

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

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

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Monday thru Thursday – 8:30am – 5:00pm; Friday – 8:30am – 3:30pm

Lunch Break – 12:30-1:30pm

October 16, 2016 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 de octubre de 2016 Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM
Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday/Lunes,
Martes, Jueves y Viernes: 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday/Martes, Miércoles y
Jueves: 6:30 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE

COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday & Friday/Lunes y Viernes: 6:30 AM
Wednesday/Miércoles: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.
This requires two months preparation. *En Español:*
Los Sábados
10:00 AM. Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con
un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere dos meses de
preparación.

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or
Deacon. This requires six months preparation.
Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un
Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de
preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para*
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.



As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

Keep connected to our parish community
Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ
Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

**THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO**

■ DEACON MARIANO TO RETIRE

Deacon Mariano Preza will be retiring from his role on our pastoral staff as coordinator of our parish ministry to the Spanish-speaking community, at the end of the year.

Because of health problems, his doctor has prescribed a six-week sabbatical rest, to begin October 16. After the sabbatical, Deacon Mariano will return to work, serving in a period of transition until the end of the year, when he will retire officially as a member of our pastoral staff.

Mariano will continue to serve as a deacon in our parish community, serving liturgically to celebrate funerals, weddings, baptisms and quinceañeras, but will no longer serve as administrator of the pastoral ministry.

After the preparation of a new job description, we will begin a process to find and to hire a new person to be the new pastoral administrator of the Spanish-speaking community.

Mariano has served the Spanish-speaking community for the last 31 years, beginning with the previous Concord Hispanic Community. We will have an opportunity to thank and honor Mariano as the year comes to an end, before he retires.

■ FR. THOMAS WRITES ABOUT HIMSELF

Fr. S. Thomas SJ is an Indian Jesuit priest. He was born on August 9, 1980, in Karnataka State (South West India), in a city called Mysore. Soon after his schooling, at the age of 18, he joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Bangalore. Fr. Thomas finished all his 14 years of studies for the priesthood in different parts of India, and was ordained on December 8, 2012, in Mysore. Soon after his ordination, he served as an associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church of Bangalore Archdiocese for 6 months. Fr. Thomas arrived in Berkeley to further his studies in theology — Licentiate in Sacred Theology

(STL) in Fall 2013. Soon after his STL studies, he was asked to continue his Doctorate in Sacred Theology (STD), so as to teach theology back in India. He is a great fan of Pope Francis, so he is focusing his studies on *A Renewed Church for a Renewed Peoples*, from an Indian ecclesiological perspective. He is in his second year of doctoral studies, and he has volunteered to help us on the weekends. He has served one year in St. Andrew Kim Korean Catholic Church youth mass, and he has also served in St. Agnes Church at SFO for one month during the summer. A warm welcome to Fr. Thomas to our St. Bonaventure Church.

■ TEENS VOLUNTEER FOR MEXICO HOME BUILDING

The new nonprofit organization, La Morita Mexico Youth Mission, formerly a ministry of St. Agnes Parish, has reorganized and incorporated itself as its own non-profit organization. No longer officially sponsored by the Diocese of Oakland, the April 15-22 expedition is a caravan of goodwill that builds two to three homes each year in a Catholic parish in Tijuana, Mexico. Composed of teenager and adult supervisors, the adventure is an eye and heart-opening experience for each person who goes.

Although the first organizational meeting took place on October 11, you can begin to participate. Please contact Jack and Donna Walton, who originated this wonderful ministry many years ago, at 925-825-7931.

■ URGENT REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RENT INCREASES AND UNFAIR EVICTIONS

Next weekend you will have an opportunity to sign a letter to the Concord City Council. Doing their due diligence, the Housing Committee of the Council is preparing to bring the possibility of new ordinances before the complete Council to offer a corrective to the rising apartment rents that have been erratic, over the top and excessive. For many years, stable and reasonable rents have provided housing for the majority of immigrant families in

Concord. A number of such dwellings are intentionally raising their rents, trying to turn the neighborhood into a gentrification of the neighborhoods. This will make it virtually impossible for families at the very lower end of the economic scale to continue to live in Concord.

