

**“If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”**

— Matthew 18:19



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September 10, 2017 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 de septiembre de 2017 Vigésimo Tercer del Tiempo Ordinario

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/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes : 6:30 AM &
9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.
This requires two months preparation

*En Español: 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

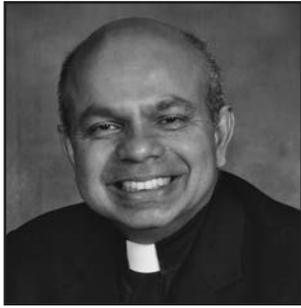
In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*



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. MAT



EXPERIENCE SYNERGY

The common theme of today's readings is God's command concerning spiritual responsibility and our individual accountability for others in our families, parishes and community, which arises from our identity as God's children, and hence as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are, therefore, the "keepers" of our brothers and sisters, with the painful responsibility of lovingly and prudently correcting our erring brothers and sisters. This individual responsibility in a Christian society includes fraternal correction of other members and our obligation to forgive our offenders and to ask forgiveness from others for our offenses.

In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "watchman for the house of Israel," obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word intended to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked.

In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also with correction and counsel for an erring brother or sister who has damaged the community by his or her public sin. If the erring one refuses a one-on-one loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people:

first, "one or two others," and eventually "the Church." Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community.

Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others. Have we offered advice and encouragement to our friends and neighbors and coworkers when it was needed, and loving correction in private for a personal offense where that was possible?

Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. One in Christ, our community can use God's power to make His healing, life-giving love more effective among His people.

DRIVE-THRU PRAYER

A drive-through, or drive-thru, is a type of service provided by a business that allows customers to purchase products without leaving their cars. Today there are banking services at a drive-through bank, coffee at a drive-through coffee shop, food or drink at a drive-through restaurant, etc. The success of these can be attributed to two facts: first, customers don't have to leave the comfort of their cars; second, the service is fast. We would like to replicate this model at the church for busy people and for those who are not churched.

There are lots of people who want to turn to God while in crisis. When someone has lost a job, one has just found out that he or she or a dear one is suffering from terminal illness, or someone close to him or her has just died, they seek God. But they do not know what to do or where to go. Here at St. Bonaventure Church, we want to provide a nice welcoming place where people can find

God and solace in the comfort of their cars. Hence, we are organizing Drive-Thru Prayer.

The plan is to have four or five volunteers available to pray for people from Monday to Friday, from 5 p.m. to 6 pm, at the church parking lot. Each volunteer will serve only for an hour per week. When someone drives in, the volunteers will go to their car and pray with them, for their intentions, for a few minutes, and at the end give them a prayer card that has our Mass schedule. At this time, we are looking for about 25 volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this new ministry, please sign up by contacting me. No prior experience is required. I will train the volunteers in offering spontaneous prayers.

Once we have about 25 volunteers, they will be trained and a schedule will be drawn up. Thereafter, we will do a lot of publicity so that parishioners and non-Catholics will come to know of this new service at St. Bonaventure Church. We would like to launch this ministry sometime in October.

It is about three years since I started this ministry in Holy Spirit Church, Fremont. It is thriving there and many have profited from this out-reach. The prayer ministers have told me that it is they who have benefited more from the experience of praying for others. If this ministry is for you please send an email to me at mvellankal@stbonaventure.net or call the parish office at (925)672-5800.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

A TRAVEL LOG FROM FR. RICHARD

Well, he disappeared! I am halfway through my retirement holiday in Lucca, Italy, which is home base. I have rented an old 200-year-old home attached to other houses of the same age in the small town of Quamo, a couple of miles outside the old walled city. It is a three-story complex with a rental unit below. My sister, Karen, and my cousin, Martha, came for the first month and returned on August.10.

