



Yara Ghiragosian receiving the Altar Server Recognition Award from Bishop Barber.

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

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April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent | 2 de abril de 2017 Quinto 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

■ **THERE IS A LOT OF “TO SEE” IF WE REALLY LOOK**

**What do you see?** Is your life and where it is going in a good place? Instead of you trying to figure it all out, are you letting Jesus come to you with His healing touch and spirit?

The spiritual life is not complicated. It is very simple. And don't let the church memories of the past complicate your openness to God and His path to you.

To know just some parts of the catechism is not the best way to know Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus begins in the heart, not in our mind. How did we become afraid of God? Because the church informed our natural faith in God with rules, regulations, sins and punishment. We were taught rituals, often in a rigid and mechanical way. Often, we were introduced to a Catholic way of life. Devotion began but never flowered or matured into deeper forms of prayers. As we grow, people get tired of repeating prayers which were someone else's prayer from another time.

Many Catholics have never experienced prayer in the rich tradition of praying the psalms, nor contemplative prayer where our doing nothing bows to the still presence of God.

Why don't Catholics read and pray the scriptures? For many years we were not encouraged. It is easier to learn a little information about Jesus or the sacraments, some few prayers like the rosary. Pope Francis keeps reminding us that we need to return to the scriptures as the source of our faith in God. And it is not just to read, but to listen to a living Word from a living person.

True religion is never mechanical. True religion is never boring. True religion is not irrelevant. True religion invites us to find the real meaning of life by discovering God's presence within our heart.

There is a lot to see if we really look. There is a lot of Wisdom to learn. True religion is not a disciplinarian.

Lent is almost over? Are we prepared for Easter, for the renewal of our Baptismal promises? Do we really believe in God our Father who holds us together in life and love? Do we really believe in Jesus who is our leader in the path of Faith, who accompanies us in our imperfections, in all our doubts and in all our personal choices that take us away from God? Do we really believe in the Holy Spirit who moves around all the obstacles of our lives?

God is so close to us, won't let go of us, and will settle for nothing less than all of us. He craves our attention. In various periods of our lives, we crave everything else except God.

Jesus still remains “the Living Water.”

■ **LOCAL CATHOLICS MAY NOT KNOW**

**Hospitals** – that John Muir Walnut Creek and Concord, and Walnut Creek Kaiser have **full-time Catholic chaplains**.

**Fr. John Blaker** makes daily hospital visits for the Anointing of the Sick.

Patients receive Holy Eucharist every day. Because of privacy rules, a patient must request a chaplain to visit. It is not automatic because you are in the hospital.

**Fr. Bill Johnson** has been the Catholic Chaplain at Concord John Muir for the last 10 years or so. He is retiring at the end of June. Another Catholic priest chaplain will be appointed.

While Catholics like to see the priest from their local parish, the chaplain is there every day, and can sometimes see a patient faster.

■ **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE**

There are still many Catholics who call at the last minute wanting a priest to come immediately to visit someone who is dying. They expect that a priest can come immediately, drop everything else to come. That is not always possible. Having the back-up chaplain at the hospital is practical and pastorally helpful.

There are 3 aspects of life that the Catholic Church includes in the Ministry of the Sick:

1. **The Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing.**

2. **The Commendation of the Dying** for those who are entering the final stages of transition – actively dying.

3. **Prayers for the Dead.** Friends and family who experienced the death and are still there with the person who died.

When calling for a priest, it is helpful to know what kind of prayer is most applicable or being requested.

There are still many Catholics who don't see the priest until a patient enters into the deep sleep of coma, out of the belief, that a dying person would become fear-filled if they hear the priest is there.

The coming of the priest is not a death-sentence. He is the one who opens the door to eternal life. It has been my experience that the dying person knows what is happening, over which we have no control. So often God and the patient are on the same page. It is the family who is watching, trying to keep the person, that are not!

