



First Communions on April 29, 2017. Photo Credit: Rosann Halick

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

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May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter | 7 de mayo de 2017 Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

**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

■ **WORLD NOT TO END MAY 13**

I think that I can say with 99% certainty **that the world is not going to end next week, May 13, on the centenary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima.** Who is spreading the prophetic, upsetting word that it will?

Last week, a parishioner telephoned in tears, loudly crying that somehow, because of Russians stirring up fear, the warnings of Fatima and its third secret yet to be fulfilled, that the world was going to end. The person was totally panicked.

This is one Catholic who has evidently been listening to some self-proclaimed interpreters that **the vision of the third secret is about to be fulfilled.** There is an excellent three-page article in the May issue of the **St. Anthony Messenger** about the third secret of Fatima and the importance of understanding it in the context of the early 1900's.

Instead of wringing hands that the world is going to end, we need to **remember the simple things that Mary the mother of Jesus says whenever she appears anywhere:** there is always an **“exhortation to pray”** as the path of ‘salvation for souls’ and, likewise; **“the summons to penance and conversion.”** (*‘The Third Secret of Fatima’* by Donna-Marie Cooper O’Boyle)

St. Pope John Paul II revealed “the third secret” on May 13, 2000, 17 years ago, which immediately sparked all kinds of skepticism and speculation. Was it the real letter? Was it complete? Was it authentic? Sr. Lucia Dos Santos, the oldest and only living seer, confirmed that the letter opened and revealed by Pope John Paul II was authentic. She had written her recollection of what was told to the three young children, of whom she was one, in 1943 at the request of the local bishop of Leiria, Portugal. From that time, until the year 2000, the letter remained in the archives of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

Why was it kept a secret for such a long time? Perhaps because of the questions it would raise or because of the many ways that it could be misinterpreted. Certainly, Pope John Paul II identified with the prophecy because he was shot in St. Peter’s Square, but he was not killed as the prophecy said that such a Pope would be.

The interpretation of the third secret from the Congregation of Faith presided over by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI, states that **the reading and revealing of the third secret “brings to an end a period of history marked by tragic human lust for power and evil, yet pervaded by the merciful love of God and the watchful care of the Mother of Jesus and of the church. The action of God, the Lord of History, and the co-responsibility of man in the drama of his creative freedom, are the two pillars upon which human history is built. Our Lady, who appeared at Fatima, recalls these forgotten values. She reminds us that man’s future is in God, and we are active and responsible partners in creating that future.”**

*(You can read the third secret in its entirety on the pullout of today’s bulletin.)*

Cardinal Ratzinger wrote also at the time that a careful reading of the third secret “will probably prove disappointing or surprising after all the speculation it has stirred.” **No great mystery is revealed; nor is the future revealed.** We see the Church of the martyrs of the century which has just passed represented in a scene described in a language which is symbolic and not easy to decipher. You can read the text of Cardinal Ratzinger, “The Message of Fatima” on the Vatican website (Vatican.va).

I remember well from the mid 1940’s that Our Lady of Fatima was the primary story and devotion talked about in Catholic schools and catechism classes, **instilling a great deal of anxiety and fear about Russia and Communism then, and the end of the world.** It is still remembered today by older Catholics of my generation.

As we remember the centenary of The Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima 100 years ago, we must discover a **present reminder for a deeper spirituality founded in the Gospel of Jesus, and in living authentic Christian lives, grounded in a human and spiritual solidarity with all human beings and fostered by a life-giving and real tenderness, which is the life blood of all people of good will.**

I was reared in the spiritual tradition of Our Lady of Fatima. I have visited the sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima twice. I lived among the Portuguese community of San Leandro-Hayward for 14 years. I have walked in procession in the twice-yearly candlelight celebrations on October 13 and May 13.

Our Lady of Fatima does not stand alone. She stands with Jesus her son because she is his mother. She would be the first one to thank us for paying attention to her role, which attracts us to her, but she would want us also to pay absolute and entire attention to Jesus. That is what God the Father said as well. “This is my beloved Son: Listen to Him.” That is the real message of Fatima!

There is certainly a lot going on in the world which stirs up our fears today: rhetoric from world leaders trying to win elections, North Korea’s increasing tensions in Asia, a Syrian President holding on to power, creating the greatest refugee problem in the world today, all forms of political extremism. Is the world coming to an end? It could if world leaders blow everything up and annihilate everyone and everything?