“Well, let them go” say people who are ensconced in their owned and affordable homes and apartments. The fact is that a person would need to earn \$35/ hour to be able to afford the \$1825. monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment. The problem affects the immigrant more seriously for sure, but even for many others as well.

No one knows how long it will take for the City Council to do anything or nothing. Next weekend you will have an opportunity to sign a letter to the City Council. The letter asks for two simple and immediate remedies:

1. To implement an immediate moratorium on rent increases above 3 percent, if no increase has been made in the prior 12 months; no increase to be made if there has been any increase in the prior 12 months.
2. To implement an immediate moratorium on evictions for unjust reasons.

The moratoriums would remain in effect until permanent ordinances can be developed and implemented.

St. Bonaventure Parish joins the coalition of faith, labor and community groups to ensure that the housing needs of all income groups are met in Concord. We urge you to sign this letter to the City Council of Concord, next weekend at all Masses.

■ 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

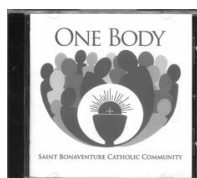
Every First Sunday of October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates “RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY” to celebrate “Life” from its beginning to its end, and to celebrate the union and community of all peoples of every race and creed. What began as one issue, the taking of human life in abortion, has been refocused into all the issues for the respect of life. For those that do wish to focus

on protesting the taking of life, Bishop Michael has invited the Catholics of the Diocese to mark “40 DAYS OF LIFE.” Catholics are invited to stand in a peaceful and prayerful vigil from Sept. 28 to Nov. 5, from 7:00am to 7:00pm, Mondays through Saturdays in front of Planned Parenthood of Walnut Creek, located not too far from St. Mary’s Church.

“God is the author of all life.” “Every child growing within the mother’s womb is part of the eternal plan of God the Father: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you.” (Jer. 1:5)

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

■ ONE BODY CDS NOW AVAILABLE



The CDs are here! If you preordered CDs and/or want to purchase CDs, please stop by our CD tables after all Masses starting

the weekend of October 1-2. The CD includes performances by each of the St. Bonaventure choirs and features some of our favorite songs, including *We Are One Body*, *In the Breaking of the Bread*, and *Go Make a Difference*. The cost is only \$15 each, and all the proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Church.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EPH 2:1-10; PS 100:1B-5; LK 12:13-21
TUESDAY: 2 TM 4:10-17B; PS 145:10-13, 17-18; LK 10:1-9
WEDNESDAY: EPH 3:2-12; IS 12:2-3, 4BCD-6; LK 12:39-48
THURSDAY: EPH 3:14-21; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; LK 12:49-53
FRIDAY: EPH 4:1-6; PS 24:1-4AB, 5-6; LK 12:54-59
SATURDAY: EPH 4:7-16; PS 122:1-5; LK 13:1-9
SUNDAY: SIR 35:12-14, 16-18; PS 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18; LK 18:9-14

LITURGY & MUSIC

**■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**



Though Jesus told today’s parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn’t changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless

judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society’s perennially powerless, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the “peripheries” by those who wield power but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, “pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1). Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus’ perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, *mercy*. Thus, when Jesus asks, “Will not God secure the rights of [God’s] chosen ones? Will [God] be slow to answer?” (18:7). We respond by making God’s liberating work for others our own. “[W]hen the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (18:8). Yes, we respond—and mercy! —Peter Seagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

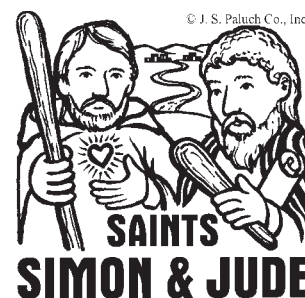
■ UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAININGS: LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Are you interesting in proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass? Do you feel called to share the Body and Blood of Christ with the gathered assembly at Mass? Perhaps you would enjoy welcoming people, passing the collection basket, assisting with crowd flow during processions, and other sorts of “usher” duties at Mass? If so, please consider becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Minister of Hospitality! **All of our Masses need more Liturgical Ministers, most especially Masses other than the 9:00am Mass.**

Our upcoming schedule of training session is listed below:

Monday, October 17, 7:30pm: Minister of Hospitality Training

Training sessions will last approximately one hour. If you are interested in participating, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office and let him know which ministry you are interested in and which training date you plan to attend. If you already expressed interest and signed up at our recent Ministry Faire, we will be in contact with you soon! Thank you!

