



Parish Mission: Encountering God's Mercy
Monday, February 22 & Tuesday, February 23
10-11:30am or 7-8:30pm

Father Mark Wiesner
St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

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February 21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent | 21 de febrero de 2016 Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

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

■ **SOME OTHER THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LENT**

The English-speaking countries of the world and Germans, because of the connection with Anglo-Saxon languages, use the word, “Lent” for the spiritual season of preparation that prepares for Easter. The word itself means “Springtime.” It is easy to make a connection with a time to reflect, draw closer to God and be renewed spiritually.

In the rest of the Catholic world, where the influence of the Romance languages is prominent, the more ancient term “The Forty Days” is used: Cuaresma or Cuaresmal. The word “Forty” does not signify an actual 40-day period, but rather approximates it, minus Sundays. The 40 refers to the mystical number referring to its scriptural usage, as a time of testing and failure, like the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years. Some failed the test and others met its demands, like Jesus in the story of his Temptations. The Forty Days, or Cuaresma, is the official word that is used in the documents of the Church.

Similarly, the Anglo-Saxon word “Easter” is the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring; in parts of England the symbol of a rabbit is a sign of springtime fertility. One could see how the word could be used to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, but that is not the official word that the Catholic Church uses. “Passover” is the official word. It comes to us in its various Romance language forms- Paschal, the Pascha or in Spanish and Italian, Pascua. We say “happy Easter to each other in English but in Latin countries, the greeting is “Feliz Pascua” or “Buona Pascua.” The chocolate industry thus produces chocolate eggs, rabbits and crosses.



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PARISH MISSIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Encountering God's Mercy In Confession Feb. 22 And 23
10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm

This week, Fr. Mark Wiesner is here to give our Parish Lenten Mission, “The Spiritual Works of Mercy.” Opportunities will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance one hour after the morning talk-session and one hour before the evening talk-session.

Pope Francis answers two questions in his latest book, “The Name of God is Mercy.” Why are we sinners? It is something that we know from experience, the Pope shares. Our humanity is wounded; we know how to distinguish between good and evil; we know what is evil. We try to follow the path of goodness, but we often fall because of our weaknesses and choose evil.

Pope Francis was asked: what advice would you give a penitent so that he or she can give a good confession? A person ought to reflect on the truth of life, of what he feels and what he thinks before God. He ought to be able to look earnestly at himself and his sin. We need to recognize our need, our emptiness, our wretchedness. We cannot be arrogant, which is the opposite of the shattered heart mentioned by the Church Fathers.

■ **DO SOMETHING LIFE-CHANGING WHEN GIVING UP SOMETHING**

Here is the list from last week’s homily:

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, “In everything give thanks.” Constructive criticism is OK, but moaning, groaning and complaining are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use the time in prayer, Bible Study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other peoples’ worse points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have someone overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door.

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything. Instead, learn the discipline of love. St. Paul wrote that “loves cover a multitude of sins.”

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about - like tomorrow! Live today and let God’s grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the “tube”? Give someone the precious gift of your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries for yourself could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God’s riches, not consumers of them.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by standards of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge - Jesus Christ.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ WINTER NIGHTS WISH LIST

St. Bonaventure has 4-5 groups represented and providing meals for the Winter Nights families being hosted at the Concord Methodist Church from February 29 to March 13. Here is a wish list of what we are collecting for the families: large size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and baby wash, umbrellas, Coleman 6-person Sundome tent (10 X 10) (new or gently used), gas cards, BART tickets, bus tickets, gift cards, AA batteries, packing or duct tape, industrial dispenser for packing tape, umbrella strollers (single & double), pillows, twin size plastic mattress non-zipper mattress covers, fitted single (twin) sheets, Target/Walmart cards, movie gift certificates, sanitary wipes, wardrobe boxes (24 x 21 x 48), clothes (clean and in good condition), recent magazines, books for adults, tissues, and sanitary products.

■ 40 CANS IN 40 DAYS TO FEED THE HUNGRY

We are entering the season of Lent when we are called to fast. But fast from what? We aren't just fasting for the sake of doing without, but to join in solidarity with those who need. The Knights of Columbus *40 Cans for Lent program* is a wonderful opportunity to answer the question of "from what" with a positive action.