■ **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHT WEEK: APRIL 2-8, 2017**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was established in 1981 to inspire the community, raise awareness of victims' rights, and address unmet needs. Sadly, the needs of many crime victims and survivors, including some who worship in our faith community, remain unaddressed and many feel abandoned by our Church. Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and the resulting trauma has long-lasting impact on individuals, their families and communities. Unaddressed trauma resulting from the criminal actions of others may lead to depression, hopelessness, and despair. This year's theme, “Strength, Resilience, Justice,” April 2-8, 2017, provides us with an opportunity to reach out to crime victims and survivors with a willingness to



## Mark Your Calendar

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

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

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

minister to their needs. For more information, contact our local Diocesan contact information, Cristina Hernandez, Office for Life and Justice, Diocese of Oakland, 510-267-8379 or visit the California Catholic Conference website at [www.ca-catholic.org](http://www.ca-catholic.org) or [www.restorejustice.com](http://www.restorejustice.com).

#### PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

#### ■ DIRECTORIES! DIRECTORIES!

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



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#### ■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Bonaventure with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Follow the link below to quickly enroll in eGiving to St. Bonaventure.

To enroll, just go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or download the free app and use our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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

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

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

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

**Where:** Hilton Hotel, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord

#### How and when may I purchase tickets?

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

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

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

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

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

#### Necessary Information in order to purchase tickets:

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

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

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of March 25 & 26 Collection

Goal: \$25,440  
 Actual: \$22,866  
 Deficit: (\$2,574)

#### 2nd Collection

Catholic Relief Services: \$4,833  
 Food for Family: 592 (3/21 & 3/27)

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

### INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS

#### ■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!

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

#### ■ VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED!

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

Arley McVittie, the Food Pantry's founder, suffered a stroke on March 19. He is thankfully recovering with God's graces. The Food Pantry has been his full-time mission for the last 20 years. He filled the role of many on his own. It is our turn to show our great appreciation for his incredible efforts and volunteer to cover the needed vacancies he assumed.

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

Let us continue to pray for a full recovery!

### LITURGY & MUSIC

#### ■ LAST CHANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

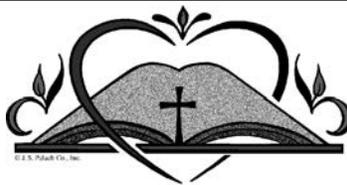
Saturday, *April 8 at 3:30pm* is the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation until after Easter. Two priests will be available to hear confessions.

#### ■ EASTER DECORATING HELP NEEDED

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

#### ■ PALM SUNDAY & EASTER 7:00AM MASS

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



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41C-62]; PS 23:1-6; JN 8:1-11

TUESDAY: NM 21:4-9; PS 102:2-3, 16-21; JN 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; DN 3:52-56; JN 8:31-42

THURSDAY: GN 17:3-9; PS 105:4-9; JN 8:51-59

FRIDAY: JER 20:10-13; PS 18:2-7; JN 10:31-42

SATURDAY: EZ 37:21-28; JER 31:10, 11-13; JN 11:45-56

SUNDAY: MT 21:1-11 (PROCESSION); IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]

### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

#### ■ VACATION BIBLE CAMP: JULY 17-21,



What's all the buzz about? Do you have lots of imagination? Do you like to build and create?

Well, we are gearing up for an amazing Bible Camp and we want you to be a part of it! The excitement is building for the best week of the summer! So save these dates for a Bible adventure with God! Great bible stories, delicious snacks, creative crafts, team-building games and so much more!!! You need to put all the puzzle pieces together, make the connection and stay tuned for the theme - it's going to be super fun!

*We are All Created by God and Built for a Purpose!*

#### ■ CREW OPEN HOUSE

Come and experience Venture Crew 444's Open House.

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

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

For more information contact crew444@astound.net. You can also go to [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing).



### EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

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

Name

Address

Phone

Amount:  
Designation (*please list*):

Gift:

In Honor of

In Memory of:

### LIFE AND JUSTICE

#### ■ WE NEED SWIM DIAPERS & SUNSCREEN!!

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

#### NEED A NEIGHBOR?

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

We Offer:

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

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

### EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

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

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

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### ■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Turn off your I-Pads, your I-Phones, and your I-Tunes and come experience a new way to look at your marriage through I-Marriage. In our monthly meetings, we will learn how Andy Stanley's three key teachings help you enrich your marriage and examine the "I's" of marriage:

"Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." We will meet, **Tuesday, April 11**, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or selimberg@stbonaventure.net

### ■ CATHOLICISM: PIVOTAL PLAYERS

"The call to holiness is universal, which means that holiness is not meant for a privileged few, but is the mission towards which all Christ's disciples should aspire." Bishop Robert Barron followed up his widely popular "Catholicism" with a new series that highlights those men and women whose friendship with Christ transformed not only their own lives, but also the world. Join us as we start learning about some of these "pivotal players" April 24-May 23 in Classroom A1. There are two opportunities a week: Monday afternoon (1:00-2:30pm) or Tuesday evening (7:00-8:30pm). Please sign up in the parish office or call Eileen so we have enough resources. There is no charge.

### ■ MOMS' GROUP

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

### ■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Lent has begun. Many people "give up" things during Lent. This is OK, but what God really asks of us is to come closer to him and to make improvements in our lives that better reflect God's grace in the world. Contemplative prayer is offered in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life where you are present to God and give thanks for the blessings we receive.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### ■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Today is Hospitality Weekend: **April 1st & 2nd**.

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry. After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we have wine, soda, cheese, cookies, and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses. There will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

### ■ CLASSY CRAFTERS DONATIONS REQUEST

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



### ■ KELLY MOORE OFFER

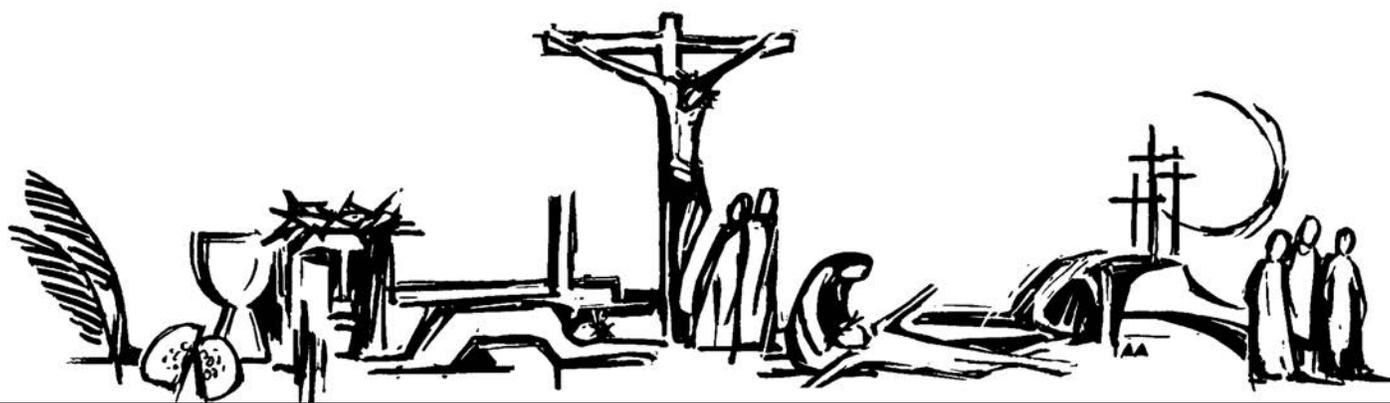
To parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland looking to purchase paint for the protection and beautification of your home: did you know that by purchasing paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company, a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to our Catholic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

The Kelly Moore Paint Company is excited to offer a special KM Club Discount for your purchases of quality Kelly Moore Paint at any of our Kelly Moore stores. Go to [www.kellymoore.com](http://www.kellymoore.com) and click on the store locator). A unique Kelly Moore Account (# 605-DI4711) has been set up to allow you to take advantage of our wholesale pricing on paint and paint-related products, saving you time and money. We invite you to visit any of our stores and ask to use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese. This year our gift back to the Diocese was \$1000.

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

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

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



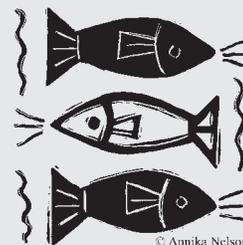
The Third  
*Scrutiny*



The Scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. Although those preparing for Baptism participate in the Scrutiny, the questions and prayers could apply to all of us. The third Scrutiny refers to the Gospel of “The Raising of Lazarus” and will be celebrated at the 9:00am Mass this Sunday.