While I came to rest, I also came to become familiar with northern Tuscany. So we started to drive about into the old hillside cities from the medieval ages,

from the 11th-century forward: Pienza, Cortona, Montecatini Alto, Volterra, San Gimignano, San Miniato, Colle di Valdelsa. We even took a day to cross Italy by train to Ravenna, to look again at the old Romanesque churches and mosaics from the 5th and 6th centuries. And I went with Don Claudio, the son of the owner of the house, who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Lucca, and also its administrator and treasurer, to Parma. Parma is famous for its prosciutto, Italian style jam, and its parmigiana cheese. Besides that, it possesses one of the most beautifully painted cathedral interiors. Italy calls all its cathedrals “Il Duomo,” which comes from the Latin word for a house, “domus,” the principal house of God, where the bishop resides.

Several days interruption. Went to see Napoli, one of Italy’s oldest and largest cities, three million plus population. I have a cousin, Ross Hoblitzell, who lives there with his Italian wife. She is a native of Pozzouli, Napoli. Here is where a tourist really encounters Greek and Roman substrata. Modern Naples sits over the strata of other cities that go back 2300 years. They are presently building a new Metro station, and in doing so have discovered five Roman naval ships going back to the first century. As culture grew and changed and rebuilt, other strata appeared. The word Naples comes from the Latin “Neapolis,” which means “new city,” sometime before the first century.

Naples is becoming increasingly a place to visit. It is no longer haunted by Italian mafia, the “chomoros.” Huge old palazzos, hundreds of years old, were built right besides each other. Turned into apartments many years ago, many neighbors can stretch across the street five stories up and shake hands with each other.

Back to the first storyline. One of the highlights of the trip has been the tour of the caves of the Carrara marbles, the Puccinni opera Turandot at Torre del Lago, a beautiful natural lake with an amphitheater that honors the work of that famous Italian opera writer. The opera began at 9:30pm and ended at 1:00am. Also, the day’s boat ride out to admire the Cinque Terre, a viewpoint from the sea and a stop at Porto Venere and Monterrosa.

Now the visitors are arriving: my nephew Jim and his wife, Sandy. They did Rome first and then came to Lucca. I am on the train now going south to Napoli for a few days to visit my cousin Ross Hoblitzell and his Italian wife, Rosa. Next, Dave and Susan Gregoire show up for a few days before my grandniece, Holle and her husband, Raul, show up for a week. Another cousin, Michele and her friend, show up for the same week.

Will get back to you when I have time. That may not mean that I am on the go. I also work at being lazy.

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING AND CAN SING?



Children from Grades 1 through 6 are welcome to join. Rehearsals are every Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10am at the St. Bonaventure Music Room, behind the church. To join the Choir, send in a form by going to www.tbonaventure.net/heavenly-harmony-choir and click on the form.

Contact Barbara Wolpman at bjwolpman@gmail.com 925-465-4468 or Arlene Cerda at arlene.cerda@gmail.com if you have questions.



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of September 3 & 4 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$27,653
Over: \$2,213

2nd Collection
Facilities Improvement Savings: \$3,429

Food for Family: 192
EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures

2ND COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

Over the past days, all of us have been following the historic flooding in southeast Texas. Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Standing with our brothers and sisters in this time of need, we have scheduled a 2nd Collection the weekend of September 16 & 17.

We will be sending these funds to Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Your gifts will help to rebuild and heal.

We are also set up to take your donation electronically. You find the link on the front page of our parish web site: www.tbonaventure.net.

Parish Registration Drive Weekend



Sept. 16 and 17, 2017



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

MONDAY: COL 1:24 -- 2:3; PS 62:6-7, 9; LK 6:6-11

TUESDAY: COL 2:6-15; PS 145:1B-2, 8-11; LK 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY: COL 3:1-11; PS 145:2-3, 10-13AB; LK 6:20-26

THURSDAY: NM 21:4B-9; PS 78:1BC-2, 34-38; PHIL 2:6-11; JN 3:13-17

FRIDAY: 1 TM 1:1-2, 12-14; PS 16:1B-2A, 5, 7-8, 11; JN 19:25-27 OR LK 2:33-35

SATURDAY: 1 TM 1:15-17; PS 113:1B-7; LK 6:43-49

SUNDAY: SIR 27:30 -- 28:9; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35