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to feed the hungry. Your gift of food allows for us, as a community, to feed our hungry brothers and sisters who come to our door. If you have participated in the past, thank you and please continue. If you have not participated in the past, please consider joining our effort this year and help us meet and exceed our goal. **To reach our goal of 12,000 food items by Easter, we need increased participation.**

The impact of your generosity is three-fold. First, it helps the many families that come to the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry

each week. Second, it reduces the cash outlay from the Parish General Fund. And third, there is a non-quantifiable spiritual effect for the people who think about the hungry while shopping for themselves. Those few minutes that you take to select some extra items for the hungry are like a prayer.

"A can a day" is all we ask. We have bins at all the entrances of the church with "Preferred Items" lists. Please take a "Preferred Items" list and keep it with your shopping list or on your refrigerator as a reminder. These items are the staples that families need each week.

LITURGY & PRAYER

■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
February 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent



Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title *Metamorphosis*, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the

naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

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■ PRAYING THE STATIONS OF MERCY
WITH POPE FRANCIS: FEBRUARY 26
@ 7:30 PM

Pope Francis has called the Church to become more merciful. We are invited to imitate Christ who, in his way of the cross, offered mercy to the world. Even though we continued to live in selfishness and sin, he loved us with the tender heart of God. He revealed God's face to us: a Father of Mercy.

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple soup dinner in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

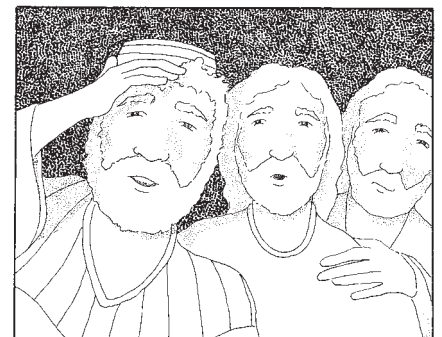
■ LENT 2016: A QUESTION OF MERCY

In keeping with our yearlong theme, Opening the Doors to Mercy, which focuses on the

Jubilee Year of Mercy, our "subtheme" for Lent is "A Question of Mercy." Each week we will ponder different aspects of mercy in our lives, such as how we receive God's mercy, how we show mercy to others, etc., through our weekend homilies, bulletin articles, and social media.

Week 2: When were you scared and felt all alone? Who helped you and showed God's compassionate mercy?

Master, it is good that we are here



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of
February 13 & 14 Collection
Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$ 26,091
Over: \$ 651

Food for the Family: 468

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

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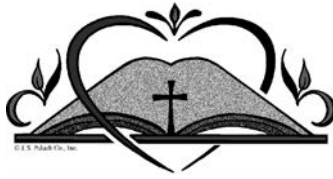
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 PT 5:1-4; PS 23:1-3A, 4-6; MT 16:13-19

TUESDAY: IS 1:10, 16-20; PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21, 23; MT 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY: JER 18:18-20; PS 31:5-6, 14-16; MT 20:17-28

THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 16:19-31

FRIDAY: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A; 17B-28A; PS 105:16-21; MT 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; LK 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY: EX 3:1-8A, 13-15; PS 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12; LK 13:1-9

ALTERNATE READINGS (YEAR A):
EX 17:3-7; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8;
JN 4:5-42 [5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42]

JR HIGH AND YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE)

■ WHAT DID YOU DO LAST WEEKEND? Come and Experience Venture Crew 444's Open House

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
to 7:30 p.m., St. Bonaventure Catholic
Church - 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord –
Room B5

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

For more information, contact
crew444@astound.net

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS

■ LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Loaves and Fishes needs volunteers to
help serve once a month, on the second
Tuesday of each month, from 9:30 a.m.
to 12:45 p.m. in the Pittsburg Kitchen.
This is a wonderful way to live one of
the corporal works of mercy. If you are
interested, please call Mary Ann Kelly at

925-686-3815 or MaryAnn Pallotta ☎
925-672-5146.

