



BAPTISM AT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS. Photo Credit: David Blankenhorn/ See 360 Studios

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### MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

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

### MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

### DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

## ■ EASTER IS MORE THAN EASTER

Please don't get stuck in Easter as one historical moment locked in time. This moment has changed the purpose and the destiny of human life and history. That is what we believe as Roman Catholic Christians.

The Resurrection of Jesus has opened a new space for us to enter with cosmic connections and transformational consequences that we must see and understand for ourselves.

What does Easter mean for ourselves? We may not find the Risen Jesus coming through our locked door, but we may find him looking our fears and our prejudices in the eye and encouraging us to transform them. We do not lock up the Risen Jesus in a devotion or a religious painting or a relic.

Where will the Risen Jesus appear to me today? He may not appear as a warm loving presence but rather as a blinding light, showing us a new awareness and truth about ourselves, challenging us to put our hands in the wounds of others and into the circumstances where we need to be understanding and merciful.

So here is a question to provoke spiritual reflection and fraternal connection that is at the heart of the Easter mystery: do you appreciate the work and service of undocumented immigrants as cooks and servers in restaurants, maids and service workers in the hotel industry, as gardeners, as landscapers? These faceless servers at the bottom of our worker-bee society sustain and help all of us to be served and accommodated in many points of service that we take for granted. Can we open our hearts to them in full welcome as fellow citizens? Our broken and dysfunctional immigration laws have never helped many of them to respond to become full citizens. Requests to move forward in legal processes have been thwarted and unanswered

and blocked. That cannot be, you say. Well, perhaps you need to talk to actual illegal immigrants, law-abiding and tax paying "quasi" citizens who do their part bringing cultural riches to our country.

What has this to do with the Resurrection of Jesus? **It has to do with Holy Spirit-inspired openness, change of heart and mind, the fullness of a love than is greater than our human love, a mind and heart touched by redemption and hope that is Easter!** What about those laws that claim obedience and punishment? For over 20 years, no federal administration has wanted to address them in any just, practical and fraternal way. "Throw them out" is neither practical, fraternal, just or an attitude of the Risen Jesus.

"You are entering politics," you may respond. **Yes, the Resurrection of Jesus affects politics because politics affects people. The Resurrection of Jesus should affect the mind and hearts of Catholic Christian people - and their attitudes and their decisions.**

Many people find this attitude highly inflammable, but it touches the heart of our faith, and the heart of who we are. And to stop going to the Catholic church because someone confronts such contradictions to our faith is not the answer either. Finding another parish or church draws us backwards into spiritual isolation. **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the implication of the Resurrection are not a façade. That is why our personal transformation accompanies our experience of the Resurrection today.**

It is clear today that the Catholic church does not run away when someone wants to stick Jesus back at an Easter day. The point of Easter is more than our Resurrection to a new life at the moment of our death. The point of the Resurrection is the complete transformation of who we are, of all things, and of all situations into "the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 3:16-19;4:19)

## ■ THE SPIRIT OF THE RISEN CHRIST CAN CHANGE HEARTS AND MINDS

*Message from Bishop Barber—*

The number one issue all Catholic bishops and I favor is Comprehensive Immigration Reform. At present there is no reasonable way for many people to legally get visas to enter, or remain legally, in the USA. Ask the farmers who desperately need agricultural workers to harvest crops: they are begging the government for more guest worker visas. Even reasonable requests for short term visas are being denied. The overseas parents of one of our seminarians who is about to be ordained priest in May were denied a tourist visa to attend their son's Ordination and First Mass in Oakland, even after the diocese sent all requested notarized documentation to the State Department.

America is a country of immigrants. We are a Church of immigrants. Our Catholic Faith teaches that we should welcome the stranger, the immigrant, the widow, and the orphan. In the Book of Exodus it says: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien. For you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt." It also says: "You shall not oppress an alien. You well know how it feels to be an alien since you were once an alien yourself in the land of Egypt." That is one of the great things about the United States: so many people have come here, from so many countries, and together we form "The land of the free, and the home of the brave" as Pope Francis reminded us during his speech to the US Congress in 2015.

Even more, in the Catholic Church, all the baptized are not only equal "members", but are brothers and sisters in Christ. We had a large statue of the Blessed Mother in my high school, and at her feet were students from various races and nationalities. In the beautiful carving, Mary had extended the mantle of her cloak to cover them all. Are we trying to push people out of our communities, out from our Catholic parishes and schools, out from under Mary's mantle... because they don't have papers?