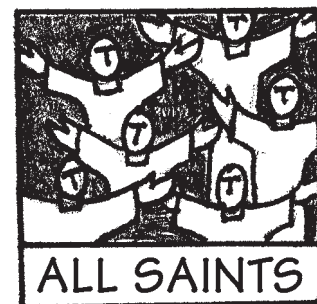


■ INVITATION TO A BI-LINGUAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS AND SAN SIMON

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

■ ALL SAINTS’ DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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



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

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

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

ALL SOULS



■ **ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES**

During the month of November we remember all of our loved ones who have passed on. You may remember your loved ones in a special way by picking up an All Souls' envelope, writing their names and placing your gift to the parish inside, and then returning the envelope either to the parish office or by placing it in the collection basket. These envelopes, along with the Book of the Names of the Dead, will be placed in a prominent place in the church sanctuary throughout November, so that those who have died may be remembered in a special way during the month.

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

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ **NOVEMBER ELECTION NOTES: Vote YES on 62 and NO on 66**

Since the beginning of his ministry Pope Francis has advocated to end the death penalty. In his address to Congress last September he said, "Recently my brother bishops here in the United States renewed their call for the abolition of the death penalty. Not only do I support them, but I also offer encouragement to all those who are convinced that a just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation." — California Catholic Conference of Bishops (cacatholic.org)

■ **ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY**

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **MAKING A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL PLAN**

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

■ **TRUNK OR TREAT**

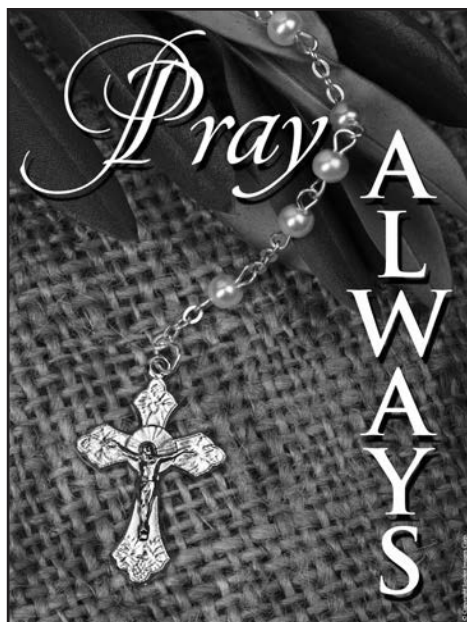
Join us for our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat for the children on October 22 after the 5:00pm Mass in the halls and side parking lot. The Knights of Columbus are returning with their Haunted House in the Small Hall. We will have crafts for the children while people decorate their trunks and get ready to hand out candy. Everyone is welcome. We need people to hand out candy as well as children to collect it. If you are an empty nester or grandparent who misses the costume parade, join us. Maybe your small group would like to participate? It's fun for everyone! Contact Eileen Limberg with questions or to sign up (to give out candy and/or bring your children). You can also register by following the link: <http://www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith>

■ **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

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

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

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



■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

“But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” —(Mt 6:6)

The practice of contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: “practice.” It’s not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Let us build faith through love in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Nov. 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, is highly recommended. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne (☎ 925.672.2016) or Joe & Sue (☎ 925.680.7767) now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org. Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND CANCELED!

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

■ GIVING TREE MEETING

Everyone in the St. Bonaventure Community is invited to join our annual Giving Tree Ministry. Through the Giving Tree, the St. Bonaventure Parish provides Christmas gifts to many underprivileged children and families in our community. It is a truly rewarding way to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. We will have our Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday **October 18 at 7:00 PM in Classroom A2**. If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry, or if you are a returning volunteer, please join us at the meeting. We have many opportunities for volunteers, some big, some small. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call or e-mail Jeannie Ligouri - Giving Tree Coordinator at (925) 788-0461 or Kjeannie05@aol.com.