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ THE GOSPEL CALL TO ABUNDANT LIFE AND ABUNDANT LOVE

Come and hear nationally known
speaker Jack Jezreel, founder of JustFaith
Ministries, on Wednesday, March 16,
7:00-9:00pm at Christ the King Parish in
Pleasant Hill. Jack will address the Gospel
call to compassion and tell how churches
can become more effective tools of
personal and social transformation. Free
will donation accepted.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ 2016 MEN'S RETREAT: REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration is now open for the 2016
St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat, which
will be held March 4-6 at San Damiano
Retreat Center in Danville. Our theme
this year, “Merciful Like the Father,” is
inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy.
Our retreat master will be Fr. Leo
Ederly, pastor of Corpus Christi parish
in Oakland, CA. For more information,
call Peter Nixon at 925-381-7853 or Matt
Remington at 925-672-4006 Registration
is available online at <http://www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/adult-faith/mens-spiritual-network>.

■ A LENTEN DAY OF WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: Saturday, February 27, 10am to 3:00 pm Registration required \$10 to cover lunch

Jesus spoke to us in parables, revealing
the way through stories. We share the gift
of storytelling, though we often aren't
aware of it. Through our stories we can see
God and know Jesus. We all have stories
to tell. But we are often not comfortable
expressing ourselves, especially with pen
and paper. It may be the memory of late
nights struggling to finish the high school
essay or being shamed by a teacher in the
third grade. Or maybe it's “just not your
thing,” you're not creative that way.

But writing as a spiritual practice is about
appreciating that we are created in the

image of God. One of the great and unique gifts God has given each of us is our voice. Yet, we often don't feel comfortable with it. We don't recognize the uniqueness of how God created us.

This day of writing is an opportunity to be present to God through the stories we carry within and to celebrate your relationship with God through pen and paper.

Together, as a community, we will write. What comes may be a funny story, a prayer, a poem, or touching story of love. Each piece is different. The form is not defined. It is inspired. A prompt, which is some form of inspiration such as a poem or item(s), will be given and then the group will be invited to write for a set period of time. Then within a safe and secure environment, we are invited to share our writing. This is an invitation. There is no pressure or expectation, it is only an invitation.

We will write three times with a break for lunch. Due to the sharing nature of the group, we are limited to 20 participants. If you are interested, you can register at the parish office. If you have any questions, you can contact Christa Fairfield, the facilitator of the retreat. She can be reached ☎ 925-844-9005 or christa.fairfield@stbonaventure.net.

■ **PARISH MISSION WITH FATHER MARK WIESNER: February 22 & 23, 10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm, Church**

What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy? What does it mean to counsel the doubtful? How do I bear wrongs patiently? Are there ways to forgive injuries outside of Confession? What place does the Sacrament of Reconciliation hold in my life? Fr. Mark Wiesner is the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Livermore was chosen by Bishop Barber, and commissioned by Pope Francis in Rome on Ash Wednesday to be a Missionary of Mercy throughout the country. Listen as he helps us come to a deeper understanding of God's mercy in our lives, and how we can live that mercy daily.

■ **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Are you planning to marry in the Church in the next year? St. Bonaventure offers three preparation weekends throughout the year. Couples are invited to attend the next weekend on **June 25 and 26, 2016**. It is never too early to attend a weekend. It is usually recommended that couples attend at least 3 months before the wedding. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and discern your future life together. The cost is \$125/couple. Contact Matthew & Stacey Remington (☎ 672-4006) for more information or to register for the weekend.

■ **COUPLES WHO WANT TO BE MARRIED IN THE CHURCH**

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 2:00p.m.

For the past couple of years, we have offered the opportunity for couples married civilly to participate in a Communal Marriage Blessing. It is a beautiful experience and we would like to continue this offering.

June 18 will be a communal renewal of vows at a Wedding Mass, followed by a reception.

Many young married couples who come to celebrate the baptism of their children have not been married in the church. If interested, we ask you to follow up by speaking first to Eileen Limberg (☎ 925-672-5800 x2217) before February 15. She will put you in contact with one of the priests or deacons. You can designate whichever priest or deacon whom you would like to get you started.

What do you need to do? What do you need to know? Those who come forward will help decide on details and specifics of the celebration.

Items:

- **Participation in a Saturday retreat.**
- **Normal application forms** for being married in the church need to be filled out.