LITURGY & PRAYER

MASSES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We will continue to celebrate the Centennial Year of Our Lady of Fatima with a special monthly Mass from August thru October this year. The Mass will be on the 13th of each month. Masses will be in the chapel at 7pm. You are all welcome to join us.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Have you ever wondered where the children go during the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

During the 9AM Sunday Mass, children in grades 1-5 are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special opportunity for the children to hear the Word of God in an engaging and inspiring way. The Presider will invite the children into the center aisle, prior to the First Reading, where they are met by a catechist. Father will invite the congregation

to pray over the children so that their ears, eyes, and hearts are open to the Word of God. The catechist then directs the children into the Chapel for an engaging session of the Gospel story of the day. The Word comes alive for the children through role plays, stories, and discussions of the message that Jesus gives us and how to live that message in our daily lives. The children will then return to the Church assembly before the Presentation of Gifts. There is no cost to participate and all children in Grades 1 through 5 are welcome!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Bonaventure's religious education classes will begin the week of September 24. Our faith formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and kindergarten and continue through high school.

We offer a Sunday morning program for pre-school age 4 and kindergarten-age children that meets during the 9am Mass. This program is designed to share stories from the Bible and to engage the youngest of our community to grow in their faith with interactive activities.

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade. The Jr. High program meets on Thursday from 7-8:30pm. Confirmation/High School meets on Sunday. Each grade builds on the child's faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus' life and teachings. We will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become whom Jesus wants us to be.

We will meet your child wherever they are in their faith journey with class offerings for Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. We also have Sacramental Preparation classes that are taught in Spanish.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes has begun. You are able to register in the church office from the hours of 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday (we are closed from 12:30-1:30pm daily). Registration forms

are available in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration. We will also have registration on Sunday, September 10 from 9am to 6pm in classroom A-1.

We look forward to having your child in our Faith Formation Programs!

LIFE AND JUSTICE

THE CA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS SUPPORTS SB 54

(California Values Act). Statement from August 23, 2017

In the nation today, some are displacing trust and cooperation with fear and hatred. In our estimation, the majority of Californians, as well as the nation, desire rather to build a society where there is liberty and justice for all. SB 54 is attempting to address this situation directly as it grapples with the injustice of indiscriminant deportations while assuring public safety for all our families and neighborhoods.

"It is important," says Pope Francis, "to view migrants not only on the basis of their status as regular or irregular, but above all as people whose dignity is to be protected and who are capable of contributing to progress and the general welfare."

Many of us know someone -- a vulnerable family member, a neighbor or, even a parent or child -- who has been deported after years of living in and contributing to our communities. Our families and neighborhoods are being ripped apart by aggressive deportation directives.

We also know people who have been victims of violent crimes, particularly associated with drugs and gangs. All members of our community must be able to turn to law enforcement when their safety is threatened, else the damage they suffer will be compounded and those responsible for the crimes will escape accountability. Local law enforcement must be able to use their limited resources to be good neighbors as well as watchful protectors of the communities entrusted to their care.

The unfair and fragmented immigration system is broken and threatens the public good. Over this past year fear and resentment has been sown in many homes, schools and neighborhoods. Local law enforcement should not collude with this harsh, ill-conceived tactic. Immigrant families are not the threat. Their health and welfare should not be threatened. Too many industrious immigrants suffer under the dual scourge of a broken immigration system and inadequate local policing. As a result, they are lost on the margins, left even more vulnerable to exploitive crimes because their lives are not valued by some in our political community.

SB 54 is threading the prudent path between respect for human dignity and sensible community-policing, while resisting a brutish nativist polemic heard in some quarters. Crafting liberty and justice for all in the current climate is not an easy task, but California has taken it on with the ongoing debate surrounding SB 54. It is a daunting process but as Californians and people of good will, we should remind ourselves of the timely national wisdom: *E pluribus unum*, out of the many one.

HELP SEND YOUR SISTER PARISHIONERS BACK TO PRISON

I was in prison and you visited me. (Mt 25:36)

Please join Kairos Prison Ministry in October when we visit Jesus at the Federal women's prison in Dublin, California. Share with us in the healing of shattered lives through the power of God's forgiveness and love. You do not need to enter the prison to come with us. You can join us without ever leaving the comfort of your home.