■ LOOKING FOR AN ADULT TRIP COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone or a couple to take over planning the adult trips. We usually have 3 interesting, informative or spiritual trips, and 3 or 4 casino trips each year. We make arrangements with American Stage Tours. We let them know what our dates of preference are and they make arrangements with the receiving venues for us. If interested, contact Gerry ☎ 709-5404 for more details.

■ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUND RAISER

Every October, the Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraising effort for local facilities that support and care for the Intellectually Disabled. St. Bonaventure Council supports the We Care Center,

Special Olympics and the Respite Inn. This year we will be conducting our effort on the weekend of October 22 & 23 at local stores, and here at St. Bonaventure after all the Masses that weekend. Please consider a generous donation as you meet us that weekend. We will be prominent in our bright yellow vests, touting our support for the Intellectually Disabled.

■ KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Keep Christ in Christmas “Early Bird” Opportunity.

The Knights of Columbus have started their Christmas Card sales this weekend after

all the Masses. Please stop by our “Keep Christ in Christmas” table to check out our selection of Christmas cards, Advent wreaths, car magnets and more. We will also be selling these items after all the weekend Masses from November 5/6 thru November 19/20 and the first two weekends in December. Please check out our wide selection of religious cards and other items.

■ HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2016)

Our group is actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or maybe a wine donation for the wine pulls, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. Contact me and let’s talk about it. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this wonderful fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (☎ 925.693.0457).

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of Oct. 8 & 9 Collection
 Goal: \$25,440
 Actual: \$22,520
 Deficit: (2,920)

2nd Collection
 Catholic Voice: \$3,498

Food for Family: 337

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN

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

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

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

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

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

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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OUTSIDE PARISH

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING THE ST. AGNES DEVELOPMENT FUND

When/Where: Friday, October 21 at Boundary Oaks Golf Course.
 Times: 10:00 am check in, 12:00 pm Shotgun Start, 5:30 BBQ dinner, raffle and awards. \$175 per golfer, \$650 for Discounted Foursome. For more information, please contact Dave Lucas @ 925-787-8360.

ST. AGNES CHURCH AUTUMN TEA

Please join us for the St. Agnes Church Women’s Guild Autumn Tea to be held Saturday, October 22, 11:30 am-2:00 pm in the Church Hall, \$25 per person. Please join us for a deliciously delightful event. All reservations no later than October 10. Contact Sandi Rigor, 925-682-0387 or email: sandirigor@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE: THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Saturday, October 29, 10:00 am
 The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland

Fr. Stephan Kappler, Psy.D. skappler@kairopsychologygroup.com

Cristina Hernández 510- 267-8379
 CHernandez@oakdiocese.org
 Oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers

Thank and honor those in physical, mental, and spiritual healthcare professions on October 29 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. All who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, are invited to attend this multicultural Mass to celebrate the energy, dedication, and generosity in this profession. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will be the principal celebrant. A reception will follow in the Event Center. To sign-up to receive reminders, you can go to oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers.

■ CARONDOLET HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR MIKE GERAGHTY

October 15 to October 21, 2016



■ EXPERIENCE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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

Pray For

VICTIMS OF THE TRAIN CRASH IN
NEW JERSEY

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 Mike Geraghty
Angie Archiococano
Evelyn & Tony Genovese
Carol Ely
9:00 Beatrice Maloles
Joey Mangini
Carolynn Ely
Jaime Diaz
11:00 Carol Ely
Charles Farrugia
Eve Zagala
5:00 Evelyn Ang
Agripina Pangilinan
Eve Zagala
Jose Bilan

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Emidio Busuttil

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 Elisa de Guzman
9:00 Milagro Cienfuegos
Lauren Fong
Natividad Pardo Ong
Adolfo A. Flores

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:30 Loraine Minor
Helen Vaughan
9:00 Iria & Nonato Almeida
Elisa de Guzman