- **Normal witness forms** need to be filled out.
- **Selection of two official witnesses is required.**
- The Blessing of the Marriage will be **entered into St. Bonaventure's Marriage Register**
- **The couple may invite as many guests as they wish**
- **There is no expense** except a donation to the church, if the couple wishes
- Couples will **help prepare the ceremony and reception.**

Put your wedding celebration in the church on your calendar – Saturday, June 18, 2:00p.m.

■ **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Let us begin the New Year spending time with God in quiet prayer.

Give yourself the opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go

away. We have two opportunities during the week to practice Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday from 4:05-4:30pm and/or **Thursday** (a change from Wednesday) from 7:15-7:45am. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.



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■ **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Just as Peter, John and James experienced the Transformation of Jesus, let Jesus transform your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 26-28 and August 5-7. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, is highly recommended. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne ☎ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue ☎ 925.680.7767 now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org. Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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■ TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

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

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

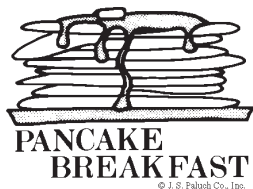
■ SAVE THE DATE: MINI PILGRIMAGE TO SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

On Wednesday, February 24

The cost will be \$82 per person. We will leave St. Bonaventure at 8 AM. The pilgrimage includes a motor coach trip to Mission San Juan Bautista for a guided tour, and lunch in San Juan Bautista at the Happy Rooster, with the following choice of entrees: (1) ground beef steak w/veggies and mashed potatoes, (2) chicken fettuccini Alfredo, (3) broiled salmon w/veggies, rice and Cajun cream sauce. Salad, French chocolate silk pie, soda and coffee is included.

After lunch we will continue our trip to Mission Santa Clara for a self-guided tour. We will be home about 5:30pm.

To sign up, please call Gerry Ferri ☎ 925-709-5404.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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■ BOY SCOUT TROOP 444 ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 28, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Large Hall

Cost is \$5.00/person or \$15.00/family

All proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Catholic Community.

■ HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2016- ADDING EVENING CRAFTING

Each Wednesday, beginning February 3, room A1 is open from 10am-2pm for any and all crafters. Bring a bag lunch, a friend or two, and a craft you're working on (or a desire to help someone else!). Come for the full 4 hours or just stop in when you can.

We are also starting an *evening* craft session. Does daytime crafting conflict with your schedule? Join us on Tuesday evenings, starting on February 16 from 6-9 pm, in room A1 for a few hours of fun and fellowship. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

■ ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

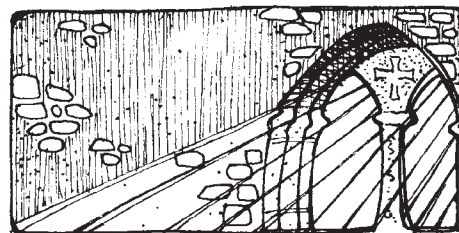
The Knights of Columbus will be presenting a traditional St. Patrick's Dinner of corn beef and cabbage on March 12, 2016 in the Large Hall. There will be special entertainment along with the flavorful dinner. The Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses on February 13 through March 6. Please join us for a festive, fun evening.

■ PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

■ CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.



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■ ST. BONAVENTURE CANCER SUPPORT

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

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP MEETING

There will be a Priesthood Discernment Group Meeting on Saturday, February 27, from 7-9PM at St. Francis Parish, Pope John Paul II Room, located at 860 Oak Grove Rd., Concord. It will be an evening of prayer and reflection for those who are thinking about priesthood, with an opportunity to listen to priests and seminarians about their own discernment and vocation.

Please contact our vocation director, Fr. Neal Clemens, at nclemens@oakdiocese.org or call 510-267-8345 for more information. To reply, please contact Anhvu Nguyen ☎ 925-682-5447.

■ RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE HELP

February 26-28, Jeff & Donna Heusler, 510-276-4118, Retrouvaille.org

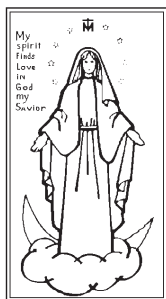
Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with post-weekend sessions. The program, which emphasizes communication, provides the tools to help put marriages in order again. The program offers the



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opportunity for couples to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. The program has been highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. To register or obtain more information, visit Retrouvaille.org or call Jeff & Donna Heusler ☎ 510-276-4118.