We have witnessed incredible healing and love in a place where one might not expect to encounter such wonders. Statistically, prisoners who attend a Kairos weekend and continue to participate afterward are less likely to return to prison than those in the general prison population. But statistics can't begin to describe the power of God's love, shattering walls of pain, fear, and anguish.

Six women from St. Bonaventure are part of the Kairos team preparing for the October Weekend at FCI Dublin. We cannot do it without you. Will you join us in bringing Christ's healing light into a place of immense darkness?

We ask you to answer Jesus' call to visit him in prison through your prayers for the participants. We also ask for your financial support to make this Weekend possible. Any amount will be a blessing. Your prayers and support lift up these women who may have been discarded by society, but still have dignity in the eyes of God.

Kairos volunteers will be outside after Mass on September 9th and 10th. Please stop by our table to sign up to pray, make a "hand of love," or donate a spiritual meal ticket for a participant. Pick up a prayer poster for your prayer group, Scout troop, or other organization to sign. If you miss us or would like more information about this life-changing ministry, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@gmail.com. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation will be in January/February at the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested will **begin October 16**. We will meet Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm until December 18. Each candidate must:

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

If you are interested, please contact Eileen (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Registration requested by October 1.

MOMS' GROUP

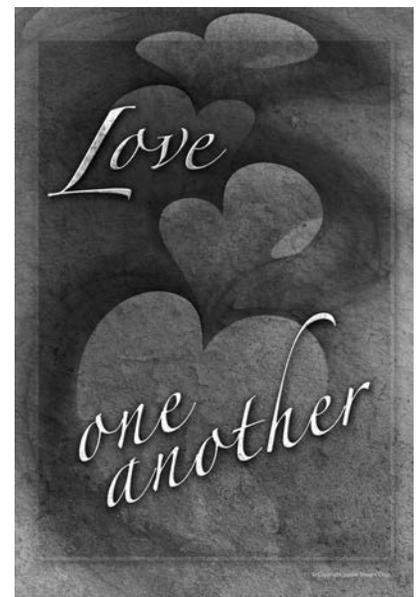
An invitation to all parish moms (and children!) Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our next meeting will be on October 4.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

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 learn about some of these "pivotal players."

- On Aug 28/29 and Sep 11/12, Christa Fairfield will share the life of GK Chesterton.
- On Sep 18/19 and Sep 25/26 we will explore the art of Michelangelo.

Classrooms and times: Monday afternoon in A1 (1:00-2:30pm) or Tuesday evening in A4 (7:00-8:30pm). Please sign up in the parish office or call Eileen so we have enough resources. There is no charge.





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HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, we'd like to invite you to attend the **Healing the Heart** workshop. It provides a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one. The loss may have been a recent one or a long time ago. The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. It is a Christ-centered program, but you do not have to be a member of St. Bonaventure's parish or a Catholic to attend.

The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening September 19, 2017 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Bonaventure Church. The workshop is free, but registration is required by September 10, 2017. Please call Helene Billeci at ☎ (925) 686-4870 for more information and to register.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Summer is here!! Do you want to find a nice cool air-conditioned haven of peace and quiet? Join us for Contemplative Prayer 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Discover how to more easily love one another by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. Our next weekend will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville from September 29- October 1st. Space is **very** limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ ☎ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ ☎ 925.680.7767 now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org



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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Today is Hospitality Weekend: **September 9 & 10.**

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

The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person. We'll be celebrating Mexican Independence Day. La Tapatia Restaurant will provide chips & salsa, chicken enchiladas, rice & beans and a make-your-own beef or chicken taco bar. As always, lunch includes dessert, wine, beer, water and soda. Please make reservations by Monday September 11 by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on September 9 and 10. Adults of all ages are welcome!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2017)

Our group still needs donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation home to offer for a week, want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate. Or maybe a wine donation for the wine pull, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this wonderful fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. All donations are tax deductible. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (925.693.0457). All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

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

OUTSIDE PARISH

SAN DAMIANO'S ANNUAL AUCTION

What are you doing September 17? Join us for San Damiano's annual auction and enjoy a delicious luau meal and entertainment. Tickets are available at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141 x315. Cost is \$75 per person. 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Mahalo!