**PARISH MARKS CENTENARY OF  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima, Portugal to three young children on May 13, 1917.

You will find in the bulletin pullout the parish schedule for our local celebrations and remembrances.

Fr. T.C. George from India will be our guest speaker.

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS  
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**■ WHAT I LEARNED IN MEXICO**

I'm back from my language immersion experience in Mexico. Before I left, people encouraged me to post reflections on Facebook or send articles for the bulletin, but I was fully immersed in the experience while I was there. Now that I'm back, I want to share that my experience in Mexico has been more about people than language. When I booked my airline ticket and sent the first message to my host in Cuernavaca, I believed I was going only to learn how to speak Spanish. And I did learn the foundation of the language that I will continue to learn. But more importantly, I learned that the first element of communication isn't a shared language - it's an open heart.

Before I left, I was warned about the crowds, the poverty, and the safety. But no one prepared me to have my heart broken open by the woman who cared for me like a mother (attentive to my allergic reactions to mosquito bites and concerned about what I liked for dinner), who expressed sympathy and support in response to my feelings of inadequacy to learn the language and who laughed with me as we watched XFactor on Thursday nights, with pastries I'd bought around the corner.

She was and is but one example of what shared humanity felt like for me in Mexico, in a place where my teachers were fully attentive and aware of my uniqueness and challenges, where I experienced patience and care in Uber cars, taxis and

bus terminals where people understood the vulnerability of my language deficiency. Young women approached me in the street and the bus terminal to ask if I needed help. Male drivers were patient and happy to practice the language I was staying up late at night to learn.

In the classrooms and in the museums, in the back seat of cars and across dinner tables, I realized how self-focused I was as a citizen of the United States. In my first classes we were taught how to ask and respond to the question "Where were you born?" My answer was "I was born in America." My teachers reminded me that America is a continent, not a country. I am from the United States of America. Canadians are American. Mexicans are American. South American's are American.

With my eyes opened, I could see the painful impact of colonization by the Spanish, the French and the Catholic Church. I learned how the indigenous people of Mexico understood the complex concept of "zero" before those in the Middle East and subsequently the Europeans. I saw the sophistication of their engineering capabilities and the depth of their spiritual experiences, before the arrival of "civilization."

I stood in the streets of Cuernavaca, Tepoztlan, Taxco, Puebla, and Mexico City with the phrase "America first" ringing in my head. On every corner, in every restaurant and cafe, in every cab and Uber car, I couldn't help but feel the arrogance in those words and recognize the power of language. I had come to learn vocabulary and grammar so I could speak to my Latino friends at home in their native language. But what I learned was that the first and primary element to communication is a shared respect and love for each other. I felt respected and loved there and hope those I met knew I felt the same for them.

I loved Mexico. I love learning the language. I will return in October/November. I invite anyone who is interested to join me. If you want more information, please contact me at cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Weekend of April 16 & 17 Collection**

Goal: \$60,000

Actual: \$39,671

**Deficit: (\$20,329)**

**Holy Thursday  
(Garden Park Apts.): \$1,165  
Good Friday (Holy Land): \$4,376  
Food for Family: 821 (3 weekends)**

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

**■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING**

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Bonaventure with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**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.

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**CELEBRATION OF FR. RICHARD MANGINI'S 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND RETIREMENT: SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017**

**ATTENTION – RESERVATION DATE CHANGE**  
 Reservations are filling up nicely. A change in schedule for selling after the Masses has been made.  
 May 6/7 is the only weekend reservations may be obtained at the church after all the Masses.  
 Deadline for reservation purchase is May 15, 2017

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


**How may I purchase tickets?**

- 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 program used by our parish.
- Cash or check reservations 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 make a reservation:**

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

Any questions please contact, Stephanie Pence, (925) 672-5016 or Marie Shockley, (925) 672-4129.




## 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 <i>*Following 5pm Mass</i>	Parish Hall
Sunday, June 11	2pm	Hispanic Community Celebration <i>*Following 12:30 Spanish Mass</i>	Parish Grounds
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner <i>To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement</i>	Concord Hilton <i>Reservation Required</i>
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop <i>Celebration of Parish Anniversary</i>	Church

**LITURGY & MUSIC**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** ACTS 4:23-31; PS 2:1-9; JN 3:1-8  
**TUESDAY:** 1 PT 5:5B-14; PS 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; MK 16:15-20  
**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 5:17-26; PS 34:2-9; JN 3:16-21  
**THURSDAY:** ACTS 5:27-33; PS 34:2, 9, 17-20; JN 3:31-36  
**FRIDAY:** ACTS 5:34-42; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; JN 6:1-15  
**SATURDAY:** ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; JN 6:16-21  
**SUNDAY:** ACTS 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35

**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.



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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

■ **PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW: ST. BONAVENTURE'S MAKER FUN FACTORY BIBLE CAMP: JULY 17-21**



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

We are *gearing* up for an amazing Bible camp and we want you to *bee* a part of it. "Maker Fun Factory" Bible Camp will be full of great Bible stories, *creative* crafts, team-*building* games, delicious snacks and so much more.

