



Fr. Richard's Golden Jubilee Celebration at the Hispanic Mass
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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

■ **HOW DO WE PICTURE GOD FOR US?**

There is the very famous picture of God creating the world, painted on the grand back wall of the Sistine Chapel—the finger of God’s hand reaching out to touch the finger of Adam---a Michelangelo masterpiece.

Less known is another picture from an African-American poet, James Weldon Johnson, in his poem “Creation.” We can almost hear Johnson’s voice whispering in holy awe as he says, “This great God like a mommy bending over her baby, kneeled down in the dust, toiling over a lump of clay...Then into it He blew the breath of life.”

The first image is awesome and the second so very human. The first image comes from the great painting of the Last Judgement, a reminder that God sent Jesus to suffer for our sins. Last Sunday’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to save and not to condemn. I prefer to meditate and consider the meaning of a God who knows how to stoop down, “who reveals His divine dignity as generosity, whose every breath is life-giving.”

Pope Francis spoke in Morelia, Mexico, February 16, 2017, that “Jesus wished to introduce His companions into the mystery of His life. He showed them by eating, sleeping, healing, preaching and praying what it means to be ‘son’ and ‘daughter’ of God.”

Pope Francis is developing a New Pastoral Theology not as a subset of the older classical theology built on the premise of our need to do penance or to suffer for our sins. He reinterprets theology beginning with the merciful embrace of each one of us by God. We come to God for healing and for love. We do not need God to redeem us, because he has always loved us. We need God to touch and retouch us so deeply, which is a conversion of a different order. Eventually, God will help us to turn ourselves into channels of His mercy and grace also. The old theology could not envision such a thing for God to do. This is a whole new affirmation of God’s presence in the world, to save and not to condemn. To condemn does not change a mind or a heart. Only grace and love does. I hope that Pope Francis lives long and that God permits his spiritual brilliance to overtake the theology and spirituality in which I was brought up.

I agree with Pope Francis that we must return to a simpler way of embracing God, motivated by a full simple love, by a strong sense of gratitude and by a simple desire to live in solidarity with all creation and with one another. This is the theology that Pope Francis is trying to sketch out for us; and we need a new type of theologian to help us to ponder and reflect about all its consequences. The commandments and “the shall nots” may be good for uneducated people. Today we need to hear invitations to embrace God in the fullness of love and truth.

I have always experienced myself as 25 years ahead of where we are in the life of the church. I think that Pope Francis is as well. There is more freedom and responsibility to come. I intend to move ahead.

NEXT WEEK: The Last Bulletin of 21 Years

Parish Life Thoughts
From Christa **Fairfield**

■ **FAITH AND SOLIDARITY**

A lot of people express surprise when I tell them I hike. I guess I don't look like the hiking kind. But I do hike, as I shared last weekend. Not as often as I'd like, but when I have a chunk of time and a companion. Hiking by myself just doesn't feel the same. Alone, the physical challenges feel more pronounced than when I'm with a friend who can share in a laugh when we come up to another steep incline, or will contemplate the decision to go up, down or around.

When I'm asked why I like hiking, the answer is simple: I like to push myself. It's a great way to grow in many ways. Of course, it makes me physically stronger but it also teaches me that I can endure more than I think. And I like the discovery. When I start out on a hike, I often don't know how tough the terrain will be or how far I'll go or what I'll find on my little journey.

I've been thinking a lot about hiking as I've been considering the new effort in bringing our English and Spanish community together to deepen the friendship within our parish family.

Outside of hiking, I'm not great at stepping forward without knowing where I'm going. I'm a planner. I assess. I research. Then I act. That path is comfortable to me.

But it's not the right path for this new effort, because—it's not *my* path.

Another thing people may not know about me is that I'm not a fan of public speaking. I can do it but it makes me nervous. Interestingly, I was not nervous about speaking last weekend. I wasn't nervous because I felt so strongly that this relationship building is right—is necessary—is what our faith calls us into.

So I'm on this path of not knowing where we are going. And I understand why others may not yet be comfortable joining the hike. It can be uncomfortable going some place new, not knowing what will be required, if you'll have the skill to get there.

Stepping out on this trail takes an act of trust—an act of faith. We can take that first step remembering that Christ asked us to love our neighbor. A simple statement but often a tough act. Loving the stranger can be as scary and challenging as hiking along a high cliff with only a chain to hold on to. But in our case that chain is God. We know that stranger is Christ.

Today in our community, many of our Hispanic family members are walking their own scary path. Just leaving the house can feel terrifying. Will they get picked up? Trying to complete a family preparedness plan for their family can feel overwhelming. What if they get it wrong? Who will care for their children in their absence? Exploring if there is a path to citizenship? Who can they trust? The list is long.

