Please be a lifesaver! Your one donation will save 3 lives and go to recipients at over 50 Bay Area Hospitals!

Mass Intentions For The Week 
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SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- 5:00 Marcelino Domingo
June Martin
Marcelle Silva
Marissa De Venecia

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – PALM SUNDAY

- 7:30 Phil Culcasi
Jenny Eggers
Marcel Silva
Maria Elstein
- 9:00 Iluminado Maloles
Judith Webb
Margaret & Raymond Mangini
Wilfred Gutierrez
- 11:00 Leonardo & Ruby Valencia
Norma Evaristo & Family
Francesca Nichols
Kate Da Roza
- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, APRIL 10

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Sixto Eslabon
Manuel Berlanga
Lil Fichtenkort

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- 6:30 Arley McVittie
All priests & seminarians
- 9:00 Francisco Cuenco
Nicholas Fong
Francis Fong (to be confirmed)
Joseph Novicky

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 – HOLY THURSDAY

- 6:30 No Mass Intentions
- 9:00 No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY – APRIL 14 – HOLY FRIDAY

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – HOLY SATURDAY

- 5:00 No Mass Intentions



■ HAY MUCHO “QUE VER” SI NOSOTROS REALMENTE BUSCAMOS

¿Que es lo que tu ves? ¿Está tu vida en un lugar muy bueno? En lugar de que tú trates de figurarlo todo, deja que Jesús venga a ti con Su toque de sanación y espiritual.

La vida espiritual no es complicada. Es muy simple. No dejes que las memorias del pasado de la iglesia compliquen que te abras a Dios y Su camino hacia ti.

Tú sabes que algunas partes del catecismo no es la mejor manera de conocer a Jesús. Nuestra relación con Jesús empieza en el corazón, y no en nuestra mente. ¿Como es que le tenemos miedo a Dios? Porque la iglesia nos informa de nuestra fé en Dios con sus reglas, regulaciones, pecados y castigos. A nosotros nos enseñaron muchas veces rituales en una forma rígida y mecánica. La Devoción empezó pero nunca floreció o maduró en una forma profunda de oraciones.

Cuando vamos creciendo nos cansamos de repetir las oraciones de otro tiempo.

Muchos católicos nunca han experimentado rezar en una tradición rica de salmos, ni han contemplado oraciones adonde uno adora la presencia de Dios.

¿Porque los que no son católicos rezan y leen las escrituras? Por muchos años no fuimos motivados hacerlo. Es muy facil aprender una información acerca de Jesús, los sacramentos o algunas oraciones como el Rosario. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que necesitamos volver a las escrituras como el origen de la fé en Dios.

No solo hay que leer pero hay que escuchar la Voz viviente de la persona.

La religión verdadera no es mecánica. La religion verdadera nunca es aburrida. La religion no es irrelevante. La religion verdadera nos invita a encontrar el significado real de la vida descubriendo la presencia de Dios en nuestro corazón.

Hay mucho que ver si nosotros realmente buscamos. Hay mucha sabiduría que aprender. La religion verdadera no es autoritaria.

La Cuaresma esta por terminar. ¿Estamos preparados para el Domingo de Resurrección para renovar nuestras promesas del Bautismo? ¿Nosotros creemos verdaderamente en Dios nuestro Padre quien nos sostiene a todos juntos en la vida y amor? ¿Nosotros creemos realmente que Jesús es nuestro leader en el camino de nuestra Fé, quién nos acompaña en nuestras imperfecciones, en todas nuestras dudas y nuestras elecciones personales que nos mantienen alejadas de Dios? ¿Verdaderamente nosotros creemos en el Espíritu Santo quien se mueve alrededor de los obstáculos de nuestras vidas?

Dios esta muy cerca de nosotros, no se aparta de nosotros y se conforma con un poco de nosotros. El añora nuestra atención. En muchos periodos de nuestras vidas nosotros añoramos por muchas cosas menos por Dios.

Jesús se mantiene en “ El Agua Viva.”

■ MUCHOS CATOLICOS NO HAN DE SABER QUE:

Hospitales – Hospitales John Muir en Walnut Creek y Concord y Kaiser de Walnut Creek tienen un capellán católico todo el tiempo.

El Padre John Blaker hace visitas diarias a los hospitals para dar la Unción a los enfermos.

Todos los días los pacientes reciben la Sagrada Eucaristía. Por Reglas de Privacidad, el paciente tiene que solicitar que lo visite el capellán. Esto no es automático solo porque están hospitalizado.

El Padre Bill Johnson ha sido el capellán de John Muir en Concord por lo menos 10 años. El se jubilará a finales de Junio. Otro padre católico será nombrado.

Algunos pacientes les gustaría que un padre de su parroquia lo visite pero el capellán esta allí todos los días y él puede visitar al paciente mas rápido.

■ NO ESPERES HASTA EL ULTIMO MINUTO

Todavía hay muchos Católicos que llaman al ultimo minuto preguntando por un padre para que valla inmediatamente a visitar a un paciente que se esta muriendo. Ellos esperan que el padre llegue inmediatamente y dejará todo por llegar. Esto no es posible. Por eso teniendo al capellán en el hospital es más práctico y es una ayuda pastoral.

Hay tres aspectos en la vida que la Iglesia Católica incluye en el Ministerio de los enfermos:

1. **La Unción del Enfermo y Oraciones para Curación**
2. **La Comendación del Moribundo** para aquellos que están entrando a la etapa final de transición – muriendose.
3. **Oraciones por los Difuntos.** Familia y amigos que sufren por la muerte y permanecen con la persona que falleció.

