



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura

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June 11, 2017 The Most Holy Trinity | 11 de junio de 2017 La Santísima Trinidad

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,
Miercoles y Jueves: 6:30 am

Communion Service/Servicios de

Comunión (Chapel/Capilla)

Monday & Friday/Lunes y Viernes: 6:30 am
Wednesday/Miercoles: 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

■ GOAL OF BISHOP'S APPEAL MADE

Thank you to all those parishioners who participated in this year's BISHOP'S APPEAL. And I want to thank those few who put us over the top.

As you know, it was my hope, which I expressed, that I be able to retire with that goal completed. Often, I have expressed my gratitude to all who support the financial needs of our parish, especially the very fine work of our pastoral staff, through which we continue to make the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed and the Sacraments of the church celebrated.

There are many Second Collections as well, whereby parishioners are invited to share in a fraternal charity, helping projects and needs outside our parish community. The first virtue of a Catholic who recognizes Jesus in others is gratitude and charity.

As I leave the administration of St. Bonaventure Parish, I leave everything in good order and in good hands. We are financially sound, but always challenged to keep things going financially. If more people would come to church more often, we would have no financial strains at all.

As every pastor is changed and a new pastor comes, there is a professional audit done, which takes place on June 20.

Thank you for your generosity and financial support, which I ask you to continue.

Bishop's Appeal Goal: \$68,402

**Bishop's Appeal Gifts (at this time):
\$68,648**

■ NEW CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AT JOHN MUIR HOSPITAL - CONCORD CAMPUS

Father Pdraig Greene will begin Chaplain duties June 1 at the **Concord Campus** of John Muir Hospitals. A priest of the Diocese of Oakland, Fr. Greene has recently concluded a three-year Grief Counselor program for Catholic cemeteries at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

Father William Johnson who has served as the full-time Catholic Chaplain, is retiring. The four parishes of the Concord Deanery are most grateful to Fr. Johnson for his many years of service, and for shouldering the hospital ministry at John Muir, Concord.

Fr. Greene will make "rounds" each day. It is often easier to connect to sick patients, because he is there.

■ FAREWELL MASSES WITH FILIPINOS AND LATINOS

Yesterday evening, I celebrated the 5:00pm Mass with the Filipinos of our parish community, followed by a special dinner in the Parish Hall. Today at a noon-day Mass, I will celebrate with the Latino community, followed by an outside reception.

I have always had a special interest in and love for ethnic communities wherever I have been. Fifty years ago, there was no particular ministry in parishes. They were supposed to blend in, not that a hand of welcome and inclusiveness was extended. It was as if no attention was paid to the difference or the richness brought to the parish community. The explosion of the Latino community did not happen in Concord until the mid-nineties. Now the population of Concord is one-third Latino.

All such communities, which sometimes include enclaves of Vietnamese, Indian

and Tongan communities, need special attention. Being welcomed as full members of a parish community is important; investigating the spiritual needs of all ethnic communities is necessary. Americans do not understand how immigrants need special help adapting to living in a foreign country, learning a new language, with praying souls from another country and religious culture.

Where it can be done, offering the Mass and celebrating the sacraments in a familiar and native language is helpful and stabilizing, and helps a stranger to feel secure. In every parish where I have been, I have sought out the ethnic communities and made them visible, encouraging them to discover their best family and spiritual needs and not to be afraid to become more vocal and public.

At one time in San Leandro at St. Leander's Church, we developed a full-blown ministry for the Portuguese immigrants, not only with Masses and sacraments in Portuguese, but with a language school accredited to the Ministry of Education in Portugal, a Folkloric Philharmonic band functioning to this day, and children's dance groups with yearly celebrations from the Azores Islands off the coast of Portugal. Once, there were two religious sisters from Portugal working in the parish community. The young couples of those years are now celebrating their 50th anniversaries; the children married and left for Pleasanton, San Ramon, Tracy and Turlock. Times and populations change. (There is now a Saturday evening Mass for the Brazilian community at St. Francis of Assisi Church here in Concord.)