■ **CALLING ALL WOMEN!**



Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women invites you to our March Prayer Breakfast on...

Saturday March 12, from 9:30 AM –12:30 PM.

Crowne Plaza Hotel,
45 John Glenn Drive,
Concord

Please join us in welcoming our speaker, Denise Bossert! Denise is a well-known author and syndicated columnist. She is the daughter of a Protestant minister and will share with us her story of conversion to the Catholic faith! **Join us for prayer, praise, and inspiration!**

Reservations are \$28/ \$35 after March 5. Please go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or reservations, or call ☎ (925)788-7762.

■ **BIRTHRIGHT OF CONCORD ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON**

BYou are cordially invited to attend Birthright's annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon honoring donors and volunteers who support pregnant women in crisis. It is on Thursday, March 17 at 12 Noon, at Zio Fraedo's Fine Dining Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Birthright's accomplishments for the previous year will be highlighted. \$40 per person for your choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera. Call Birthright, (925) 798-7227 for reservations by March 3, or reserve online at www.birthright.org/concord

■ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Sponsored by Church Women United
 On Friday, March 4 at Walnut Avenue United Methodist Church, 260 Walnut Ave., Walnut Creek.

Rev. Michele Robbins, pastor of Walnut Avenue and St. Mark's United Methodist Churches, will be guest speaker. Coffee Fellowship at 9:30am, program from 10:00 to 11:15 am. All are welcome! For more information or to reserve child care, call Lenita at ☎ 672-1053.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 IDONNA TRYON
 February 20 - 26, 2016**

Pray For
 ALICIA TABORGA

NEED A NEIGHBOR?

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

We Offer:

- Assistance with transportation to the parish, the grocery store or doctor. *We can assist in finding regular rides to a specific Mass or parish offering
- Assistance with an errand or a light task
- Visiting the sick or homebound

For assistance leave a message ☎ 672-5800 x2238. We will pick up calls Monday-Friday. Every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of the call. Please note that the ministry is not designed for immediate or emergency needs. It can take a few days to locate a volunteer to meet the need.

**Mass Intentions
 For The Week**

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- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
- 5:00 Ben & Ramon Marquez
 Souls in Purgatory
 Justina Lusiana
 Eliseo Yanga
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
- 7:30 Joel Cuenco
 Francisco Cuenco
 Fernando Cuenco
 Beverly Buffo
- 9:00 Joel Cuenco
 Francisco Cuenco
 Fernando Cuenco
 Joey Mangini
- 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- 5:00 Joel Cuenco
 Francisco and Fernando Cuenco
 Special Intention
 Jose Apolo
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Roscoe & Johanna Untal
 Jim Grundman
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
- 6:30 Carlos Teran
- 9:00 Jose M. Villanueva
 Judith Hernandez
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
- 6:30 Alicia Taborga
- 9:00 Communion Service
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
- 6:30 All military personnel
- 9:00 Expectant mothers
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Patients with Alzheimer's
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
- 5:00 Rosanna Untal
 Sharon Awand
 Alma Alvarez
 Janine Judge

■ **SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**
21 DE FEBRERO, 2016
LUCAS 9: 28-36

El significado de este hecho en la vida de Jesús, **La Transfiguración del Señor**, significa que Jesucristo frente a la muerte que se acerca encuentra en la oración una fuerza que lo impulsa a entregarse al sacrificio. “Es el Esplendor” de la Nueva, la última y la perfecta **ALIANZA** que Dios pacta con su Hijo Jesucristo, para la salvación de todos los pueblos.

En el libro de Génesis: 15, 1-18 nos habla de la alianza que hace Dios con Abraham. En esta alianza, Abraham no solo recibió la promesa de la herencia de una descendencia tan grande como las estrellas del cielo, sino que la defendió, haciéndola crecer en amor y en la fe. Esta Alianza es sellada con un sacrificio; Dios le ordena a Abraham que tome un cordero, una cabra, una ternera, una tórtola y un pichón. Abraham tomó aquellos animales y los partió por la mitad menos las aves, y los puso una enfrente de la otra y los buitres comenzaron a descender sobre los cadáveres- al sacrificar los animales significaba que la “Sangre derramada” sella el trato.