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 LUIS SAUL VILLALBA
 September 9 – September 15 , 2017



Pray For

All Priests and Seminarians

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Court 1934

Wine Tasting Fundraiser- Sunday, October 8, 2-4pm. Viano's Winery, 150 Morello Avenue, Martinez. Cost \$20 per person, includes wine-tasting, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. There will be a raffle. For tickets contact Sandra Blanco at 925-864-5280.

BIRTHRIGHT DINNER

You are invited to our *Celebrate Life Dinner & Fundraiser* for the Birthright of Walnut Creek/Concord Pregnancy Support Center

(Birthright provides counseling, maternity and baby items for those in need, free of charge. Last year we served over 300 women.)

When: **Saturday, October 14**, 5:30 pm social, 6:15 pm dinner

Where **St. Mary Church, 1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek**

Featured speaker: Josh Burger, a popular and inspiring Pro-Life speaker, whose family has been deeply involved in the Valley Pregnancy Center in Pleasanton, will share his life experience, which has included physical and medical challenges. He speaks to hundreds of people across the country with humor and insight about the incredible gift of life.

Delicious BBQ chicken dinner, silent and live auction, and live music.

Reservations: Early Bird: \$40 for adults/teens by Sep 29, \$50 after. Youth ages 5 to 12, \$20. Under 5 free. Tables of 8, \$300. To register: Call (925) 798-7227 or online at: <http://birthright-dinner.eventbrite.com>. Deadline: Oct 6. . No tickets sold at the door.

MASS INTENTIONS
 ✝ FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 Tony Ignacio
 All Souls in Purgatory
 Paz and Gen Marquez
 Paul Johnson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 Lawrence Keehn
 Elisa Datu
 Mary & Jose Cua
 Brigid Rehme
 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 11:00 Felicidad Crescencio
 Dina Barata
 Gigi Picazo
 Lillian Figueredo
 5:00 Howard Payne
 Elsa Aguilan
 Rosa Urizarde de Rincon
 Rafael Jose Rincon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30 Safety and guidance of all children
 All Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Safety of all military personnel
 Francisco Molina
 Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Ang, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Cua Hay Sem

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:30 Jaime & Glen Powers
 9:00 Amy Martinez
 William M. Jordan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 Pastoral Staff
 Marcela Leon & Corey Freedman
 9:00 All Ministry Leaders

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 For all the unemployed
 9:00 Mercy Rocio Villalba
 Calvin Fong
 Rosemarie Hornsby

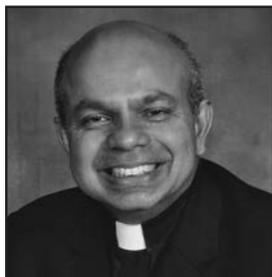
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 World Peace
 9:00 Aidita Crescencio
 Rosemarie Hornsby

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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PENSAMIENTO DE PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL



LA EXPERIENCIA DE TRABAJAR JUNTOS

El tema común de las lecturas de hoy es el mandamiento de Dios con respecto a la responsabilidad espiritual y nuestra responsabilidad individual en nuestro hogar y la comunidad, que se eleva a partir de nuestra identidad como hijos de Dios y por lo tanto como hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Somos los “guardianes” de nuestros hermanos y hermanas con la dolorosa responsabilidad de corregir con amor y prudencia a nuestros hermanos y hermanas errantes. Esta responsabilidad individual en una sociedad cristiana incluye la corrección fraterna de otros miembros y nuestra obligación de perdonar a nuestros ofensores y pedir perdón a otros por nuestras ofensas.