Before I came to St. Bonaventure as Pastor 21 years ago, I had taken a sabbatical year and went to study Spanish

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in Cuernavaca, Mexico for two months. After that I was appointed the Pastoral Leader for the Concord Hispanic Community in Concord and Pastor at St. Bonaventure Parish. The Concord Hispanic Community was a regional ministry in three parishes, to begin to accommodate the growing Latino community. In addition to using these churches, we celebrated Sunday Mass in Cambridge and Meadow Homes School auditoriums.

Now, I have many friends among the Filipinos and Latinos. I have travelled to Mexico and Central America and twice to the Philippines. I have had the opportunity to absorb and appreciate the communities, which are as rich and diverse as their countries of origin.

So many Catholics believe that their unique experience of being a Catholic is the only experience that there is. While there are many similarities in being a Catholic, there are also significant differences as well. The more universal that we can become opens us to a richer and fuller experience of God, the Creator of the richly diverse human family.

To all my Filipino and Latino friends: I wish to express my thanks for enriching my personal life. I know that you appreciate me as well for opening the doors of parish life and God's love to you. May we continue to bless and thank one another, remember to pray for one another often and wish each other well. I hope to see you now and again, in the markets and parking lots of Concord, and perhaps as well at St. Bonaventure Church!

Parish Life Thoughts
From Christa **Fairfield**

■ **FEAR AND SOLIDARITY**

There has been a lot of talk about fear in the last year. Fear of terrorism, fear of economic uncertainty, fear of losing rights and resources and fear of the other.

Who doesn't know fear? I recently hiked an infamous trail in Zion National Park, 'Angel's Landing', with my niece. The last section of the hike is at a 1500-foot elevation, where you are hiking a narrow spine of rock formation with drop offs on both sides. The only security is chain that spans sections along the narrow path. I have a dramatic fear of heights, but experiencing adventures with my niece is important to me, so I braved the climb.

I could not have done it alone. From the first step, my niece told me we could stop anytime. When we started the last treacherous incline, she walked ahead, checking back every few steps and giving me guidance on where to securely place my feet. She extended her hand to help me move from the sections without chain, where I felt most afraid. We made it to the top safely and full of accomplishment.

Solidarity is like that. It's knowing we can't overcome obstacles or fears alone. It's recognizing our interdependence on each other and reaching out to walk with each other to safety—whatever that may mean.

Solidarity is a term used infrequently in our faith discussions but it is foundational to Christ's teachings.

Well, many of our brothers and sisters are scaling a mountain today. And they are afraid. The current immigration policies and rhetoric has left people afraid to go to public places for fear that they will be picked up, detained and possibly deported. Children are afraid to

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of June 3 & 4 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$26,187

Over: \$747

2nd Collection:

Facilities Improvement - \$ 3,515

Food for Family: 208

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)

Included in above figures

go to school because they fear their mom or dad will be picked up while they are away. It doesn't really matter what your political position is or how you feel about immigration policies. When you step back and remember what fear feels like, your heart has to crack open. And then think about how Christ told us to love our brother and sister. Christ didn't say: to love them if you approve of everything or if you think them worthy. He just said: "Love Them."

When do we need love more than when we are afraid, feel powerless or alone? That's the value of solidarity--not being alone in the struggle.

This weekend, we are looking to lay a foundation on which to build a structure of solidarity to support our Hispanic friends. Members of our Hispanic community are facing some scary terrain and need us to help them find their footing and to extend our hands.

What does that look like? We are figuring that out. Representatives from the Hispanic and Anglo communities met a couple of weeks ago to start identifying what a structure would look like. How we can come together in solidarity to inform people of their rights, help identify and provide resources, listen and pray.

At this weekend's Masses, we are inviting the Anglo community to sign up

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to learn how they can get involved, learn more and/or help create a safe path forward. In the Hispanic Mass, we will be asking the same, as well as asking what they feel are the greatest needs.

To learn more or get involved, please contact me, Christa, at cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

■ 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!



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
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement	SOLD OUT
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

Faith Formation For Adults

■ SUMMER BOOK STUDY

What Does It All Mean? is more than the title for our book study.

Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ, explores the grounds for faith, the challenges in believing, the problem of evil, and offers lifetime lessons for prayer and the spiritual life. Join Anthony Arteaga as he breaks open one of his favorite author's latest book, **Thursdays, July 6-August 3** in Classroom A1. The study will be offered from 10:00-11:30am OR from 7:00-8:30pm. There will be assigned reading before the class begins, so please register through the front office or email me elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Books are on sale in the office for \$20.

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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

Liturgy & Music

■ NEW AUXILIARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR 5 PM SATURDAY & 7:30 AM SUNDAY MASSES

Back in January, a new Eucharistic Minister position was implemented at the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses with great success. The Auxiliary Eucharistic Minister is solely responsible for bringing Holy Communion to those who have difficulty walking or are otherwise unable to take part in the Communion procession. **As of June 3/4, the Auxiliary Eucharistic Minister has been expanded to the 5:00pm Saturday and 7:30am Sunday Masses.** If you desire to receive the Body of Christ and are unable to take part in the procession, please inform one of the Ministers of Hospitality when you arrive so that they know where to direct the Auxiliary Eucharistic Minister. Thank you.

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 are available in the Church foyer, office and on our website. The registration fees are \$65 for pre-schoolers and \$80 for elementary - aged 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!

Life & Justice

■ CUT CHILDHOOD POVERTY IN HALF

California has the highest rate of child poverty in the nation, with more than one in five living in poverty. That translates to 1.9 million children, with almost one-third of African American children and one-third of Latino children in the state living in poverty. While these statistics are disheartening, there is a solution on the table - an aggressive plan that seeks to cut childhood poverty, in the state in half by 2027, and you have the opportunity to support it now. Go to www.catholic.org for more information.

AB 1520 (Burke, D-Inglewood) requires the Legislature to invest in programs that are proven to significantly reduce childhood poverty, including: child care and early childhood education, home visiting programs, after-school and summer programs, work-force development, Medi-Cal expansion, affordable housing, expansion of the California Earned Income Tax Credit, CalWORKS increases, and investment in Promise Zones. AB 1520 also provides for specific accountability measures that will ensure policymakers are able to determine budget priorities to keep these programs funded.

We cannot pass up this chance to lift one million children out of the grips of poverty.

■ CNWS REUSE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The Concord Naval Weapons (CNWS) Project is a huge opportunity for Concord if it is done right! We need a commitment to protect workers, residents and our environment. Keeping the promise of a world class project at the CNWS means crafting affordable homes

for working families; ensuring good jobs and benefits; local hire for youth, veterans and residents; preserving open space; creating walkable neighborhoods near transit and giving working families a voice. Join the Central Labor Council on Saturday, **June 17 at 9:00am** at the Concord Senior Center.

■ IMMIGRATION FORUM & FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Meet non-profit organizations that offer immigration services and programs! Family Preparedness; Financial Planning; Nutrition & Health; Mexican Consulate; DMV AB60; Immigration Attorneys. Saturday, **June 24 at 10:00am** at Meadow Homes Elementary School (1371 Detroit Av, Concord). Please bring emergency contact information if you would like assistance in filling out your Family Preparedness Plan. Childcare provided for children 3-8. Presented through Monument Impact, in cooperation with Catholic Charities and Jewish Family & Community Services.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9;
 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9;
 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 -- 4:1, 3-6; Ps
 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Parish Community News

■ FAITH & FAMILY DAY WITH THE A'S

This year FAITH & FAMILY DAY WITH THE A'S will be on **Sunday, July 30th**; game time 1:05, vs. Minnesota Twins, \$23 pp. There will be a Bill King T-Shirt giveaway for the first 10,000 fans. In addition, if I have 25 or more fans going with the tickets I get for the game/event, they will also receive a Faith and Family Day T-Shirt. But the tickets have to be purchased through me, for this event. After the game, Donnie Moore and the Radical Reality Team will perform some strength feats. After that, the players and coaches will give their testimonies. Contact: Gerry Ferri ☎ 709- 5404 for tickets. All payments must be made to me, either in cash or check.

■ CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapist, 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

■ ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY CAMPING AT TAHOE - 2017



The dates are set for the annual family camping trip. Sun, **August 6th through Sun, 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 years' 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.

NEED A NEIGHBOR?

Neighbor –to–Neighbor Ministry is here to assign 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 x 2238. 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.

Outside Parish

■ CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Women invites all to join them at a Prayer Breakfast



June 24, 9:30-12:30
 Crowne Plaza
 45 John Glenn Drive,
 Concord, CA

**Please note that we are returning to the Crowne Plaza!*

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Jim Sullivan as our speaker! Father Sullivan was raised in northern California and since 1992 has been involved in catechesis and teen ministry. He is the chaplain at Bishop O'Dowd High School, an author, and a witty and engaging speaker!

Men are always welcome to attend! Tickets are \$33 or \$40 after June 17th. Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for more information about our guest and tickets, or call Jennifer ☎ 503-709-8449 for reservations.

■ ST. AGNES PRESCHOOL

It's time to register your preschool child at St. Agnes!

We welcome children who are 3, 4 or 5 years old and potty-trained. We offer a half-day program that will nurture your child's academic, social, emotional, and spiritual development. Please call ☎ 925-689-3990 for more information.

Sanctuary Light is lit for
JOSEPH HEILMANN
June 10– June 16



Pray For

Tom Patawaran

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

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Saturday, June 10

5:00 Rafael & Juanita Sison
Souls in Purgatory
Susan Ripley
Ana A. Kosaka

Sunday, June 11

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Nick Novicky
Alice Rasmussen
Justine Yee
Joey Mangini
11:00 Percival & Iris Jordan
Neetu Dargani
Mary Ann Adlao
Carmen Busuttil
5:00 Trinidad Caraca
June Harmon
Norma M. Evaristo & Family
Lillian S. Jacinto & Family

Monday, June 12

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Margarita Flamenco
Maritza Gonzalez

Tuesday, June 13

6:30 Safe Summer
9:00 Patrick Shannon
Marian Lindquist
Linda Galeon

Wednesday, June 14

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Communion Service

Thursday, June 15

6:30 William M. Jordan
9:00 Carmen Ong

Friday, June 16

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Jay Del Rosario
Shawna Costanzo
Isidro Lopez
Lutgarda Lopez

Saturday, June 17

5:00 Barbara Sheehy
William Merletti
Maria P. Perez
Rosi Caballero

■ SE CUMPLIO LA META DE APELACION DEL OBISPO

Gracias a todos aquellos feligreses que participaron en este año a la APELACION DEL OBISPO. Y quiero agradecer a los pocos que nos pusieron en la parte superior.

Como ustedes saben, era mi deseo que expresé que yo pueda jubilarme con ese objetivo completado. A menudo, he expresado mi agradecimiento a todos los que apoyan las necesidades financieras de nuestra parroquia, especialmente el muy buen trabajo de nuestro personal pastoral a través del cual continuamos haciendo el Evangelio de Jesús proclamado y los Sacramentos de la iglesia que celebrados.

Hay muchas segundas colectas también, por lo que los feligreses están invitados a compartir en una caridad fraterna a ayudar a proyectos y necesidades fuera de nuestra comunidad parroquial. La primera virtud de un católico que reconoce a Jesús en otros es gratitud y caridad.

Ahora que dejo la administración de la Parroquia de San Buenaventura, dejo todo en orden y en buenas manos. Estamos financieramente bien pero siempre desafiados a mantener cosas financieras. Si más gente viniera más a menudo a la iglesia, no tendríamos las tensiones financieras.

Así como todo Pastor se va y un nuevo Pastor viene, hay una auditoria profesional que se llevó a cabo en junio 20.

Gracias por su generosidad y soporte financiero y les pido que continúen.