La mención de los buitres, significa que los poderes del mal se oponen al tratado. El símbolo de Dios pasando entre los animales como fuego es semejante al de la columna de fuego del Éxodo, mediante la cual Dios guiaba al pueblo en el desierto Éxodo 13, 21.

Hoy en el Evangelio, Lucas nos habla de una Alianza nueva y eterna que Dios cumple a través de su Hijo. La Historia del Plan de Salvación de Dios para la humanidad ha sido con la protección de sus alianzas: salva al pueblo con la alianza del inicio de la creación: la alianza con Noé, después continua protegiendo y cuidando al pueblo que vivía en tinieblas; con la alianza de Abraham, más adelante se compadece de un pueblo rebelde que él mismo había liberado de la esclavitud: con la alianza con Moisés en el monte Sinaí, y hoy con Cristo, Dios sella su Alianza eterna para un pueblo que está separado de Dios, lleno de injusticias, lleno de temores, donde no brilla su luz y no hay esperanza.

Una Alianza perfecta para un pueblo que está dormido, que no conoce a Dios y que se va muriendo en su silencio por el pecado. Un pueblo ignorante que no es capaz de abrir sus ojos para ver y abrir sus oídos para escuchar.

Ver, escuchar, entender y discernir el sacrificio perfecto que Cristo hace en la cruz, al derramar su sangre cuando fue clavado, para que nosotros podamos salir de la nube que nos cubre llenándonos de miedo y poder escuchar esa voz de Dios que nos dice: “este es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo”. Abrir los ojos y ver a Cristo, y seguirlo para caminar en su **luz y esplendor**. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

■ **SERVICIOS DE RECONCILIACION**

Empezamos nuestro camino de Cuaresma, firmándonos con ceniza la frente y escuchando las palabras “Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio.” Este es el momento en que toda la Iglesia entra en período de purificación e iluminación. Debemos considerar cómo estamos en relación con Dios y con nuestros hermanos. Necesitamos pedirle a Dios perdón por aquellos tiempos que hemos caído y dejado de ser Cristo uno para el otro. Les invitamos a recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, ¿Cuándo?

Servicio de Reconciliación
Martes, 8 de Marzo @ 7:30 PM

Ultima Oportunidad
Sábado, 19 de Marzo @ 3:30 PM

Oremos por nuestros Catecúmenos y quienes se preparan para ser completamente Iniciados en la Iglesia Católica en estos últimos días de su preparación:

Niños	Adultos
Julio Flores-Carrasco	Patrick Egloria
Saúl Jiménez	Ryan Seto
Bryan Medrano	Lorie O'Brien
Emily Romero	
Martin Romero	
Marco Vázquez	
Roblero	
Molly Wolfe	

■ **SEMANA SANTA 2016**



20 de Marzo: DOMINGO DE RAMOS,
12:45 pm Misa

24 de Marzo: JUEVES SANTO, Bilingüe
Institución de la Eucaristía y lavado de los pies, 7:30 pm Bilingüe

25 de Marzo: VIERNES SANTO
Servicio Litúrgico y Procesión del Santo Entierro, 6:30 PM.

26 de Marzo: SABADO SANTO, Bilingüe
Misa de Resurrección, Bendición del agua y el fuego, 7:30 PM Bilingüe

27 de Marzo: DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION, 12:45 pm Misa

Todos nuestros servicios de Semana Santa son en la Iglesia.

■ **FORMACIÓN DE LÍDERES, MINISTROS Y PARROQUIANOS**

Se invita a los ministros, a los líderes y a la comunidad en general a la formación teológica impartida por el diácono Mariano Preza. Muchas personas de la comunidad han aprovechado esta formación antes, pero cada clase es una nueva experiencia al conocimiento, el programa está abierto a toda la comunidad y es gratis. Esta formación ayudará a conocer mejor y a ampliar nuestra visión de Dios. En este Año de la Misericordia, regalémonos la oportunidad de aprender, reconocer y vivir el amor de Dios.