Now is the time to plan activities for those sunny days of summer. We offer a pre-school program for 3 and 4-year-olds which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6<sup>th</sup> grade program meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really awesome camp activities.

Forms will be available in the Church foyer, office and on our website in late April. We will have registration on "Registration" Saturday, May 13 from 9am to 1pm in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$65 for preschoolers and \$80 for elementary-age students.

Adults, we need you to be our Team Leaders. All you need is a desire to have loads of fun with kids! Contact Rosann Halick, 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or rhalick@stbonaventure.net for more information.

Teens – 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school - we need you to be our camp counselors. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact Jacob Perry, 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or jperry@stbonaventure.net.

So let's put all the *puzzle pieces* together to make the *connection* with God at "Maker Fun Factory" Bible Camp .... because ... *We are all Created by God and Built for a Purpose!*

■ **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).

■ **BAPTISMS – MARCH 2017**

God's blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism

**Adelie Ann Conboy**, daughter of Russell and Elizabeth

**Kael Thomas Conboy**, son of Russell and Elizabeth

**Noe Armoni Delgado**, son of Noe and Patricia

**Kellen John Duenas**, son of Samson and Genesis

**Liam Jack Duenas**, son of Samson and Genesis

**Titus Jozef Faustino Markiel**, son of Tomasz and Tara

**Joseph Fidel Ortiz**, son of Joseph and Merrissa

**Luke Zachary Ruff**, son of Ryan and Jennifer

**Sierra Neve Golez Seva**, daughter of Antonino and Kristine

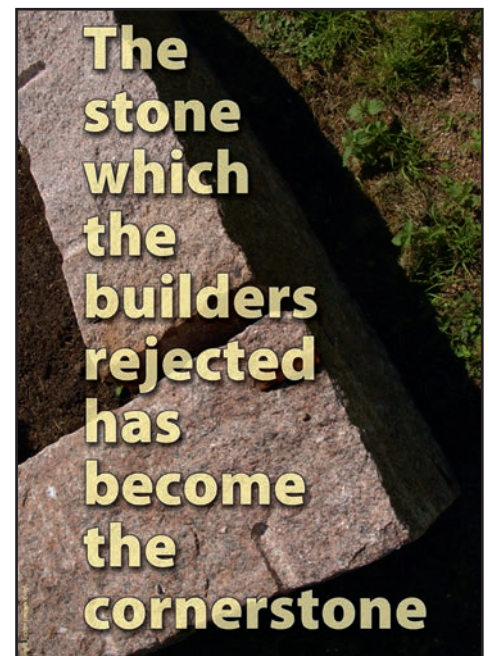
LIFE AND JUSTICE

■ **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.

■ **MAY DAY MARCH FOR UNITY**

Join us for this "Global Day of Action" in Concord. Come out to march in solidarity for housing, immigrant and worker justice! Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Gather at Meadow Homes Park on Detroit Avenue at 4:30pm, then march to Todos Santos Plaza beginning at 5:00pm. The event will end with a rally and speeches at the Plaza 6:00-7:00pm.



FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ **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 meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our next meeting will be May 3.** 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**

ALLELUIA!! Christ has Risen! Today begins the Easter Season and we all rejoice. God’s love and care for us and His wish to grow closer to us is celebrated during this season. Return that love and wish for closeness by joining us for Contemplative Prayer. We gather in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life and give thanks for the blessings we receive

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **ST. MARY’S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND**

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes\* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary’s Center in Oakland. Next dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **April 23.** Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left in the **Hospitality Room.** (Note that this is a *new* location). Please bring items before the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday. Cash donations for St. Mary’s can be left in the church office. *All* items need to be marked “St. Mary’s-Oakland”. (\**Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish*). St. Mary’s Center also needs gently used forks! Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Carol & Jim Riley 672-4383 & Carol & Pete Chrobak 672-7158

■ **ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY CAMPING AT TAHOE - 2017**

The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: **Sunday, August 6 through Sunday, August 13,** Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe. The cost will be \$130 for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year’s fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso ☎ 864-4748 or Kathy Riso ☎ 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.