Meta de Apelación del Obispo: \$68,402

Colección de Apelación del Obispo (hasta hoy): \$ 68,648

■ NUEVO CAPELLÁN CATÓLICO EN EL HOSPITAL JOHN MUIR-CONCORD CAMPUS

Padre Padraig Greene comenzará funciones de capellán el 1 de junio en el Hospital de John Muir en el Campo de Concord. Como un Sacerdote de la Diócesis de Oakland, el Padre Greene ha concluido recientemente un programa de consejero de la Pena de tres años en los Cementerios Católicos en Reina del

Cielo cementerio de Lafayette.

Padre William Johnson se retira después de haber servido como Capellán Católico. Las cuatro parroquias del Decanato de Concord están muy agradecidas con el Padre Johnson por sus muchos años de servicio y para asumir el Ministerio del hospital de John Muir en Concord

Padre Greene hará sus “visitas” cada día y será más fácil conectarse con pacientes enfermos porque el estará ahí.

■ MIEDO Y SOLIDARIDAD

Ha habido mucho de qué hablar sobre el miedo en el último año. Miedo al terrorismo, miedo a la incertidumbre económica, temor a perder los derechos y recursos y el miedo a los demás. ¿Quién no conoce el temor? Recientemente yo subí una montaña en el Parque nacional Zion, con mi sobrina. El último tramo de la caminata es de una altura de 1500 pies, es un sendero de una columna estrecha de formación rocosa con desniveles a ambos lados. La única seguridad es una cadena que abarca secciones a lo largo de la senda estrecha. Tengo un dramático miedo a las alturas pero experimentar aventuras con mi sobrina es importante para mí, así que afronte la escalada.

Yo no pude haberlo hecho sola. Desde el primer paso, mi sobrina me dijo que podíamos regresar en cualquier momento. Cuando empezamos la última subida bien inclinada, ella caminaba adelante, comprobando nuevamente cada paso y así darme orientación sobre dónde colocar firmemente mis pies. Ella extendió su mano para ayudarme al pasar las secciones sin cadena, donde sentí más miedo. Llegamos a la cima de la montaña seguras y llenas de satisfacción.

La solidaridad es eso. Es saber que no podemos superar obstáculos o miedos solos. Es reconocer nuestra interdependencia mutua y caminar juntos hacia la seguridad—es lo que puede significar.

La solidaridad es un término usado con frecuencia en nuestros debates de fe pero es fundamental para las enseñanzas de Cristo.

Bueno, muchos de nuestros hermanos y

hermanas están escalando una montaña hoy. Y tienen miedos. Las actuales políticas de inmigración y la retórica ha dejado gente miedosa de ir a lugares públicos por temor de ser recogidos, detenidos y posiblemente deportados. Los niños tienen miedo de ir a la escuela porque temen que su mamá o papá sean llevados mientras están lejos. No importa cuál es su posición política o cómo se siente acerca de las políticas de inmigración. Miro atrás y recuerdo el miedo, se siente como si el corazón estuviera abierto. Y luego pensar en Cristo que dijo: amar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Cristo no dijo: ámalos si le apruebas todo o si crees que es digna. Él solo dijo: ámalos.

¿Cuándo necesitamos más amor que cuando estamos asustados, o nos sentimos impotentes o solos? Es el valor de la solidaridad -- no estar solos en la lucha.

Este fin de semana, estamos programando crear una Fundación para construir una estructura de solidaridad para apoyar a nuestros amigos hispanos. Los miembros de nuestra comunidad hispana enfrentan algunos terrenos de miedo y nos necesitan para ayudarles a encontrar su equilibrio y extender nuestras manos.

¿Qué estructura tiene? Estamos pensando en eso. Representantes de las comunidades Hispana y Anglo se reunieron hace un par de semanas para comenzar a identificar que estructura tendría. Cómo podemos llegar juntos en solidaridad para informar a las personas de sus derechos, ayudar a identificar y aportar recursos, escuchar y orar.

En las Misas de este fin de semana, estamos invitando a la comunidad Anglo a inscribirse para aprender cómo involucrarse, aprender más y/o ayudar a crear un camino seguro a seguir. En la Misa hispana, lo mismo, también preguntaremos cuales ellos creen son las mayores necesidades.