Las clases son los lunes y empiezan el lunes, 25 de enero, 2016.

Cuando: Lunes
Hora: 7:00-9:00 PM
Lugar: Salón de clases B-1
¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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

■ **LOS TRES PILARES DE LA CUARESMA**



Durante la Cuaresma, estamos llamados a utilizar los tres elementos que el Evangelio recomienda para el crecimiento espiritual que son: la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. El Miércoles de Ceniza del año pasado, el Papa Francisco pronunció una homilía centrada en una línea del Profeta Joel: “Rasgad vuestros corazones, no vuestros vestidos.” El Profeta, dijo el Papa, “nos recuerda que la conversión no puede reducirse a formas externas o resoluciones vagas, sino que implica y transforma la existencia entera, a partir del centro de la persona, la conciencia.”

Oración: La oración es cuando bajamos el volumen de nuestra propia voz y del ruido del mundo externo y nos abrimos a la presencia de Dios. En esta Cuaresma, aumentemos la calidad, no sólo la cantidad de oración. Mejorar el tiempo con Dios “desconectarnos” de la TV, teléfonos, iPod, computadoras y la radio del coche. Si usted está más cómodo con la oración activa o externa, trate de mantener un diario, leer los salmos en voz alta o cantar la música sagrada. Invite a su cuerpo a la oración a través de una meditación activa, meditar caminando.

Ayuno y Abstinencia: Es dejar las acciones y objetos que es atractivo a nuestro ideal físico. Renunciar a los dulces, el alcohol, la cafeína puede mejorar nuestra salud física, pero tenemos que preguntarnos: ¿nuestro sacrificio mejora nuestra vida espiritual? Queremos responder sí. Tal vez, ayuno son evitar

aquellas tentaciones que nos separan de Dios tales como el enojo, la culpa. Festejar el perdón, la afirmación y el bien común es la respuesta esta Cuaresma.

Limosna: La limosna es una manera poderosa de reconocer nuestras bendiciones. Resulta tentador identificar lo que no tenemos y lo que en nuestras vidas no está disponible. Es Dios quien da de todo en la vida, todos los dones. Esto incluye los dones que nos permiten ganar comodidad, dinero y seguridad. Afirmamos esto cuando conectamos nuestra limosna a nuestro agradecimiento.

■ **CUARESMA 2016: UNA CUESTIÓN DE MISERICORDIA**

Manteniendo nuestro tema del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, **Abriendo las puertas a la Misericordia**, nuestro “subtema” para esta Cuaresma es “Una cuestión de Misericordia.” Cada semana vamos a reflexionar sobre diferentes aspectos de la misericordia en nuestras vidas, tales como: ¿Cómo recibimos la misericordia de Dios?

¿Cómo mostramos misericordia a otros?, etc., a través de nuestras homilías de fin de semana, artículos del boletín y medios de comunicación social.

Semana 2: ¿Cuando tuvo miedo y se sintió solo? ¿Quién le ayudó y le mostró la misericordia compasiva de Dios?

Semana 3: ¿Qué “fertilizante” necesita añadir a su vida espiritual ahora? ¿Qué está esperando?

Semana 4: ¿De qué manera algunas personas han sido misericordiosas y lo han perdonado? ¿Cómo puede usted practicar el perdón a otros?

Semana 5: ¿Cómo puede usted resistirse a los sentimientos de desear “que tire la primera piedra” cuando usted desapruueba la conducta de una persona? ¿Cómo puede mostrar misericordia respetuosa?

Semana 6: ¿Cuándo ha sentido que traicionó la confianza de los otros, como Pedro cuando negó a Jesús? ¿Cómo puede perdonarse a usted mismo?

BAUTIZOS 2016 LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1 ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, 826-5102 ****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 02/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/12	12:00 p.m.	Fri 03/04	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/19	2:00 p.m.	Fri 03/11	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/02	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/01	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/09	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/14	12:00 p.m.	Fri 05/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 05/20	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 06/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/25	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/09	12:00 p.m.	Fri 07/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/16	12:00 p.m.	Fri 07/15 Chapel	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/05	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/20	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/16	7-9:30 p.m.