■ **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

■ **“THE WELL’S” NEXT HEALING RETREAT: April 27 – 30, 2017**

Statistics estimate that **1** out of **3** women of childbearing age have experienced an abortion. And many of these women are in the church. Often women who have had an abortion suffer from symptoms of post-abortion grief and trauma. No matter how long ago an abortion occurred, it is not too late to experience complete healing.

We would like to get the word out to women who could benefit from “The Well”. **And we need your help.** If you are able to help us raise awareness for this opportunity, we can provide flyers and other materials explaining more about The Well. And perhaps your women’s ministry would be interested in a brief speaker presentation.

Please contact Ada Ritter ([aritter@friends-ofw.com](mailto:aritter@friends-ofw.com)) or call 925-827-0100 for more information.

■ **FAUSTINA, MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY**

St. Luke’s Production will present a live multimedia drama “Faustina, Messenger of Divine Mercy” on Friday, April 28 at 7pm at Our Lady Queen of the World Church in Bay Point. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth, and can be purchased online at [tinyurl.com/OLQWplay](http://tinyurl.com/OLQWplay) or at OLQW parish office.

■ **RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT**

The Diocese of Oakland will host a “Rachel’s Vineyard” weekend healing retreat the weekend of **April 28-30.** Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats and Post-Abortion Healing groups offer hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment, and result in life-changing transformations. Confidential sign-ups for women, men, and couples are happening now. Don’t delay your healing and renewal in Christ any longer! To register or find out more, contact Gloria Maldonado, see above, or visit [AfterTheChoice.org](http://AfterTheChoice.org)

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# The Meaning of Fatima — 100 Years Later



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

St. Bonaventure Parish Community remembers the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary 100 years ago that began on May 13, 1917. In three separate Masses, reflections by Fr. T.C. George and a movie on May 11, 12, and 13, we will consecrate ourselves to Jesus and to Mary, the First Disciple of Jesus on Mother's Day weekend.

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## 2017 Marks the Centennial of Our Lady's apparitions to three shepherd children in Portugal

*By Robert Fastiggi (Reprinted from Our Sunday Visitor, January 1-7, 2017)*

The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917.

The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a refuge of maternal love for us all and a sure path that leads us to God. In the end, Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph because Mary is full of God's grace and is all pure. **She has the heart of a mother who cares for her children and wishes them to be saved by her divine Son, Jesus.**

Although 2017 marks the centenary year, the Fatima apparitions began with the three apparitions of the Angel of Peace (also called the Angel of Portugal) in 1916 and extended beyond 1917 with subsequent apparitions given to Sister Lucia dos Santos in Pontevedra, Spain (1925-1927) and Tuy, Spain (1929).

**Fatima is one of the most significant of all Marian apparitions.** Along with Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and Lourdes (Feb. 11), **it is one of three Marian apparitions honored with a feast day.** In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added the May 13 feast of Our Lady of Fatima to the general Roman calendar. May 13 was the day of the first Fatima apparition of 1917, and **May 13, 1981, was the day when St. John Paul II survived an attempt on his life** in St. Peter's Square. John Paul II credited his survival to the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima. The assassin's bullet that narrowly missed killing the pope now is inserted in a crown of Our Lady housed at the Fatima shrine. **Fatima is also linked with the collapse of Russian communism more than 25 years ago.**

It is estimated that some 4-5 million people visit Fatima each year, and more are expected for the centennial year, including a visit by Pope Francis, who plans to travel to Portugal to celebrate the 100-year anniversary.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

## MARY WAITS FOR PENTECOST

*Thursday, May 11, 9:00am Mass*

After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples of Jesus return to Jerusalem to the Upper Room. "All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus." (Acts 1:12-14)

10:00 am :Talk by Fr. T.C. George  
"Mary as Mother, Jesus as Son, God as our Father - the procession of the Spiritual Life. We all belong to God."

7:00pm: Fr. T.C. George, morning talk repeated, followed by Prayers of Restoration and Intercessions.

## MARY THE MOTHER, JOHN THE SON

*Friday, May 12, 9:00am Mass*

"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary of Clopas and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son. Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother. And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home. (John 19:25-27)

10:00am: **Movie: "Finding Fatima"** (Documentary 2010)

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS. AT FATIMA, MARY CALLS CHURCH TO RETURN TO ITS BEGINNINGS: PENTECOST TO 2017

*May 13, 2017, 9:00am by Fr. Richard Mangini*

"In an utterly singular way, Mary cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace...