All of this can contribute to fear and anxiety. Or we follow the instincts of common sense and a living faith in God, using our freedom, goodwill and ancient faith that good triumphs over evil, to stabilize and transform the present. Perhaps Our Lady of Fatima can stimulate our spiritual and practical imaginations.

## 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 12:30 Spanish Mass	Parish Grounds
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of April 29 & 30 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$21,736

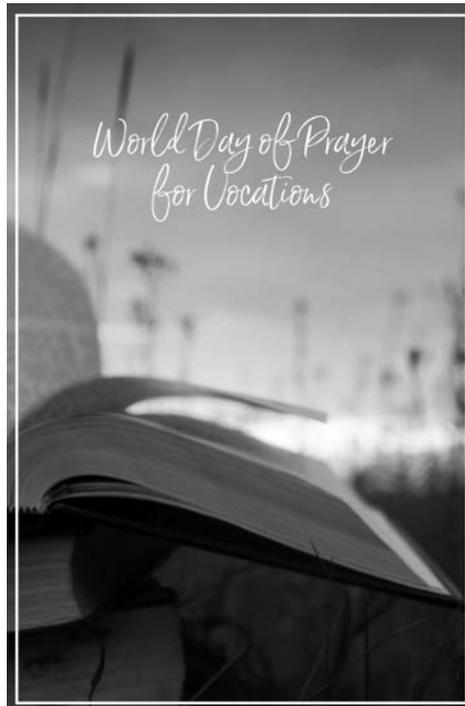
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### 2nd Collection

St. Vincent de Paul: \$5,265

Food for Family: 359

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)  
included in above figures



### PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

#### ■ 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.

### 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.

LITURGY & MUSIC

■ **NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** Tuesday, May 23 @ 4pm

*Attention parents, especially parents of children who just made their First Communion!* Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? If so, please consider signing up to join us for our next training, taking place on Tuesday, May 23rd at 4:00pm in the church. Altar Servers must be at least entering 4th grade in fall 2017 and have celebrated their First Communion. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Arteaga at [aarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aarteaga@stbonaventure.net) or by calling the parish office. Thank you for your consideration of participating in this very important liturgical ministry!



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** ACTS 11:1-18; PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; JN 10:11-18  
**TUESDAY:** ACTS 11:19-26; PS 87:1B-7; JN 10:22-30  
**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 12:24 -- 13:5A; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; JN 12:44-50  
**THURSDAY:** ACTS 13:13-25; PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; JN 13:16-20  
**FRIDAY:** ACTS 13:26-33; PS 2:6-11AB; JN 14:1-6  
**SATURDAY:** ACTS 13:44-52; PS 98:1-4; JN 14:7-14  
**SUNDAY:** ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 PT 2:4-9; JN 14:1-12

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS

■ **NEW SOUND MINISTERS NEEDED**

We need a few more Sound Ministers to help with funerals during the week, and/or our weekend Masses. Sound Ministers watch over the sound board, help set out microphones and, particularly at funerals, run the DVD player to show memorial videos and slideshows. Minimal provided training is required and anyone can do it, so please consider joining this important ministry. If you are interested, please contact Anthony at [aarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aarteaga@stbonaventure.net) or call the parish office.

■ **MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Most volunteers drive once a month, so the commitment is about 1½-2½ hours a month, beginning with a 1-hour orientation in Walnut Creek. Meals are picked up at the senior center in Concord (Baldwin Park) and delivered to clients in East Concord and Clayton. Right now, there are route openings for the 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday and the 3rd Friday. St. Bonaventure parishioners have been covering this route for the Meals on Wheels program for over 30 years! Please call Dor Neely at 925-672-6083 if you are interested or know someone who is interested.

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.