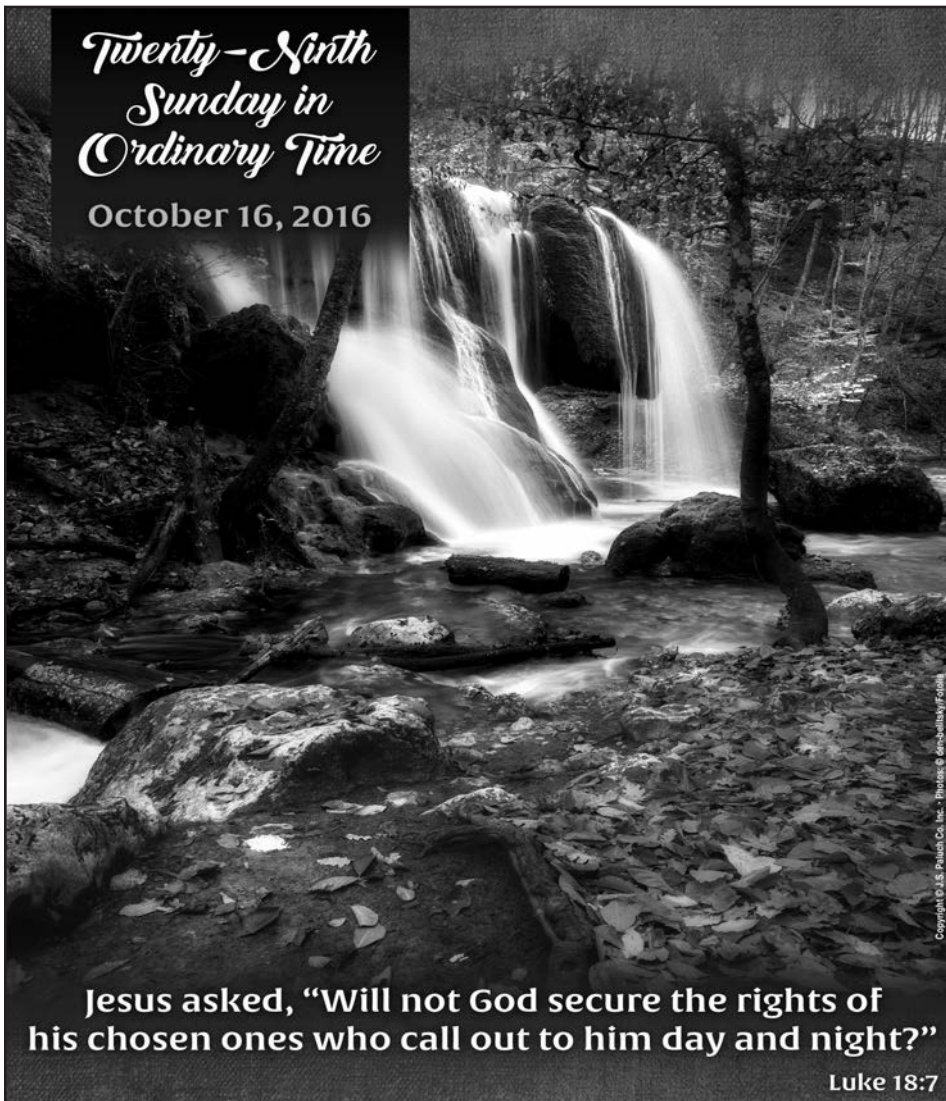
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Lillian Chur
Nancy Brooker

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00 Jan Smith
Sister Roberta Carson
Pat & Tom O'Brien
David Picallo

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Ordinary Time*
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Jesus asked, "Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7

■ EVANGELIZACIÓN DE LOS PUEBLOS.

Hoy el Evangelio nos propone la parábola del juez inicuo, llamada también de la viuda inoportuna. Jesús estaba indicando a los suyos la importancia de orar sin desfallecer y les propone la parábola citada. Lógicamente las preguntas saltan inmediatamente en nuestro corazón y en nuestra mente. ¿Acaso no hemos visto personas que ante la muerte de un ser querido gritaban con desesperación que le habían pedido a Dios con mucha fe que sanara a su familiar...? ¿Acaso en las peticiones no concedidas donde más personas encuentran un motivo para alejarse de Dios...? Pero Jesús insiste que tenemos que orar sin desfallecer...