For, taken up to heaven, she did not lay aside this saving role, but by her manifold acts of intercession continues to win for us gifts of eternal salvation...

By her maternal charity, Mary cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led to their happy fatherland." — *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, Chapter V111, paragraph 60

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## THE 6 APPARITIONS OF 1917

*There were six Marian apparitions to the shepherd children from May 13 to Oct. 13, 1917. All of these apparitions took place on the 13th of the month except for the August apparition.*

### May 13, 1917

The children were tending their sheep near the Cova da Iria in Fatima, a few miles from their home. A beautiful young woman dressed in white appeared to them over the holm oak. The Lady said she was from heaven and wanted the children to return to the same place at the same hour on the 13th of each month for six months. She asked the children to pray the Rosary every day.

### June 13, 1917

Our Lady again asked the children to pray the Rosary every day, and she asked Lucia to learn to read and write. She revealed that Jacinta and Francisco would die soon, but Lucia would live longer. She then revealed that **God wished to establish in the world devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and her heart would be a refuge and a way to lead people to God.**

### Angelic Apparitions of 1916

The six apparitions of Our Lady to the children at Fatima were preceded by three apparitions of the Angel of Peace in 1916 at or near their home in the hamlet of Aljustrel. The Angel of Peace prepared the children for the Marian apparitions that would follow. He taught them several prayers, and, in his final apparition in autumn 1916, he gave the children holy Communion.

### July 13, 1917

The Lady disclosed a three-part secret to the children. (See “The secrets of Fatima” on Page 12.)

### Aug. 19, 1917

The children missed their scheduled meeting with the Lady at the Cova da Iria on Aug. 13 because they were detained by the anti-clerical civil authorities. The children resisted efforts to have them deny the apparitions. They were put in prison and released on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption. The Lady then appeared to the children a few days later, on Aug. 19 at Valinhos near their home in Aljustrel. The Lady asked the children to continue to come to the Cova da Iria on the 13th of each month and to pray the Rosary every day. She told them that she would perform a miracle the last month (October).

### Sept. 13, 1917

The Lady asked the children to continue to pray the Rosary for the end of the war. She told them that Jesus as well as St. Joseph would appear in October.

### Oct. 13, 1917

The most dramatic of the apparitions. Some 55,000 people gathered on a rainy day near Cova da Iria in Fatima and witnessed the “miracle of the sun.” Some 20,000 other people witnessed the miracle from as far away as 25 miles. The sun started spinning and grew larger. It looked like it was going to fall on the earth. People fell to their knees in fear. The people then noticed that their clothes were completely dry even though they had been standing in the rain for some time. Even unbelievers and skeptics witnessed the phenomenon. The secular newspaper, *O Século*, had a front page story on “How the sun danced at midday in Fatima.”

While the people were looking at the miracle of the sun, the three children saw a sequence of apparitions. St. Joseph was seen with the Christ Child, and they appeared to bless the world. The Blessed Mother was seen robed in white with a blue mantel; then she appeared as Our Lady of Sorrows and then as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The Lady revealed her identity to the children as “Our Lady of the Rosary.” She asked them to pray the Rosary every day and to have a chapel built at Cova da Iria, the site of the apparitions.

### The Historical Context

The Fatima apparitions occurred during World War I, which was also a time when secular movements such as Freemasonry and Communism were manifesting open hostility to the Christian faith.

In 1911, the Freemasons in Portugal passed a law separating Church and State. One of their leaders, Alfonso Costa, even predicted that in two generations Catholicism would be completely eliminated in Portugal. The apparitions of Fatima, therefore, occurred during a critical time in the life of Portugal and the world.

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## Easter Flower Names

In Honor Of and In Memory Of

Candace & John Bass  
Ernest Baas  
Mae Baas  
William Baas  
Sr. Roberta Carson  
Chiu Sum Chan  
Mildred & Ralph Cheda  
Dennis M. Connors  
The Conway Family  
Joel Cuenco  
Juana & Francisco Cuenco  
Frances Edwards  
Martha Ehrick  
The Eichten Family  
Russ & Donna Ellis  
The Exten Family  
Gerry and Carl Ferri  
Roger Foo  
The Gareis Family  
Marilyn Giebe  
Romulo Gonzalez  
The Greenwood Family  
The Guzzo Family  
Ted Hoag  
The Luff Family