■ **PARENT ENRICHMENT**

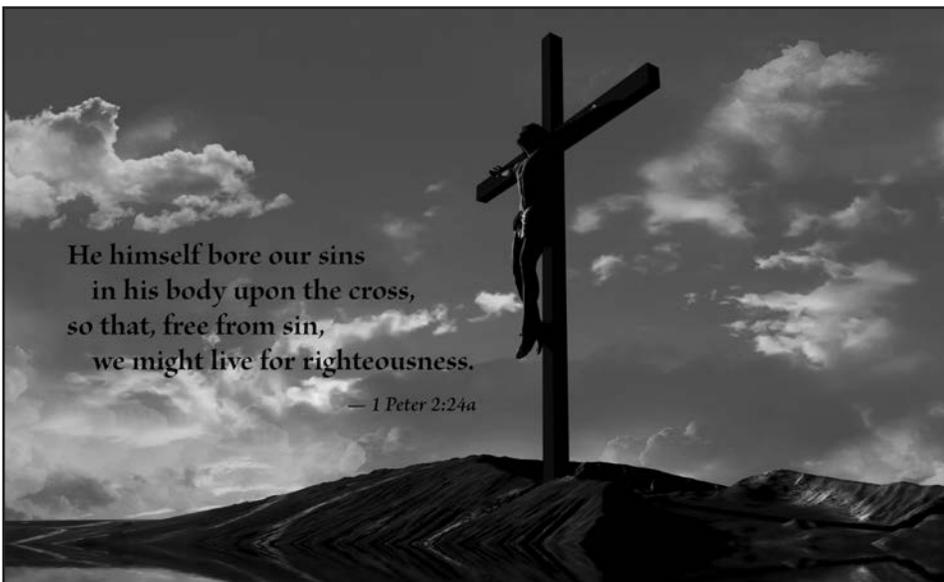
Our program year is wrapping up and the families are gathering for a potluck dinner on **Tuesday, May 9**, on the lawn behind the classrooms (in A4 if it’s raining), 6:00-7:30pm. There will be fellowship and games. Come meet some of the other families in the parish. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or [elimberg@stbonaventure.net](mailto:elimberg@stbonaventure.net)

■ **WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MAY DINNER**

Come join in the fellowship, have a great dinner, hear an amazing story and honor our mother Mary all at the same time on **Thursday, May 25 @ 6:30 PM** in the Large Hall. Our speaker will be our special friend Fr. T.C. George, SDB of the Don Bosco Renewal Centre of Bangalore, as he shares his personal relationship with the Blessed Mother and her influence in his ministry. Tickets will be \$25, and includes a catered Chicken Marsala and pasta dinner by “Bambino’s Restaurant”. Tickets will be sold online and after Masses a few weeks before the event. <http://wcfddinner.bpt.me>

He himself bore our sins  
 in his body upon the cross,  
 so that, free from sin,  
 we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a



■ **WALKING WITH GRIEF**

Healing the Heart is a ministry at St Bonaventure's Parish that "walks with" people who are grieving. There are workshop sessions, held two times a year that are six weeks long. The team of "Companions" who lead the workshops are not professional therapists but because of their own experiences they can offer support and understanding. In addition to the two six-week sessions, the Healing the Heart Ministry is offering a one-night meeting on **June 6, 2017 at 7:30 pm** in Classroom B1. This is a chance to "touch base" with the Grief Companions and others who have suffered the loss of a loved one. This meeting is open to everyone - people who have participated in the six-week program in the past and people who have not. We will have some time to share experiences, if you want to. We will have time to pray and time to extend support to one another. For more information or to register, please call Helene, 925-681-8105. That is a cell phone so you can text, too. We hope you share this invitation with your friends. Everyone is welcome.

■ **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**

■ **HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

Today is Hospitality Weekend: **May 6 & 7**. 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!

■ **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

*Thursday, May 11 at 11:30 AM* in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

Come celebrate the "specialness" of Mary, especially the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, with lunch provided by Chef Greg. We will enjoy herb-roasted pork loin, sweet potato casserole, green beans with sautéed mushrooms, fresh mixed green salad, rolls and butter. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on May 6 or 7. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ **FLORES DE MAYO: "FLOWERS OF MAY"**

Saturday, May 27, 2017 5:00 PM Mass, St. Bonaventure Church

The Filipino-American community of St. Bonaventure invites you to our annual parish celebration of Flores de Mayo, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4:00 PM – Pray the Rosary in the Large Hall

4:45 PM – Process to the church

4:55 PM – The statue of the Blessed Mother is processed to the altar, followed by those who wish to offer flowers.

5:00 PM – Mass

Members of the *Hulog ng Langit* (Gift from Heaven) choir from St. Francis of Assisi will lead us in song during the Mass.