Para unas personas, Dios ha creado el mundo, pero luego se ha desentendido de él. Para otros absolutamente todo, hasta en las cosas más insignificantes de la existencia, Dios, está actuando. Como siempre tenemos que buscar el nivel necesario para descubrir la actuación de Dios en el mundo respetando la autonomía de la naturaleza y la libertad de las personas.

La oración no es para el cristiano algo accesorio o de simple conveniencia. Es algo imprescindible para entender la vida y lo que en ella nos pasa. Todos tenemos un diálogo interior con nosotros mismos. Estamos durante el día pensando y analizando nuestras vivencias interiores. En el cristiano ese diálogo personal interno queda iluminado por la perspectiva viva de Jesús. Ya el cristiano no dialoga individualmente consigo mismo sino que en su mente y en su oración siente la cercanía de Dios acompañante y hacedor del camino.

Muchos cristianos se mueven en un intimismo estéril. Piensan que una cosa es Dios al que deben albergar en su corazón, pero que no resiste el aire de la vida cuando sale al encuentro con los demás. Estos hermanos y hermanas viven lejos de la realidad. Su predicación del Evangelio es estéril porque lo que plantea y lo que vive lo hace desde la trinchera oculta para que nadie le “robe” a Dios en su corazón. Se olvidan estos amigos que Dios no tiene miedo a salir a la ventolera del mundo, es más, necesita respirar nuestro aire porque Dios se hizo hombre... Son raíces sin obras.

Otros hermanos se mueven en el universo contrario. El compromiso por el Evangelio no les deja tiempo para entrar dentro de sí y preparar al Señor una morada digna. Una morada que pasa por la sensatez, la fe, la esperanza y el amor... Están todo el día entregados a los pobres y a los necesitados, pero huyen del diálogo interior consigo mismo y con Cristo. Su Evangelio está a medias. Son obras sin raíces...

El Señor nos llama a orar siempre porque bien sabe que necesitamos raíces con obras. Hacer presente a Jesús en el mundo significa equilibrar estos dos aspectos que tanto hacen sufrir cuando van por separados. Centrar nuestra vida en Cristo es la tarea de toda nuestra existencia, pero centrarla no para guardar su presencia sino para que dé fruto abundante.

En el mundo que vivimos, donde tanto se premia la prontitud y la eficacia, se nos invita a entrar en otra dinámica totalmente nueva. Tenemos que entrar en el ritmo de Dios.

Cuando vivimos pegados al Señor salimos al mundo sin miedo porque el Espíritu Santo actúa en nosotros. Tenemos que orar con amor hacia Dios y hacia los demás. Muchas de las oraciones que hacemos están llenas de abatimiento, tristeza, amargura, desolación, de mil infelicidades. Podemos rezar desde esas situaciones pero no con esas actitudes. Si en plena batalla somos capaces de orar al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo desde el amor, siempre encontraremos respuestas, quizá no la que deseamos, pero ten la seguridad que cuando oramos con amor Dios nunca se queda mudo.

El ser humano actual está perdiendo la escucha y el diálogo interior, es por ello que cada vez el vacío se hace más presente en muchas personas. Vivimos en una sociedad de sordomudos del interior.

La Palabra, la Oración y los Sacramentos son los medios que Dios nos ha dado para mantener un constante diálogo con El y con el mundo, de una manera muy especial con los más pobres y necesitados. Cuando vivimos estas tres dimensiones: Palabra-Oración-Sacramentos, Dios nunca quedará arrinconado en la caja fuerte de nuestro corazón para que nadie no lo

quite. Jesús quiere repartirse a todos y para todos, de ahí que nos dejó su Palabra, su Vida, su Cuerpo que se da por toda la eternidad. El que de verdad intenta seguir a Cristo tiene que tener un corazón lo suficientemente grande para que en el quepa toda la humanidad, y una vida lo suficientemente sintonizada con Dios para que a través de lo que hace se abra una ventana del cielo y las personas descubran a Cristo. Tenemos que confiar en los plazos de Dios.