En la primera lectura, Dios le dice a Ezequiel que él es un “centinela de la casa de Israel,” obligado a advertir a Israel de los peligros morales. Dios hará a Ezequiel responsable de la muerte de los malvados si él se limita a hablar de la palabra de Dios y la intención de convertir a los malvados.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo señala que el amor que tiene el uno al otro debe ser nuestra única razón para amonestar y corregir al pecador. El amor busca el bien de la persona amada. Por lo tanto, debemos advertirnos los unos a otros para que todos podamos arrepentirnos y crecer en santidad.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús enseña que la verdadera caridad cristiana obliga a un cristiano no solo ayudar a sus vecinos en sus necesidades temporales y espirituales con ayuda material y oración, sino también con la corrección y el asesor jurídico de un hermano errante o hermana que ha dañado la comunidad por su pecado público. Si

el que reprende se niega a una corrección amorosa de uno- a-uno por la parte ofendida, entonces el cristiano debe tratar de involucrar a más personas: en primer lugar “uno ó dos más” y finalmente la “iglesia.” Por último Jesús menciona la eficacia de la oración en la comunidad para la solución de tales problemas porque Cristo está presente en la oración de la comunidad cristiana.

Los creyentes modernos piensan que no tienen derecho a intervenir en la vida privada de sus hermanos en la fe. Otros evaden el tema diciendo: “Como pecador no tengo el valor moral o derecho de corregir a ninguna persona.” Pero Jesús afirma enfáticamente que somos guardianes de nuestros hermanos y tenemos la obligación de corregir a los demás. ¿Hemos ofrecido asesoramiento y estímulo a nuestros amigos, vecinos, compañeros de trabajo y la corrección amorosa en privado por una ofensa personal cuando ha sido necesario?

El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda lo bien que podemos hacerlo juntos y cómo podemos hacerlo. Jesús dice: “Donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos.”

El Espíritu santo guía cuando algún grupo de nosotros se reúne y trabaja. Hoy, Jesús deja claro lo importante que somos, el uno al otro. Uno en Cristo, nuestra comunidad puede usar el poder de Dios para hacer su curación, amor que da la vida más eficaz entre su pueblo.



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HORARIO DE OFICINA PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

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 Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm
 Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm
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REFLEXION DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



CORREGIR POR AMOR

En Cristo somos una gran familia. Todos somos hijos e hijas de un mismo Padre que nos ha creado a su imagen y semejanza. De tal manera que todos estamos unidos, en ese vínculo de amor divino del Padre, y estamos llamados a velar por nuestros hermanos y hermanas. En la Primera Lectura del profeta Ezequiel, Dios dice: **“si yo pronuncio sentencia de muerte contra un hombre, porque es malvado, y tú no lo amonestas para que se aparte del mal camino, el malvado morirá por su culpa, pero yo te pediré a ti cuentas de su vida. En cambio, si tú lo amonestas para que deje su mal camino y él no lo deja, morirá por su culpa, pero tú habrás salvado tu vida.”** El Señor nos está haciendo una invitación a cada uno de nosotros, como sus hijos e hijas, a corregir a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuyas acciones y manera de vivir no es la correcta a los ojos de Dios.

No podemos pasar desapercibidos si nuestros hermanos y hermanas están viviendo y actuando contra los mandamientos de Dios. No podemos seguir caminando si estamos viendo que nuestros hermanos están viviendo en pecado. Al contrario, Dios nos envía a que dialoguemos y amonestemos a aquellos que están actuando en contra de los mandamientos. No podemos quedarnos con los brazos cruzados, esperando a que ellos cambien por sí solos, tenemos que ir y arrancarles la venda de los ojos para que se den cuenta de que sus acciones están llevando a la destrucción a otros o que están lastimando a otros que son sus hermanos en Cristo. Estamos llamados a ayudar con amor a nuestros hermanos, para que ellos se aparten del mal camino. Si ellos no se apartan, morirán por su culpa, pero si tú los amonestas morirán por su culpa y tú habrás salvado tu vida. Al final de nuestra vida Dios nos pedirá cuenta si corregimos a nuestros hermanos. Corregir es doloroso

y como hijos, todos tendremos memorias de nuestros padres que nos han corregido por nuestro bien. Muchas veces corregir fue una expresión de superioridad, de control, enojo, pero fue hecho por amor. Si amamos a alguien, el mismo amor nos corrige y muchas veces sin necesidad de pronunciar una palabra. Si no amamos a las personas, no vamos a intentar corregirlas, pero estamos invitados a corregirnos todos con amor. San Pablo en la Segunda Lectura a los Romanos nos recuerda “amaras a tu prójimo como a ti mismo, pues quien ama a su prójimo no le causa daño a nadie”. Estamos llamados a amarnos sin diferencias en nuestra vida.