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

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



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**LENTEN REGULATIONS ON  
FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

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

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

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



#### April 2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*"...you are in the spirit, if only the spirit of God dwells in you."*

Rom 8: 8-11

In the passage from St. Paul, the "flesh" refers to our old self, our rebellion towards God. But once we have known Jesus, his spirit takes possession of us and the "flesh" dies. This is a constant battle. It is no easy thing to always have the life of the spirit in us.

*We are so bombarded with things that attract us, and upset us, and not just once in a while, but every day. Even listening to the news can bring out the "old self" of rebellion (even if for a just reason) towards God. We can fume, hem and haw, or we can take a deep breath, see what can be done, and leave the rest to God. We must constantly nurture the life of the spirit in us, not only for our soul, but for our sanity!*



#### April 3 Monday

*"Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery..."*

We are all familiar with the scene of Jesus and woman caught in adultery. He didn't condemn her, but loved her as a beloved sinner, a child of God the Father. Because Jesus saved her, no doubt she turned her life around and followed him.

*There's only one thing wrong in this scene - where was the man who committed the act with her? If I do something wrong, it's no big deal, but if someone else does the same thing, then that's wrong. That's not exactly how it works. All of us have to accept responsibility for our actions. No one can cast the first stone.*



#### April 4 Tuesday

*"He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him." Jn 8: 21-30*

The scribes and the Pharisees still won't acknowledge Jesus, and still in his calm and firm way, he tells them that they will die in their sin. He is I AM. He will suffer, be lifted up, but the Father who sent him will not leave him alone.

*Jesus knew that his death wasn't far off. Being the Son of God, he could have found a way to save himself, but instead he always did what was pleasing to his father. These words should bring comfort to us. Many times we don't know which path to follow in life. We have to pray to discern the right path. With prayer and trust in God, we do what is pleasing to him, and we can be assured that he will not leave us alone!*



**April 5 Wednesday**

*“If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth...” Jn 8: 31-42*

The truth of believing that Jesus was the son of God would free the people. Yet many stubbornly refused to believe. They would lose face and become like the very people that they held under their interpretation of the laws, the very people who acclaimed Jesus.

*To be disciples of Jesus can radically change minds and hearts. Hardness of heart can be transformed into love, understanding, and recognizing the dignity of every man, woman, and child, regardless of who they are. As followers of Jesus, we should do all that we can to prove that we are his followers. We will know the truth.*



**April 6 Thursday**

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.” Jn 8: 51-59*

Jesus continues his dialogue with the Jews and it seems hopeless to convince them of anything. But Jesus doesn't give up, and once again declares I AM. He exists since forever. This was too much for them and, exasperated, they attempt to kill him. But Jesus hides and leaves the temple.

*More than focusing on stubborn hearts, let's ponder his words. If we are Jesus's followers we will never see death. Physically we*

*will, but our soul will live forever. If we have tried to live in Jesus's love and truth, death is only a passage to something more beautiful. We will see all our loved ones, all the good works that we have done, in the dazzling beauty of heaven. Jesus IS.*



**April 7 Friday**

*“But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion...” Jer 20: 10-13*

The entire passage of Jeremiah, the prophet, can be related to Jesus regarding his passion. He faced derision, reproach and betrayal, and all this because he spoke in the name of his Father. In the garden, he experienced a moment when he thought it was more than he could bear, but then he rallied and continued on to complete his mission.