The Kimmel Family  
The Milcetch Family  
The Mullen Family  
The Pangelinan Family  
The Penhallow Family  
Becky Peterson  
The Picasso Family  
Ellen & Peter Pliska  
Rita & Francis Raymond  
Peter & Sarah Riso  
Marina Rubiales  
Roger Salcedo  
Francis Schneider  
Maura Loa Schneider  
Sharon Schultz  
Joseph Stanko  
Mary Stanko  
Pauline Stanko  
The Szymanski Family  
Orville Thisius  
Lillian Tompkins  
The Trespalacios Family  
Mary Vanderburg  
The Wranau Family  
Hok Yan

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00 Aurora & Joelsano Nagrampa  
Leonida Palma  
Julieta Yanga  
Samuel W. Hornsby

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 Modesta Ovando  
Romeo Coloyan  
Arley McVittie  
Lester Kukuk  
9:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
11:00 Carol Worthington  
Lester Kukuk  
Fr. Al Grosskopf & Family  
5:00 Dolores Blair  
Aurora Nagrampa  
Henry Alumia  
Robert Witbek & Family

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 William M. Jordan  
Coulter Claeys  
Lil Fichtenkort  
Arthur Perkinson

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 All cancer patients  
Tony Russo  
9:00 Emily Crescencio

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 Communion Service

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 Victims of Calamities & Accidents  
9:00Carolynn Ely

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 Courtney Hutt  
Matthew Merrigan

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

### SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

JOHN F. MILCETICH  
April 22 – April 28, 2017



*Pray  
For* Susan Negrete  
Romy Mopera

## ■ PASCUA DE RESURRECCION ES MAS QUE PASCUA DE RESURRECCION

*Padre Ricardo Mangini*

Por favor no se quede atrapado en la Pascua de Resurrección como un momento histórico bloqueado por el tiempo. Este momento ha cambiado el propósito, el destino de la vida humana y la historia. Eso es lo que creemos como cristianos católicos.

La Resurrección de Jesús ha abierto **un nuevo espacio para que entremos con conexiones cósmica** y las consecuencias de transformación que hay que ver y entender por nosotros mismos.

¿Qué significa la Pascua de Resurrección para nosotros mismos? Es posible que no encontremos a Jesús resucitado que entra por nuestra puerta cerrada con llave, **pero podemos encontrarlo mirando a nuestros ojos los miedos y perjuicios y que nos anima a transformarlas**. Nosotros no encerramos a Jesús resucitado en una devoción o una pintura religiosa o una reliquia.

¿De dónde saldrá Jesús Resucitado que se aparece a mí hoy? **Él no puede aparecer como una cálida presencia amorosa sino más bien como una luz cegadora que nos muestra una conciencia nueva y la verdad acerca de nosotros mismos**, que nos desafía a poner las manos en las heridas de los demás y de las circunstancias en las que debemos ser comprensivos y compasivos.

Aquí hay una pregunta para provocar la reflexión espiritual y la conexión fraternal que está en el corazón del misterio Pascual: **¿Aprecia el trabajo y el servicio de los inmigrantes indocumentados como cocineros y camareros en restaurantes, empleadas domésticas y trabajadores de servicios en la industria hotelera, otros como jardineros y paisajistas?** Estos servidores sin rostro en la parte inferior de nuestra sociedad obrera, nos ayudan a todos, nos sirven y alojan en muchos puntos de servicio y que nosotros no apreciamos. ¿Podemos abrir el corazón a ellos en su totalidad y aceptarlos como ciudadanos? Nuestras leyes de inmigración rotas y disfuncionales nunca han ayudado a muchos de ellos para convertirse en ciudadanos con pleno derecho. Las solicitudes para avanzar no tienen respuesta y ellos se han visto frustrados y bloqueados. Usted dice esto no puede ser. Bueno, tal vez usted necesita hablar con los inmigrantes ilegales reales, quienes hacen su parte en traer una riqueza cultural a nuestro país.

¿Qué tiene esto que ver con la resurrección de Jesús? **¡Tiene que ver con la apertura inspirada por el Espíritu Santo, el cambio de corazón y mente, la plenitud de un amor que es más grande que nuestro amor humano, la mente y el corazón tocado por la redención y la esperanza que es Pascua de Resurrección!**

¿Qué pasa con las leyes que pretenden la obediencia y el castigo.? Desde hace más de 20 años, ninguna administración federal ha querido dirigirse a ellos de manera justa, práctica y fraterna. “Echarlos” no es una manera práctica, fraterna o justa o una actitud de Jesús resucitado.