Dinner reception will follow in the Large Hall. If you wish to help with set-up or clean-up, please call Sol Cuenco (925) 676-5905 or [solemama@yahoo.com](mailto:solemama@yahoo.com)

■ **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

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OUTSIDE PARISH

■ **ST. AGNES SCHOOL OPENINGS**

We are looking for wonderful, dedicated families to join our faith-filled community. There are still a few openings in our Kindergarten class for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the school at 925-689-3990 if you have questions, or would like a tour of the school. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website: [www.stagnesconcord.com](http://www.stagnesconcord.com). Catholic education is one of the finest gifts you can give to your children. St. Agnes School provides a safe and loving environment where your children will learn about their Catholic faith and values, as well as receive a well-rounded education.

■ **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DEFENDER TO SPEAK, MAY 9**



Alan Sears has been a major force in the struggle to preserve religious freedom in the U.S. for more than 20 years. As the co-founder of the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), Sears helped train more than 1,900 attorneys to defend freedom. He has engaged in dozens of legal battles where religious freedoms were under direct assault, including the fight against abortion insurance coverage enacted by Obamacare.

Sears will be the speaker at the Catholics@Work breakfast on Tues, May 9 at Crow Canyon Country Club (7 am to 8:15). The event is open to interested parties.

“Alan Sears is an amazingly successful leader on the front lines of the war to protect religious freedom,” says Diana Nagy, president of Catholics@Work. “Be sure to attend our May 9 breakfast. You will be motivated by his inspiring work; a model for all of us.”

Go to [www.catholicsatwork.com](http://www.catholicsatwork.com) for more information and to register.

■ **RETREAT DAY — SPIRITUALITY AND CONSCIOUS AGING: Finding Meaning and Purpose in Our Retirement Years**

On Saturday, May 13 at San Damiano Retreat Center, there will be a retreat day on spirituality and aging: *how to find meaning and purpose in your retirement years*. You will learn how to see aging as a blessing and how to use your gifts and talents in a new way. The presenter will be Jim Briggs, former Executive Director of the School of Applied Theology in Berkeley. For more information and registration go to [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call San Damiano at (925) 837-9141.

■ **CLAYTON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB'S PLANT SALE**

Saturday, May 13, 8am-2pm, 6008 Center St. Clayton (Endeavor Hall- across from the Farmer's Market)

Locally grown plants: Drought-tolerant perennials, grasses, succulents, veggies, natives and more! Plus: gently used gardening goods, books, great Mother's Day gifts, color bowls. *Free*, friendly gardening advice.

One-gallon plants: only \$5 each. Buy 5 plants, get 6<sup>th</sup> plant *free!*

Visit us at: [CLAYTONVALLEYGARDENCLUB.ORG](http://CLAYTONVALLEYGARDENCLUB.ORG).

■ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS**

St. John the Baptist de la Salle, Court 1934

Join us for a Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, May 20; 11:30am-3:30pm, St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

Tickets: \$20 includes Taco Bar

For tickets, call Sandra Blanco, 925-864-5280. Make checks payable to C.D. A. #1934, mail to 901 Hastings Dr. Concord, CA 94521. Reply no later than May 8.

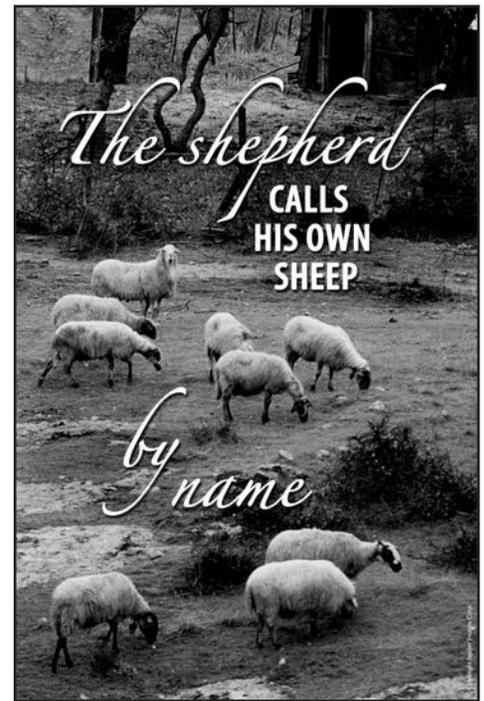


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■ **ECUMENISM AND PRO-LIFE**

North Creek Church in Walnut Creek invites St. Bonaventure parishioners to join their Walk for Life Fundraiser on Saturday, May 20 at North Creek Church in Walnut Creek. This free event, designed for the entire family, will include the Walk for Life at 10am, a bounce house and balloon animals for the children, and a delicious BBQ lunch after the Walk.