*Jesus experienced it all in his lifetime. As an infant, he risked certain death. In later years, because of his teachings, he not only risked death, he was executed. In our lives, too, there are times when situations are such that they weigh*

*us down. They are more than we can bear. In those times, we must remember Jeremiah's words of confidence: The Lord is with us, like a mighty champion!*

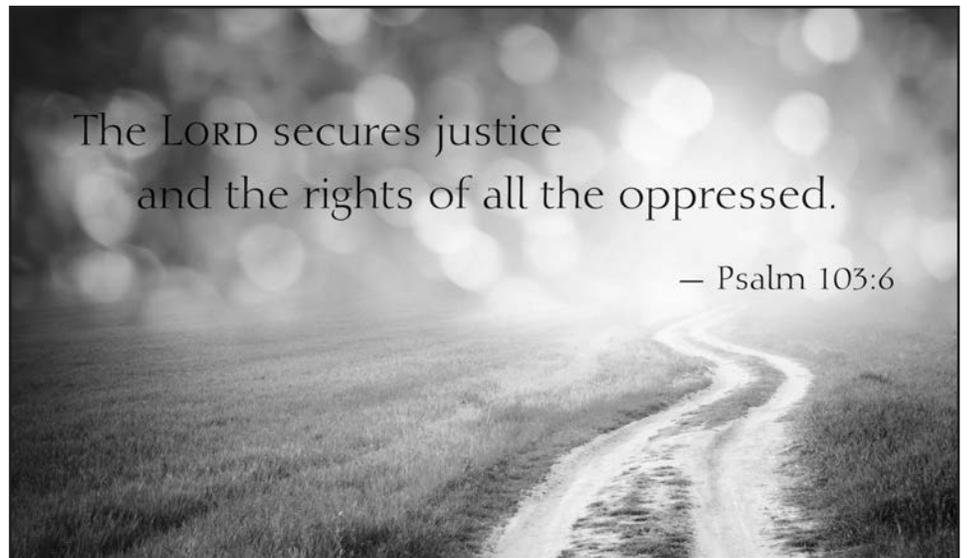


**April 8 Saturday**

*“What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs.” Jn 11: 45-56*

Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. Mary, Lazarus's sister, had naturally told her people the wondrous thing that had happened, but some of them informed the Pharisees. The “hour” for Jesus wasn't that far away. Jesus had to die.

*Treachery was underway, but that didn't stop Jesus's mission. He was doing his father's business like he had told his mother Mary and Joseph years before. We can't perform miracles, but any kind act that we do, any time that we stand up against bigotry and hatred in whatever peaceful way we can, we too are doing the father's business. We are performing signs in Jesus's name.*



### PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR A MEAL DURING LENT

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

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) RICE BOWL



For more than 40 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been a Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Growing up, I remember the bowls that sat in the center of our kitchen table. One meal

a week would be a “simpler meal” and the money saved would be put in the bowl. On Palm Sunday, we’d bring the bowl back to church and see the pile stack up. Stewardship is more than talent and time. It also includes treasure. Together, we can make a difference in our community and in our world. **Twenty-five percent of everything collected is kept in the diocese for programs where we live. Our own St. Vincent de Paul chapter has been a recent recipient.** Give up one latte a week and put the extra change in the rice bowl – lead your children by your own good example.

Every week, CRS introduces us to a family and recipe from the different countries that benefit from Rice Bowl. March 26-April 1 we “Encounter” Maria from Mexico. Maria de la Luz remembers what it was like growing up in Ejido Hidalgo, Mexico. “We said we were rich because we had a lot of corn, beans and animals.” But now, with few jobs and even less rain, young people – including Maria’s children – are leaving the community in search of a better life.

To help families like Maria’s, CRS launched a greenhouse project empowering women with meaningful work and creating community. Women visit their community greenhouses to grow cactuses to sell – but also go for so much more. “At the greenhouses, we laugh, we talk, we spend time together. Sometimes we leave our homes angry or sad. But then we start working with plants, and we forget our problems for a while.” As the cactuses grow, so do the economic opportunities.

### Friday Lenten Prayer Offerings

On Friday evenings, we are providing a variety of prayer opportunities; some traditional, some with a more contemporary feel. We invite you to join us to experience God’s invitation in a different manner each week.

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

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**April 7 @ 7:30 PM: *The Scriptural Way of the Cross w/ the Resurrection Choir & Friends***

Since of the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, only eight have clear scriptural foundation, Pope John Paul II introduced a new form, the Scriptural Way of the Cross on Good Friday 1991. We will commemorate the passion and death of Christ biblically as our late Holy Father envisioned. Music will be provided by our Resurrection Choir.