“Usted está entrando en política”, tú puedes responder. Si, la Resurrección de Jesús afecta la política porque la política afecta a las personas. La Resurrección de Jesús debe afectar la mente y los corazones de personas - Católicas Cristianas, sus actitudes y decisiones.

Muchas personas encuentran ésta actitud altamente inflamable pero toca el corazón de nuestra fe y el corazón de lo que somos. Dejar de ir a la iglesia Católica porque alguien se enfrenta a estas contradicciones a nuestra fe no es la respuesta. Encontrar otra parroquia o iglesia nos retira a un aislamiento espiritual. La Resurrección de Jesucristo y la implicación de su Resurrección no son una fachada. Es por eso que nuestra transformación personal acompaña a nuestra experiencia de la Resurrección de hoy.

Hoy es claro que la iglesia Católica no huye cuando alguien quiere meter a Jesús de regreso en el día de Pascua de Resurrección. El punto de Pascua de Resurrección es más que nuestra Resurrección a una vida nueva en el momento de nuestra muerte. El punto de la Resurrección es la transformación completa de lo que somos, de todas las cosas y de todas las situaciones en “la plena estatura de Cristo.” (Efesios 3:16-19; 4:19.)

## ■ LA PARROQUIA MARCA EL CENTENARIO DE NUESTRA VIRGEN DE FATIMA

La Sagrada Virgen Maria apareció en Fátima, Portugal a tres jóvenes el 13 de mayo del 1907.

En las páginas céntricas del boletín usted encontrará el horario de nuestras celebraciones y recuerdos. Padre T.C. George de India será nuestro invitado proclamador.

## ■ LO QUE APRENDÍ EN MÉXICO

*Christa Fairfield, Parish Life Director*

Estoy de regreso de mi viaje a México adonde me sumergí en una experiencia del lenguaje. Antes de irme la gente me decía que publicara en Facebook reflexiones o enviara artículos para el boletín, pero mientras estuve allá yo estuve muy sumergida en mi experiencia. Ahora que he regresado, yo quiero compartir que mi experiencia en México fue más la gente que el idioma. Cuando yo reservé mi tiquete aéreo y envié el primer mensaje a la familia adonde me hospedaría en Cuernavaca, yo pensé que solo iba a aprender hablar español. Yo aprendí la fundación del lenguaje y que continuare aprendiéndolo. Pero lo más importante que yo aprendí es que el principal

elemento de la comunicación no es compartir el idioma, sino es un corazón abierto.

Antes de irme me advirtieron de la muchedumbre, la pobreza y la seguridad. Pero nadie me preparó de tener mi corazón abierto y roto para la mujer que me cuidó como si fuera mi madre (atenta a mis reacciones de alergia a las picadas de los mosquitos y preocupada de que me gustaría para la cena), quién expreso simpatía y apoyo en respuesta a mis sentimientos de incompetencia para aprender el idioma y quién se reía conmigo cuando veíamos XFactor el jueves en la noche comiendo pan dulce que yo había comprado alrededor de la esquina.

Ella fue y será un ejemplo de lo que la vida humana sintió por mí en México, en un lugar adonde mis profesores dieron atención a mis retos únicos y experimenté paciencia y cuidado con los carros de UBER, taxis, terminal de los autobuses adonde la gente entendió la deficiencia de mi lenguaje. Muchachas jóvenes se me acercaban para preguntarme si necesitaba ayuda en la terminal de los autobuses. Los choferes fueron pacientes y muy contentos de practicar el idioma yo me quedaba muy tarde de la noche para aprender.

Yo me di cuenta que estaba enfocada en que era una ciudadana de los Estados Unidos en

los salones de clases, en los museos, en los asientos de atrás de los carros y al otro lado de las mesas de comer. En mi primera clase nosotros aprendimos como preguntar y contestar a la pregunta “adonde tú naciste.” Yo contesté” yo nací en América.” Mis profesores me recordaron que América es un continente y no un país. Yo soy de los Estados Unidos de América. Los Canadienses son americanos. Los mexicanos son americanos. Los de Sur América son americanos. Los de Centro América son americanos.

Con mis ojos abiertos, yo pude ver el impacto doloroso de la colonización de España, Francia y la Iglesia Católica. Yo aprendí como los indígenas de México entendieron el concepto del complejo “zero” antes que en el Medio Oriente y los que siguieron que fueron los europeos. Yo vi lo sofisticado de las capacidades de sus ingenieros y su profunda experiencia espiritual antes que llegara la “civilización.”