El amor prevalece ante cualquier circunstancia en nuestra vida. El amor es la clave para vivir en armonía en la familia y en la sociedad. De tal manera que debemos de hacer florecer el amor en el corazón de nuestras familias para que transmitamos ese amor a los demás. Jesús dice en el Evangelio “si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas”. Estas palabras se aplican a padres de familia, y a cada ser humano a amonestar cuando vemos una injusticia. En algunos casos los padres de familia se dan cuenta de las acciones de los hijos y deben amonestarlos para que se aparten del mal. Sin embargo, muchos de los padres niegan y cubren las faltas de los hijos. Tal vez, los padres se hayan incapaces de amonestar a sus hijos, pero Jesús nos dice “*si no te hace caso, hazte acompañar de una o dos personas, para que todo lo que diga conste por boca de dos o tres testigos*”. Si nos damos cuenta de la realidad de nuestra sociedad, a nivel mundial hay un virus afectando directamente el corazón del ser humano. Es un virus de odio, rencor, violencia, indiferencia, ira, que no permite que Jesús transforme la manera de actuar y de vivir de muchos hombres y mujeres. La invitación es que corrijamos con amor a quien está en mal camino y destruyamos el virus del enojo, coraje, envidia y rencor que está destruyendo el corazón del ser humano.

**Fin de Semana para la
 Registración Parroquial**



Sept. 16 y 17, 2017

CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Las personas mayores de 20 años que deseen confirmarse favor dirigirse a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas para registrarse y/o recibir información. El programa empieza en Octubre y la confirmación es en Enero en la Catedral de la Luz en Oakland. Además de la información personal, es importante tener los certificados de Bautizo y de Primera Comunión.

CATECUMENOS

Estamos invitando a los jóvenes mayores de 18 años y a los adultos que no hayan sido Bautizados ni recibido su Primera Comunión a que se acerquen a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas y se inscriban a las clases para Catecúmenos.

FAITH DIRECT

Con la llegada del otoño, me gustaría invitarlos a unirse con Faith Direct, el programa de donaciones electrónicas de nuestra parroquia. Nuestras listas de que hacer pueden ser largas durante esta temporada, pero el programa de donaciones electrónicas les dará una cosa menos para recordar cada semana - no más sobres para encontrar antes de ir a misa.

Visite www.faithdirect.net y use nuestro código de la iglesia: **CA725**.

¡Gracias por su apoyo continuado de nuestra familia parroquial!

Dios los bendiga, Fr. Mat

HERMANDAD DEL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS DE CONCORD

Cristo Moreno Viajero: Todos los 18s de cada mes, en diferentes hogares y ciudades se ofrecen Rosarios a nuestro Cristo Moreno.

Homenaje Bendiciones del Señor de los Milagros 2017

Novena: Del 22 de Setiembre al 30 de Setiembre a las 7:30 PM, Capilla Iglesia San Buenaventura.

Misa, Procesión y Almuerzo: Domingo 8 de Octubre 12:45 PM.

Iglesia de San Buenaventura, **5562 Clayton Rd, Concord CA. 94521.**

Facebook: Señor de los Milagros-Hermandad de Concord, Ca- Usa

Solicitamos de su participación y apoyo. Para hacer realidad nuestro Homenaje 2016. Roxana Sánchez al 925 698 6628 delcampocal@hotmail.com.

Bendiciones del Señor de los Milagros.

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Inscripciones inician Lunes 18 de Septiembre

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Sat 11/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.