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

#### April 9 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday ~ 5:00pm  
 Sunday ~ English: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm  
 Spanish ~12:45pm

#### April 13 ~ Holy Thursday

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

#### April 14 ~ Good Friday

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

#### April 15 ~Holy Saturday

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

#### April 16 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

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■ **CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE**

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

■ **PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

**OUTSIDE PARISH**

■ **CARONDELET'S 'SWING FOR SCIENCE'**

Carondelet's annual Swing for Science golf tournament is back! This event features a 19th hole premium hosted cocktail reception, an exciting wine-and-sport filled silent auction and a delicious clubhouse banquet awards dinner. Join us on **Monday, April 24** at Blackhawk Country Club, Danville. All of the proceeds from the event will benefit STEM education at Carondelet. For tickets visit: [www.carondeleths.org/golf](http://www.carondeleths.org/golf).

■ **CATHOLICS@WORK**

*Holy Week ~ Exploring the Shroud of Turin*

Jack Sacco, scientist, engineer, author, director and film producer, will tell the story of his scientific quest to understand the truth about the Shroud of Turin at the Tuesday, April 11 Catholics@Work breakfast. Sacco has had unusual access to the Shroud, including 4 hours to film it. He will show the trailer of his upcoming documentary about the Shroud.

Diana Nagy, president of Catholics@Work, notes, "The Shroud, for many, is a statement of faith. Jack will show us his faith but also focus on the science proving the Shroud is real, and that the Resurrection did happen, bringing science and faith together. This Holy Week event

is perfect timing and a beautiful way to enter into the holiest of weeks."

Enjoy this fascinating presentation w/ breakfast buffet Tuesday, April 11th, 7-8:15am at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville - optional Mass celebrated onsite at 6:30am. All are welcome - reservations are appreciated. For more information & registration go to [www.catholicsatwork.com](http://www.catholicsatwork.com)

■ **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS 'GET ON THE BUS'**

Queen of All Saints Church in Concord is having its annual 'Get on the Bus' fundraiser tea on Saturday, April 22nd, at noon, in the QAS Parish Hall, \$25 per person. The 'Get on the Bus' organization reunites children with their incarcerated parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day weekends. To make a reservation for the tea, please call Teri Gooden at 925-372-7337 no later than April 10th. Tea is served.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR**  
 MARCELINO DOMINGO  
 April 1 – April 7, 2017




*Pray For* Arley Mcvittie  
 Tony Russo

**Mass Intentions For The Week**   
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**  
 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**  
 7:30 Nancy Velasco Domingo  
 Peggy Sullivan  
 Jim "Smiley" Camitz  
 Jim McGovern  
 9:00 Alex Esquibel  
 Fred Ahrens  
 Mitsuyaoshi Sakamoto  
 Lucio & Baldomera Arcillas  
 11:00 Mariyam Kunjipali  
 Souls in Purgatory  
 Ramon & Ben Marquez  
 Kepris Militiou  
 5:00 Wanda Schendel  
 Norma Evaristo & Family  
 Raul Josefino  
 Manuel Berlanga

**MONDAY, APRIL 3**  
 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Adoracion Ereño  
 Leonardo Gargantilla  
 Matilde Sullivan  
 Placido Javier

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**  
 6:30 Emidio Busuttil  
 Judy Bradford  
 Teri McKenna  
 9:00 Mike Kelly  
 Emidio Busuttil  
 Domingo De Mesa  
 Mary Ackerman

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**  
 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Communion Service

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**  
 6:30 Alzheimer patients  
 9:00 Jules Ong  
 Jesus Cordero  
 Kathleen Bosanzski  
 Margaret Varma

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**  
 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Jaime Diaz  
 Jesus Morena Diaz  
 Hallie Stevens  
 Sharon Bosanzski

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
 5:00 Marcelino Domingo  
 June Martin  
 Marcelle Silva  
 Marissa De Venecia