Serving our community since 1984, Options for Women is a life-affirming, non-profit organization dedicated to offering free services to men, women, and teens facing an unexpected pregnancy. As a state-licensed medical facility, Options for Women offers accurate information and support services that educate women, enabling them to make informed decisions regarding their unborn babies. Our free and confidential services include: pregnancy testing, ultrasound, limited STI screening, counseling on all options, community referrals, and a mobile clinic. We also offer “The Well,” our post abortion healing program and “Realiaaty Check,” our teen education program.



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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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## The Third Secret of Fatima

*By Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle*

"J.M.J. The third part of the secret revealed at the Cova da Iria-Fátima, on July 13, 1917.

"I write in obedience to you, my God, who commands me to do so through his Excellency the bishop of Leiria and through your Most Holy Mother and mine."

"After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated toward him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the angel cried out in a loud voice: **'Penance, Penance, Penance!'** And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it', a bishop dressed in white. 'We had the impression that it was the Holy Father.'

"Other bishops, priests, men and women religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other bishops, priests, men and women religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the cross there were two angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God."

## 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 THE 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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## MARY'S RADICAL INVITATION

*By Eileen Limberg, MA*

My Confirmation name is Bernadette. You would think it's because I knew something about her or because of her relationship to Mary. But no, I was a middle-schooler who had just been relocated here from Chicago and I didn't want to be here. I was hopelessly homesick and my "home" parish was St. Bernadette's.

Fast forward 25 years and I'm in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. My boss, an Irish Sister of Mercy, asks if I'm going to the Rosary for someone who has just passed away. My response, without really thinking, was "I don't do rosaries." There was a startled pause. I then had to clarify. I knew the prayers and the rubrics, but didn't know how to do a "group" rosary. Plus, I didn't really think I even had one at home. Within a week, Sr. Olive had given me a rosary and we were in the Chapel "doing the rosary."

A few years later I'm in grad school and one of my friends is writing her thesis on Mary. Not the Mary I was used to, but a radical Mary. And for the first time in my life, a Mary I could relate to. Don't get me wrong - I've always loved Mary. She's Jesus' mother, after all. My mom's birthday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. But I never felt connected to her. Not until that moment.

The Mary that I carry with me now grew out of that discussion. She is a young, Jewish woman of color. She's Middle Eastern. She doesn't look anything like me. She did not piously say "Yes" to God. She shouted her "Yes" knowing full well that she could be stoned if Joseph put her aside.

Mary was an activist. She knew of God's Grace and the need of it in the world. She also knew that we, his people, needed to step up and be the conduits. Read Mary's Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55. "...he has lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." (52-53)

Throughout Mary's life she advocated for others. At the Wedding at Cana, she was more concerned for the host than she was for herself. She didn't ask, but told Jesus to take care of things. Mary was with the apostles in the upper room, praying. She was there at Pentecost. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and tasked to spread the Word throughout the world.

Mary continues to be the conduit through which God's wish for the world is shown to us. By following her radical invitation to engage with and help those in need, we grow closer to God. We work to make this his Kingdom on earth.

**Reflecting on my chosen Confirmation name, I have to say "I grew into the name." The Holy Spirit truly does work in mysterious ways.**

### WHAT I LEARNED FROM OUR LADY OF FATIMA

*By Joy Maloles- Keehn*

It was in a neighborhood "Rosary group" when I first met Mama Mary. As a teenager, I did not think much of it. But as the years went by that initial relationship bloomed.

As a young girl, I learned that my identity, above all things, is that "I am the Beloved Daughter of God" and if I truly

believe that... then my ways need to reflect that truth. Looking for role models who can teach me how to behave in that manner became a challenge. I realized I did not have to look far because Mama Mary will show me the way. Even today, she teaches me:

- to ponder before I speak
- to look at things with spiritual eyes, always asking the question: "What is God doing in this situation?"