I know signing up for an effort that isn't mapped out can feel uncomfortable, unwise, maybe even a bit dangerous. But isn't that what Christ calls us to do—to love radically? He forged a new way in a world full of judgment and prejudice. A stranger is only someone you don't know.

I invite you again to step out of your area of comfort. Take a walk with me and get to know our neighbors at the 12:45 Mass.

Remember, you don't need to have any special skills. You don't have to know Spanish. You just need to believe that we are called to love our neighbors and have a desire to do so.

Our first meeting will be a get-to-know-each-other opportunity and a preliminary brainstorming discussion about options and opportunities for being in solidarity with our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

The meeting is Thursday, June 22 at 6:30pm in the Ministry Center classroom.

If you are want more information or are ready to sign-up, please email me at cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of June 10 & 11 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$26,611

Over: \$1,171

Food for Family: 189

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)

Included in above figures

■ **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!

Sanctuary Light is lit for

ROBERT ADAMS

June 17– June 23



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.

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.cacatholic.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

■ 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 Ave, 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 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



For all the
Graduates

Faith Formation for Children

■ PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW: ST. BONAVENTRUE'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!

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.



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Mark Your Calendar

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

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.

■ APPARITION HILL

A film about life... and what comes after...

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: El Campanil Theater, 602 Q.
 2nd St. Antioch

Free admission – Donations accepted

7 strangers investigate the greatest paranormal mystery in the world! A place of alleged miracles, Medjugorie.

For more info: go to dmvigil@sbcglobal.net or santacruzfran@icloud.com

■ MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FREE CONCERT

Sunday June 25th @ 3pm: St Joseph Basilica in Alameda is hosting a *free* 1-hour concert of two internationally renowned Catholic artists:

Tiano Vas - singer-songwriter and folk/classical guitarist from Argentina who has had wildly successful tours of Europe and South America. His "pop" Christian music videos are highly popular worldwide. (This is his USA debut tour.)

and

Anna Maria Mendieta - harpist and tango specialist who has performed for President Clinton, President Gorbachev, and the King and Queen of Spain, as well as having broadcast on EWTN and other TV networks, NPR, Emmy Awards, etc.

Both of these dedicated Catholic artists have also performed for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, at the Vatican, and at World Youth Day in Spain.

As the Vas-Mendieta duo they have put together a special "Musical Mission" concert sharing the life and mission of Padre Pio and his devotion to Mary, through bi-lingual songs and instrumental pieces. This program is touring through the USA under the sponsorship of the JesuCristo Vence organization, sharing evangelization through the arts.

Their special Bay Area performance on Sunday June 25, is part of the monthly 'Notes for Nourishment' concert series sponsored by Listen for Life and hosted at the Basilica of St Joseph, 1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda. Entrance is free to the public for this one-hour event, and donations will be collected to benefit a nonprofit organization that nourishes the hungry, homeless and hurting of our region and beyond. For further information about this concert see 'Notes for Nourishment' on Facebook, or go to NotesForNourishment.blogspot.com or phone Listen for Life at 510 540 8136.



	Saturday, June 17
5:00	Barbara Sheehy William Merletti Maria P. Perez Rosi Caballero
	Sunday, June 18
7:30	Mike Geraghty Bob & Ellen Docili Efren Lao Dennis Stoukal St. Bonaventure Community
9:00	St. Bonaventure Community
11:00	Efren Lao Cesar Caballero Don Smith Alma Alvarez
5:00	Luis Saul Villalba Miguel Antonio Cardenas Noura Daïess Lilia Jacinto
	Monday, June 19
6:30	Communion Service
9:00	Vicente Mercader Sherri Craft Jesus Lugtu Josefina Basbas
	Tuesday, June 20
6:30	William M. Jordan Hugh O'Neill
9:00	Don Smith Fred Lacey Mary Jane Carpenello Zosimo Dungca
	Wednesday, June 21
6:30	Communion Service
9:00	Communion Service
	Thursday, June 22
6:30	Safety of all travellers
9:00	Maryann Hunt Eleonor Miralles William Jordan
	Friday, June 23
6:30	Communion Service
9:00	Angie Pace Mayari Castro Emidio Busuttil William Jordan
	Saturday, June 24
5:00	Rosi Caballero Joseph Pavlakovich Ronald Villar Deacon Joe Rubio



We offer a Spiritual Bouquet to our fathers, living or deceased, who will be remembered and honored at all Masses

Fred Alexander

David H. Blankenhorn

Amador Borcena

Fitsum Begna

Greg Cocotis

Gus Cocotis

Paul Cocotis

Tom Cocotis

Colavito Family

Don Davis

Dominador de Guzman,Sr.