Cuando llamen a un padre, ayuda mucho saber que clase de oraciones son más aplicables o cuales les gustaría.

Todavía hay muchos católicos que no llaman al padre hasta que el paciente entra en estado de coma, hay una creencia que la persona moribunda se vuelve muy agitada y temerosa cuando escucha que que el padre esta presente.

La llegada del padre no es sentencia de muerte. El es el que abre la puerta de la vida eterna. Es mi experiencia que la persona moribunda sabe lo que esta pasando y para ésto no hay control. Muchas veces Dios y el paciente estan en la misma página.

■ DIRECTORIOS! DIRECTORIOS DIRECTORIOS!

Si usted se tomó fotografías para el directorio en septiembre, usted podrá obtener una copia **gratis**. Si usted **no** se tomó la fotografía y está interesado en comprar un directorio, un número limitado de directorios estarán disponible por un costo de \$10. Los directorios ahora están disponibles para levantarlos en las horas regulares de la oficina.

Escriba en su Calendario

60th Aniversario de San Buenaventura-50th Aniversario y Jubilación del Padre Ricardo

Hay una serie de eventos y celebraciones litúrgicas que se llevarán a cabo este año, la Jubilación y el Aniversario de la Ordenación de nuestro querido Padre Ricardo y el 60 aniversario de San Buenaventura. A continuación enunciamos los eventos para su información. Por favor visite nuestro sitio web y boletín para obtener información más detallada de todos estos eventos.

FECHA	HORA	EVENTO	LUGAR
Miércoles, Mayo 17	5:30pm	Misa del 50th Aniversario de Ordenación	En la Iglesia
Sábado, Junio 10	6pm	Cena de la Comunidad Filipina Con y para el Padre Ricardo *Después de la Misa de 5pm	Salón Parroquial
Domingo, Junio 11	2pm	Celebración de la Comunidad Hispana *Después de la Misa de 12:45pm	Jardines de la Parroquia
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación Del Padre Ricardo	Concord Hilton
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia	Iglesia

BAUTIZOS 2017

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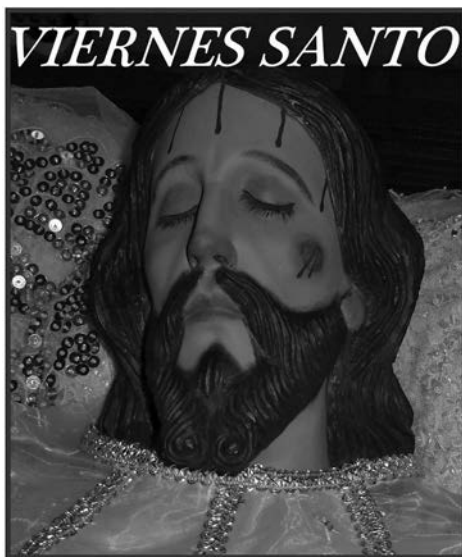
ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102

****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****

FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 06/17	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/30	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/07	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/28	7-9:30 p.m.

VOLUNTARIA PARA LA OFICINA HISPANA

La oficina Hispana está en la necesidad de alguna persona voluntaria que pueda colaborarnos a contestar el teléfono, dar información de los sacramentos y de los diferentes eventos de la Iglesia, recibir y atender a los feligreses, etc. La oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes. Los animamos a que llamen al 925-672- 5800 X 2201 o se acerquen a la oficina principal, y pregunten por Virginia. Es una gran oportunidad para donar su tiempo y talento a la Parroquia.



Viernes 14 de Abril, 6:30 pm Iglesia San Buenaventura
 5562 Clayton Rd. Concord Calif. 94521

CELEBRACION DEL 50TH ANIVERSARIO Y JUBILACION DEL PADRE RICARDO MANGINI: Sábado, Junio 17, 2017 Reservación es requerida

Usted ha escuchado de la gran festividad que se llevara a cabo el sábado 17 de Junio y desea tener más detalles. Aquí están los detalles, el costo de la entrada es de \$75 por persona. El Cóctel se servirá a las 6:00p.m y la Cena a las 7:00p.m.

*Grupo de 10 personas que desean sentarse en la misma mesa, necesitan registrarse y comprar los tiquetes al mismo tiempo.

Donde: Hotel Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd, Concord.

Como y cuando puedo comprar los tiquetes? Se pueden comprar para este especial evento de la siguiente manera:

- Si desea comprar los tiquetes con tarjeta de crédito, puede hacerlo a través de “Faith Direct” en línea. <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/665#divTicketSelection>.

Este es el software en línea que utilizamos para nuestra parroquia. Le permitirá comprar boletos con tarjeta de crédito. Este es el único método que se podrá hacer con tarjeta de crédito. Incluso si usted no tiene una cuenta configurada como su método electrónico de donación a la parroquia puede aún comprar los boletos usando una tarjeta de crédito, en “Faith Direct” para este evento.

- Si usted prefiere pagar en efectivo o con cheque, esto lo podrá hacer en la oficina de la Iglesia durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Para su comodidad, también antes de comprar los boletos usted puede llenar la forma en nuestra página electrónica: www.stbonaventure.net.

Información necesaria para poder ordenar la compra de los boletos:

- Nombre de cada asistente
- Número de Teléfono
- Escoger un plato (Salmon, Pollo Caprese, Filet Mignon o Vegetariano)

La última fecha para la compra de boletos es 15 de mayo, 2017.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contactarse con Emily Molina al 925-963-3483