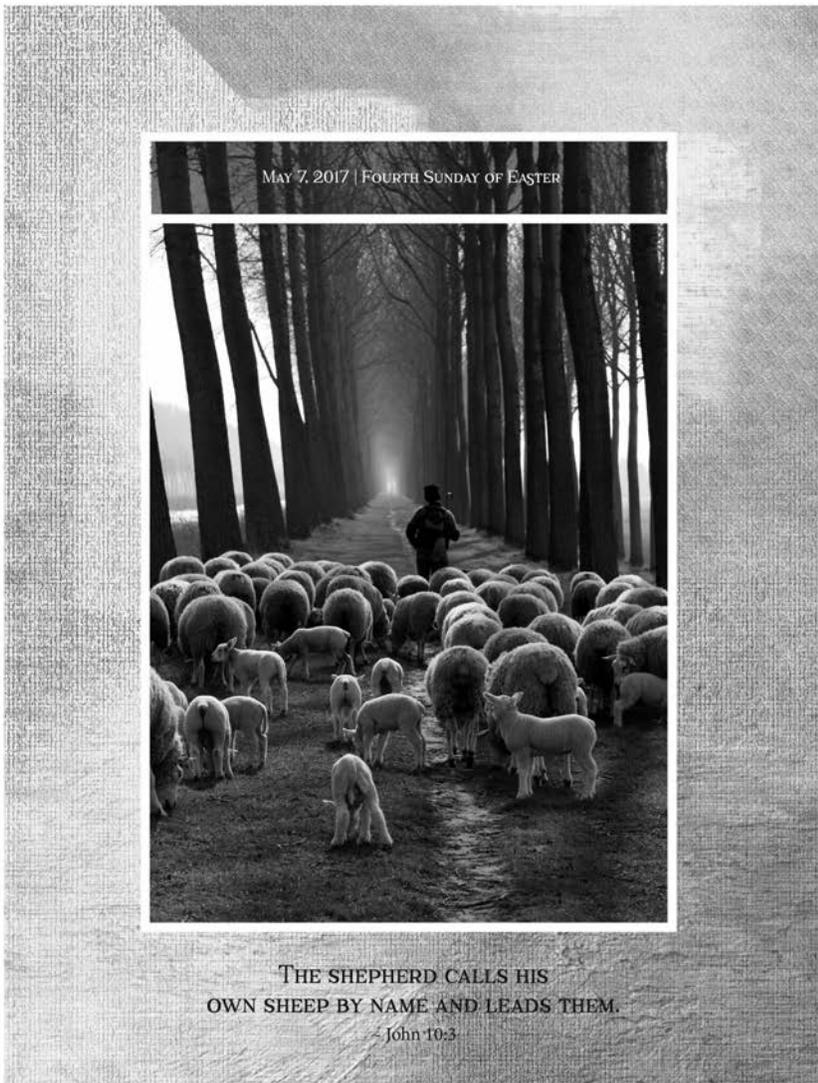
- to be kind when I speak the truth
- to believe even if I do not fully understand
- to forgive even if they have not asked for forgiveness
- and more importantly, to learn to obey and trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit in my life.

Challenging... oh **yes!** It is a work in progress... but I trust her to help me through.

# Mass Intentions For The Week



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MAY 7, 2017 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS  
OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM.

— John 10:3

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## SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 5:00 Antonio M. Estrada  
Mary Ackerman  
Angelo Dimech  
Souls in Purgatory

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

- 7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Gladys de Guzman  
Margaret & Raymond Mangini  
Coty Martinez  
Arthur Perkinson
- 11:00 Elena Z. Villanueva  
Anthony Le  
Tony Russo  
Desmond Lea
- 5:00 Henry Alumia  
Louis Gioffredi  
Josefina S. De Dios  
Philip Balmaseda

## MONDAY, MAY 8

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Ricardo Tiongson  
Joy Barden  
Monahan-Burton Family  
Ketty Nemitz

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 6:30 William M. Jordan
- 9:00 Grace Ebarvia  
Ketty Nemitz

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Communion Service

## THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul Families
- 9:00 Citas Reyes  
Mamerto & Lauro Lao  
Ketty Nemitz

## FRIDAY, MAY 12

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Lloyd & Barbara Craft  
James & Leilani Tadeo  
Vidal V. Crescencio  
Ricardo Lopez

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 5:00 Pat O'Brien  
Julieta Yanga  
Robert Uy  
Paz and Portia Marquez



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## SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

TIRSO DE GUZMAN  
May 6 – May 12, 2017



Pray  
For

Peggy Sullivan  
Lil Fichtenkort

## ■ EL MUNDO NO TERMINA EL 13 DE MAYO

Yo pienso y con certeza y puedo decir con un 99% **que el mundo no se va acabar la semana que viene, el 13 de Mayo en el centenario de la aparición de la Virgen de Fátima.** ¿Quién está corriendo la voz profética, que va a suceder?