■ **SEMANA NACIONAL DE DERECHOS DE LAS VÍCTIMAS DE LA DELINCUENCIA DEL 2 AL 8 DE ABRIL DE 2017**

La Semana Nacional de Derechos de las Víctimas de la Delincuencia (NCVW, por sus siglas en inglés) se estableció en 1981 para inspirar a la comunidad, concienciar sobre los derechos de las víctimas, y abordar las necesidades no resueltas. Tristemente, las necesidades de muchas víctimas y sobrevivientes de la delincuencia, incluyendo las de algunas personas que rendían culto en nuestra comunidad de fe, seguían sin atenderse y muchas personas se sentían abandonadas por la Iglesia. Los estadounidenses son víctimas de más de 20 millones de delitos cada año, y el trauma resultante afecta por mucho tiempo a las personas, a sus familiares, y a las comunidades. El trauma no atendido que es producto de los actos delictivos de otras personas, podría llevar a la depresión, la desesperación y el desaliento. El lema de este año: "Fortaleza. Resistencia. Justicia," del 2 al 8 de abril de 2017 nos brinda la oportunidad de dar la mano a las víctimas y sobrevivientes de la delincuencia con la disposición de ayudarles en sus necesidades. Para mayor información, comuníquese con su director local de Justicia Restaurativa en su diócesis Cristina Hernandez (CHernandez@oakdiocese.org) o visite el sitio web de la Conferencia Católica de California: [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org) o [www.restorejustice.com](http://www.restorejustice.com)

■ **DIRECTORIOS! DIRECTORIOS DIRECTORIOS!**

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

■ **VOLUNTARIA PARA LA OFICINA HISPANA**

La oficina Hispana está en la necesidad de alguna persona voluntaria que pueda colaborarnos a contestar el teléfono, dar

 *Escriba en su Calendario*

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

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

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

información de los sacramentos y de los diferentes eventos de la Iglesia, recibir y atender a los feligreses, etc. La oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes. Los animamos a que llamen al **925-672- 5800 X 2201** o se acerquen a la oficina principal, y pregunten por Virginia. Es una gran oportunidad para donar su tiempo y talento a la Parroquia.

■ **LA CURESMA NOS LLAMA A QUE APOYEMOS A LOS IMMIGRANTES DE CONCORD**

**Los Católicos Unidos por la Justicia.** Un grupo católico representante de las seis parroquias de Concord, El Departamento de Policía, Caridades Católicas del Este de la Bahía y El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Monte Diablo están llamando a las familias del Condado de Contra Costa, especialmente a las personas que hablan español.

¿Por qué? Porque ellos están siendo ofendidos con lenguaje negativo y son llamados criminales.

¿Por qué? La gente tiene miedo de ir de compras, salir de sus casas y cuando lo hacen encuentran empleados de (ICE) Departamento de Inmigración en el vecindario.

¿Por qué? Porque un niño no se concentra en la escuela por el miedo de que cuando regrese a casa sus padres no estén. La gente está refugiada en sus propias comunidades.

Las familias de los Inmigrantes han sido invitadas por medio de las escuelas y las parroquias a tres reuniones informales. Son tres reuniones de apoyo para que compartan las historias de lo que está pasando en sus vidas. Abogados de inmigración darán información acerca de sus derechos como inmigrante. Todas las escuelas del Distrito Unificado de Monte Diablo van hacer zonas seguras para los niños, no se permitirá que entren sin permiso personal del Departamento de Inmigración (ICE). Tampoco el Departamento de Policía participará en ninguna forma con ICE.

Los organizadores de estas reuniones desean expresar cuidado y solidaridad al ofrecer la información que ayudará a cualquier persona que se encuentre en ésta situación de inmigración.

Las reuniones serán así:

**Miércoles, 19 de Abril, 2017 de 6:30-8:00 pm,** Cafetería-Meadow Home Elementary School, 1371 Detroit Ave., Concord

Habrá cuidado de niños de 4-10 años de edad. Las reuniones serán en español. El Distrito Escolar proveerá artefactos para traducir.

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

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

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

**Donde:** Hotel Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd, Concord.

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

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

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

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

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

Información necesaria para poder ordenar la compra de los boletos:

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

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

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

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FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 06/17	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri 06/30	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/22	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/07	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/28	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/19	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/11	7-9:30 p.m.



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