Para conocer más o participar, por favor contactarme, Christa, en cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

MISAS DE DESPEDIDA CON LOS FILIPINOS Y LATINOS

Ayer por la tarde, celebré a las 5:00pm la Misa con los filipinos de nuestra comunidad parroquial, seguida de una cena especial en el salón parroquial. Hoy en una Misa de mediodía, se celebra con la comunidad Latina, seguida por una recepción afuera.

Siempre he tenido un especial interés y amor por las comunidades étnicas donde he estado. Hace cincuenta años, no había ningún ministerio particular en parroquias. Se suponía que todos estaban incluidos, no es que se extendió una mano de bienvenida y de inclusión. Era como si no se prestó ninguna atención a la diferencia o la riqueza a la comunidad parroquial. La explosión de la comunidad Latina no sucedió en Concord hasta mediados de la década de los noventa. Ahora la población de Concord es un tercio de latinos.

Todas estas comunidades, que a veces incluyen a enclaves de las comunidades de vietnamés, India y Tonga, necesitan una atención especial. Ser bienvenidos como miembros de pleno derecho de una comunidad parroquial es importante; investigar lo espiritual las necesidades de todas las comunidades étnicas es necesario. Los americanos no entienden cómo los inmigrantes necesitan ayuda especial para adoptarse a vivir en un país extranjero, aprender un nuevo idioma, con las almas de oración de otro país y cultura religiosa.

Donde se puede hacer, ofreciendo la Misa y celebrar los sacramentos en un lenguaje familiar y nativo es útil y estabilizador y ayuda a un extraño para sentirse seguro. En cada parroquia donde he estado, he buscado las comunidades étnicas y hecho visible, alentándolos a descubrir sus necesidades familiares y espirituales mejor y no tener miedo a ser más vocales y públicos.

Una vez en San Leandro en la iglesia de San Leander, hemos desarrollado un Ministerio verdadero para los inmigrantes portugueses, no sólo con las misas y sacramentos en Portugués, pero con una escuela de idiomas acreditada ante el Ministerio de Educación en Portugal, hay un grupo folclórico Filarmónica



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

Hay una serie de eventos y celebraciones litúrgicas que se llevaran 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 informacion. Por favor visite nuestro sitio web y boletín para obtener más detallada de todos estos eventos.

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación del Padre Ricardo	VENDIDO
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia	Iglesia

funcionamiento a este día, y grupos de danza de niños con celebraciones anuales de las islas Azores fuera de la costa de Portugal. Una vez, habían dos hermanas religiosas de Portugal trabajando en la comunidad parroquial. Las parejas jóvenes de esos años ahora están celebrando sus 50 ° aniversarios; los niños están casados y se movieron a Pleasanton, San Ramon, Tracy y Turlock. Tiempos y las poblaciones se cambian. (Hay ahora un sábado por la tarde Misa para la comunidad brasileña en la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís aquí en Concord.)

Antes de venir a San Buenaventura como Pastor hace 21 años, había tomado un año sabático y me fui a estudiar español en Cuernavaca, México por dos meses. Después de eso fui nombrado el líder Pastoral para la Comunidad Hispana de Concord en Concord y Pastor de la Parroquia de San Buenaventura. La comunidad hispana de Concord fue un ministerio regional en tres parroquias, para comenzar a dar cabida a la creciente comunidad Latina. Además de usar estas iglesias, celebramos la Misa de domingo en Cambridge y el auditorio de la escuela Meadow Homes. Ahora, tengo muchos amigos entre los Filipinos y los Latinos. He viajado a México y América Central y dos veces a Filipinas. He tenido la oportunidad de absorber y apreciar las comunidades, que son tan ricos y diversos como sus países de origen.

Muchos católicos creen que su experiencia de ser un católico es la única experiencia que hay. Si bien hay muchas similitudes en ser un católico, también hay diferencias significativas. Lo más universal que podemos llegar a ser nos abre a una experiencia más rica y más plena de Dios, el creador de la familia humana ricamente diversa.