La semana pasada un feligrés me llamó por teléfono llorando en voz alta que de alguna manera debido a los Rusos que están metiendo el miedo, las advertencias de Fátima y su tercer secreto que aún deben cumplirse, que el mundo se va acabar. La persona estaba con mucho pánico.

Ella es una católica que, evidentemente, ha estado escuchando algunos intérpretes autoproclamados que **la visión del tercer secreto está a punto de cumplirse.** Hay un excelente artículo de tres páginas en la edición de San Antonio el Mensajero sobre el tercer secreto de Fátima y de la importancia de comprenderlo en el contexto del principio de 1900's

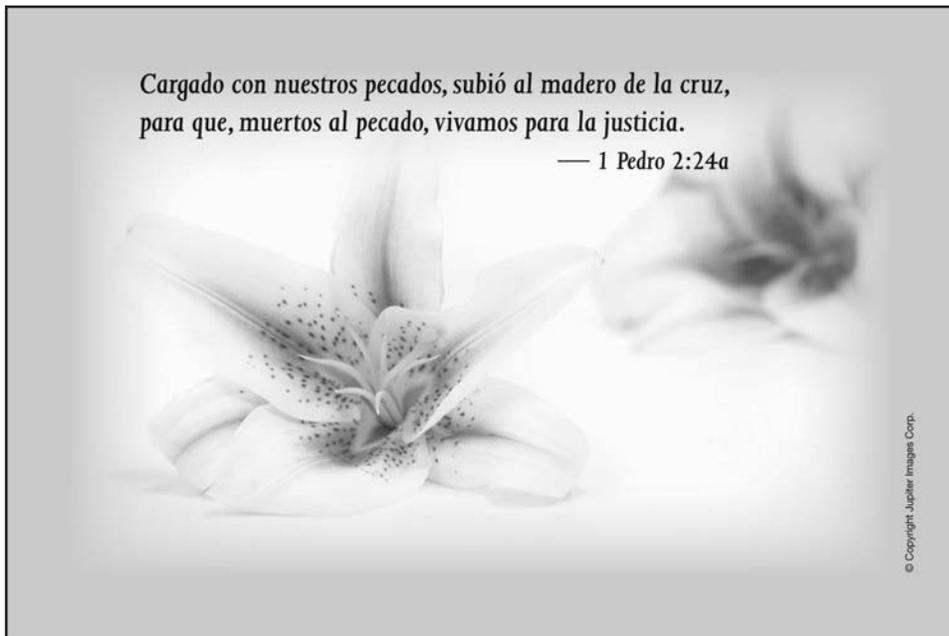
En lugar de retorcerse las manos con la palabra que el mundo se va acabar, **tenemos que recordar las cosas simples que María la madre de Jesús dice cada vez que se aparece en cualquier lugar: siempre hay una “exhortación a orar como el camino de la salvación de las almas y del mismo modo; el llamado a la penitencia y a la conversión.”** (El Tercer Secreto de Fátima por Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle)

San Juan Pablo II reveló el tercer secreto el 13 de Mayo de 2000, hace 17 años, lo que provocó de inmediato todo tipo de duda y especulación. ¿Era la carta de verdad? ¿Era completa? ¿Era auténtica? Sor Lucía Dos Santos, la mayor de los que la vieron, confirmó que la carta abierta y revelada por el Papa Juan Pablo II era auténtica. Ella escribió su recolección de lo que se les dijo a los tres niños pequeños, ella era una de ellos, en 1943 a petición del obispo local de Leiria, Portugal. Desde ese tiempo hasta el año 2000, la carta se mantuvo en los archivos de la Congregación para la Doctrina de la fe.

¿Por qué se mantuvo en secreto tanto tiempo? Tal vez debido a las preguntas que ocasionaría en el mundo o quizás por

**Cargado con nuestros pecados, subió al madero de la cruz, para que, muertos al pecado, vivamos para la justicia.**

— 1 Pedro 2:24a



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las malas interpretaciones. Ciertamente, el Papa Juan Pablo II identificó la profecía cuando le dispararon en la plaza de San Pedro, pero no lo mataron como la profecía decía que a un Papa le pasaría.