■ SE JUBILA EL DIÁCONO MARIANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA**
Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario



Aunque Jesús dijo la parábola de hoy hace más de 2 mil años, la naturaleza humana no ha cambiado: reconocemos ambos personajes al instante. El juez sin piedad representa la corrupción que hace cortocircuito a la justicia a lo largo de la historia; la afligida viuda, la sociedad perennemente impotente, marginada a lo que el Papa Francisco llama la “periferia” por aquellos que ejercen poder, pero carecen de la misericordia que puede transfigurar la sociedad con compasión.

Para hacer frente a tal realidad, Jesús nos invita a, “orar siempre y sin desfallecer” (Lucas 18:1). La oración nos abre los ojos para ver a los demás desde la perspectiva de Jesús y nos lleva a trabajar por la justicia al ayudar a los demás, a lo que el Papa Francisco ensalza como misericordia estándar, superior. Así, cuando Jesús pregunta: “¿creen ustedes acaso que Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos? ¿Dios será lento para responder?” (18:7). Debemos responder haciendo la obra liberadora de Dios en los demás y en nosotros mismos. “¿Cuando venga el Hijo del Hombre, encontrará fe en la tierra?” (18:8) ¡Respondemos Si, El Hijo del Hombre encontrará Fe y Misericordia en la tierra! — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

■ **FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO**

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

■ **ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL**

El fin de semana de Octubre 21-22-23. Las parejas interesadas en inscribirse o en obtener más información pueden llamar a Rey y Ana González al 510- 432-3829.

■ **HALLOWEEN**

Venga y disfrute nuestro tercer Halloween Anual el 22 de Octubre después de la Misa de las 5:00 PM en el hall grande y el parqueadero anexo. Al igual que el año pasado Los Caballeros de Colón crearán una casa encantada en el hall pequeño, también habrá manualidades para los niños. **Todos son Bienvenidos.** Necesitamos voluntarios que nos ayuden a repartir y entregar dulces. ¿Tal vez su grupo pequeño desea participar? Únase a nosotros. ¡Es divertido para todos! Para preguntas, repartir dulces, inscribirse, favor contactar a Eileen (Inglés) al 925-672-5800 x 2217 o e.limberg@stbonaventure.net también puede registrarse visitando el sitio www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith.

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

Día: Viernes, Octubre 28, 7:00 PM

Lugar: Iglesia de San Buenaventura, 5562 Clayton Road. Concord
 Información: Samuel & Conchita Guzman - 285-2834

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

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

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

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

Todos aquellos cuyos funerales se realizaron en nuestra parroquia durante el año pasado serán homenajeados con una especial lectura de sus nombres en todas las Misas durante la oración de los fieles. Además, está bien traer una fotografía o un recuerdo de un ser querido fallecido.

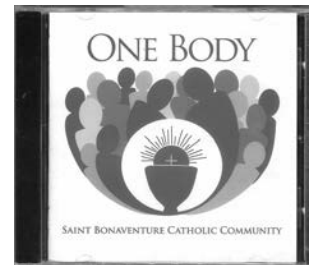
Se colocará sobre una de las mesas en el Santuario memorial durante la Misa el 2 de noviembre. También puede colocarse una foto en el altar “Día de los Muertos” situado en el vestíbulo.

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

Durante el mes de Noviembre recordamos a todos nuestros seres queridos que han fallecido. Podemos recordarlos de una manera especial escribiendo sus nombres y colocando la donación a la parroquia dentro de un sobre. Luego puede regresar los sobres a la oficina parroquial o colocarlos en la canasta de la colecta dominical. Estos sobres, junto con el libro de los nombres de los fallecidos, se colocarán en el Santuario de la Iglesia durante el mes de noviembre para que quienes han fallecido pueden ser recordados de una manera especial.

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

■ **¡EL CD “UN CUERPO” ESTÁ AQUÍ!**



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