Galvin de Guzman

German de Guzman

Genaro de Guzman

Girard P. de Guzman

Tirso T. de Guzman

Ernest Dell'Isola

Leonard Deren

Bernard Dewhurst

Geoff Dewhurst

Greg Dewhurst

Steve Dewhurst

Alfredo Diaz

Jaime R. Diaz

Mario Damonte

Ray Dykman

Jim Elsberry

Bruce Ely

Peter Gannon

Charles Garoni

Guglielmo Family

Samuel Guzman

Gary Halick

Albin Hericks

Robert Hopkins

Patrick Horgan

Steve Knott

Fr. David Lawrence

William H. Leigh

Joseph Levada

Al Limberg

Otto Luschenat

Andrew Mangini

James Mangini

Joe Mangini

Raymond Mangini

Fr. Richard Mangini

Fr. Thomas Martin

Baltzer Maxwell

Chas Maxwell

Henry Olate

Frank Palmeri

Jason Perry

Wilfredo Saguiped

John Sangalang

Louis Solano-Solis

Phil Sorenson

William Sprague

Francisco Talavera

Gilbert Talavera

Carlos Teran

Joe Trasvina

Gabriel Venneri

Luis Saul Villalba

Tom Walsh

Henry Widjaja

Joe Zanotti

All the fathers worldwide

¿COMO NOS IMAGINAMOS A DIOS?

Padre Ricardo Mangini

Hay una Imagen muy famosa de Dios creando el mundo, pintada en la pared posterior de la Capilla Sixtina- el dedo de la mano de Dios extendiéndose para tocar el dedo de la mano de Adán--- una obra maestra de Michealangelo.

Menos conocido es otro cuadro de un poeta, Afro Americano, James Weldon Johnson en su poema “Creación”. Casi se puede oír la voz de Johnson susurrando en santo temor cuando dice: **“Este gran Dios como una mama’ inclinada sobre su bebe, se arrodillo’ en el polvo trabajando sobre un trozo de arcilla... Entonces en ese barro El soplo’ aliento de vida.”**

La primera Imagen es impresionante y la segunda es muy humana. La primera imagen viene de la gran pintura del Juicio Final, un recordatorio de que Dios envió a Jesús, a sufrir por nuestros pecados. El Evangelio del domingo pasado nos recuerda que **Jesús vino a salvar, no a condenar. Prefiero meditar y considerar el significado de Dios que nos enseña a ser humilde** “que revela su dignidad divina y su generosidad, en cada soplo de vida”.

El Papa Francisco hablo’ en Morelia, México el 16 de Febrero de 2017, que **“Jesús quiso mostrarles a sus discípulos el significado del misterio de su vida: Comiendo, durmiendo, sanando, predicando y orando con ellos para enseñarles lo que significa ser ‘hijo’ e ‘hija’ de Dios.**

El Papa Francisco está trabajando en el desarrollo de una nueva Teología Pastoral no como un subconjunto de la Antigua Teología Clásica que está construida sobre la premisa de nuestra necesidad de penitencia o de sufrir por nuestros pecados. **El interpreta la teología comenzando con el abrazo de cada uno de nosotros por un Dios misericordioso. Venimos a Dios para sanar y para amar. No necesitamos a Dios para redimirnos porque Él siempre nos ha amado.** Necesitamos que Dios nos toque y nos retoque para poder alcanzar una conversión más

profunda. Donde Él nos ayudará también a convertirnos en canales de su gracia y misericordia. La vieja teología no podía concebir tal cosa hecha por Dios. Esta es una afirmación completamente nueva de la presencia de Dios en el mundo para salvar, y no para condenar. **Condenar no cambia la mente o el corazón. Solamente la gracia y el amor de Dios pueden hacerlo.** Espero que el Papa Francisco viva mucho tiempo, y que Dios permita que su discernimiento se aplique en la enseñanza de la teología y la espiritualidad en la que fui educado.

Estoy de acuerdo con el Papa Francisco, en que debemos de volver **a una forma más simple de abrazar a Dios, motivada por un amor sencillo lleno de agradecimiento, con el deseo de vivir en solidaridad con cada uno de nosotros y con toda la creación:** Esta es la teología que el Papa Francisco está tratando de describirnos; a la vez necesitamos una nueva enseñanza que nos ayude a enfatizar y reflexionar sobre todas sus consecuencias. En el pasado los mandamientos y “sus prohibiciones” guiaban a las personas sin el debido conocimiento de la palabra de Dios. Hoy necesitamos escuchar una invitación para abrazar a Dios en la plenitud del amor y la verdad.

Siempre he estado consciente que yo me encuentro 25 años adelantado en la vida de la iglesia. Yo creo que el papa Francisco piensa igual que yo. Hay más libertad y responsabilidad por venir, yo tengo la intención de seguir adelante.

La Proxima Semana: El Último Boletín De 21 Años.

■ MIEDO Y SOLIDARIDAD

Christa Fairfield

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

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.

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