Yo me paré en las calles de Cuernavaca, Tepoztlan, Taxco, Puebla y Ciudad de México con una frase “primero América” sonando en mi cabeza. En cada esquina, en cada restaurante y café, en cada taxi, en cada carro de UBER, yo no podía más que sentir la arrogancia de esas palabras y reconocer la fuerza del idioma. Yo he aprendido el vocabulario y gramática y ahora puedo hablar con mis amigos Latinos aquí en casa en su lengua nativa. Pero lo que más he aprendido es el elemento primordial de la comunicación que es compartir respeto

y amor por cada uno. Yo me sentí respetada y amada allá y espero que aquellos que conocí sintieron que yo también sentí lo mismo por ellos.

Yo amo a México. Me gusta aprender el idioma. Yo voy a regresar en Octubre/Noviembre. Invito a los que están interesados se una a mí. Si desean más información, por favor escríbame a: cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

**EL ESPÍRITU DE CRISTO RESUCITADO PUEDE CAMBIAR CORAZONES Y MENTES**

*Mensaje del Obispo Barber*

El tema primordial para mí y todos los obispos católicos es una Reforma Migratoria Integral, Ya cual apoyamos. En la actualidad no hay una manera razonable para que muchas personas obtengan legalmente visas para entrar o permanecer legalmente en los Estados Unidos. Pregunte a los dueños de los campos agrícolas que necesitan desesperadamente trabajadores para cosechar sus cultivos: están pidiendo al gobierno más visas para trabajadores temporales. Incluso las solicitudes razonables de visas de corto plazo están siendo negadas. A los padres de uno de nuestros seminaristas que está a punto de ser ordenado sacerdote en mayo se les negó una visa de turista para asistir a la ordenación y la primera misa de su hijo en Oakland, incluso después de que la diócesis enviara todos los documentos notariales requeridos al Departamento de Estado.

América es un país de inmigrantes. Somos una Iglesia de inmigrantes. Nuestra fe católica nos enseña que debemos dar la bienvenida al extranjero, al inmigrante, a la viuda y al huérfano. El Libro del Éxodo dice: “No molestareis ni oprimiréis a un extranjero, porque vosotros fuisteis una vez extranjeros en la tierra de Egipto.” También dice: “No oprimirás al extranjero. Tu bien sabes lo que se siente ser extranjero ya que alguna vez fuiste extranjero en la tierra de Egipto”. Esa es una de las cosas que han hecho grande a los Estados Unidos: tantas personas que han venido aquí, de tantos países, y juntos formamos “La tierra de los libres y el hogar de los valientes”, como nos recordó el Papa Francisco durante su discurso ante el Congreso estadounidense en el 2015.

Aun mas, en la Iglesia Católica, todos los bautizados no son solo “miembros” iguales, sino hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. En mi escuela secundaria, teníamos una gran estatua de nuestra Madre Santísima, y a sus pies había estudiantes de diversas razas y nacionalidades. En la hermosa figura, María extiende su manto para cubrirlos a todos. (Estamos intentando sacar a la gente de nuestras comunidades, de nuestras parroquias y escuelas católicas, y del manto de María... porque no tienen papeles?

 *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 12:30pm</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 <i>Reservación es requerida</i>
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción <i>Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia</i>	Iglesia

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

**ATENCIÓN – LA FECHA DE RESERVACIÓN HA SIDO CAMBIADA**  
 Las reservaciones se están llenando muy bien. Se ha hecho un cambio en el horario de la venta después de las Misas.  
**Mayo 6/7** será el único fin de semana que serán vendidos después de las Misas.  
**La última fecha que se puede comprar una reservación es Mayo 15, 2017**

**Donde:** Hotel Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd, Concord  
 Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Cena 7:00 p.m.;  
 Boletos son \$75por persona.

• Usted también puede comprar boletos para una mesa de 10 personas. *\* Individuos que desean sentarse juntos en una mesa están requeridos a registrarse al mismo tiempo para asegurar acomodación. Lo sentimos pero no hay excepciones.*

**Como y cuando puedo comprar los tiquetes?**

- Si desea comprar los tiquetes con tarjeta de crédito, puede hacerlo a través de “Faith Direct” en línea yendo a la página de San Buenaventura: [www.stbonaventure.net/](http://www.stbonaventure.net/) celebrations este es el software en línea que utilizamos para nuestra parroquia.
- 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)

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