La interpretación del tercer secreto de la Congregación de la Fe, presidida por el Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, futuro Papa Benedicto XVI, establece que **la lectura y la revelación del tercer secreto “pone fin a un periodo de la historia marcada por la trágica voluntad humana de poder y mal, pero impregnada del amor misericordioso de Dios y el cuidado estricto de la Madre de Jesús y de la iglesia. La acción de Dios, el Señor de la historia, y la co-responsabilidad del hombre en el drama de su libertad creativa, son los pilares sobre los que se construye la historia humana. Nuestra Señora que se apareció en Fátima, recuerda estos valores olvidados. Ella nos recuerda que el futuro del hombre está en Dios y somos socios activos y responsables en la creación de ese futuro.**

(Ustedes pueden leer el tercer secreto en su totalidad en una de las páginas del boletín de hoy.)

El Cardinal Ratzinger escribió también en ese tiempo, que después de una lectura cuidadosa del tercer secreto “probablemente desilusionado

o asombrado después de todas las especulaciones que se han hecho.” **No es un gran misterio el que se ha revelado; ni tampoco el futuro se ha revelado.** Vemos la iglesia de los mártires del siglo que acaba de pasar representada en una escena descrita en un lenguaje que es simbólico pero difícil de describir. Ustedes pueden leer el texto del Cardenal Ratzinger, “El Mensaje de Fátima” en el sitio web del Vaticano (Vatican.va).

Recuerdo bien que a mediados de la década de 1940 la Virgen de Fátima fue la historia principal y devoción que se hablaba en las escuelas católicas y en las clases de catecismo **inculcando una gran ansiedad y temor acerca de Rusia, el Comunismo y el fin del mundo.** Todavía es recordado por la generación de católicos mayores de mi edad.

Al recordar el centenario de la Bendita Virgen Maria de Fátima, debemos descubrir **una espiritualidad más profunda encontrada en el Evangelio de Jesús y la vida auténtica cristiana basada en una solidaridad humana y espiritual con todos los seres humanos y fomentado por un dador de vida con verdadera ternura que es la sangre de la vida de todas las personas de buena voluntad.**

Me crie en la tradición espiritual de la Virgen de Fátima. He visitado el santuario de la Virgen de Fátima en dos ocasiones. Viví entre la comunidad Portuguesa de San Leandro-Hayward durante 14 años. He caminado en procesión con velas en las dos celebraciones anuales, el 13 de Mayo y el 13 de Octubre.

La Virgen de Fátima no está sola. Ella se encuentra con Jesús su hijo porque ella es su madre. Ella sería la primera en darnos las gracias por prestar atención a su papel que nos atrae a ella, pero ella quiere también que nosotros demos absoluta atención a Jesús. Eso es lo que Dios el Padre dijo también. “Este es mi Hijo amado: escúchenlo.” ¡Ese es el verdadero mensaje de Fátima!

Sin duda hoy está pasando mucho en el mundo que despierta nuestros temores: La retórica de los líderes mundiales tratando de ganar las elecciones, Corea del Norte aumentando las tensiones en Asia, el Presidente de Siria que se mantiene en el poder creando el problema de los refugiados en el mundo, todas las formas de la política extrema. ¿Está el mundo llegando a su fin? Podría si los líderes mundiales vuelan todo y nos aniquilan a todos.

Todo esto puede contribuir al miedo y la ansiedad. O seguimos nuestros instintos del sentido común y vivir con fe en Dios, usando nuestra libertad, la buena voluntad, la fe antigua de que el bien triunfa sobre el mal para estabilizar y transformar el presente. Tal vez la Virgen de Fátima pueda estimular nuestra imaginación y prácticas espirituales.

**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 encontrara el horario de nuestras celebraciones y recuerdos. Padre T.C. George de India será nuestro invitado proclamador.

*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 llevaran 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.*

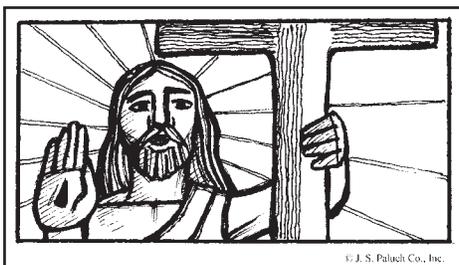
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Domingo, Junio 11	2pm	Celebración de la Comunidad Hispana <i>*Después de la Misa de 12:30pm</i>	Jardines de la Parroquia
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia <i>Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación Del Padre Ricardo</i>	<b>VENDIDO</b>
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción <i>Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia</i>	Iglesia

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