



Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

— Sirach 28:2

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September 17, 2017 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17 de septiembre de 2017 *Vigésimo Cuarto 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

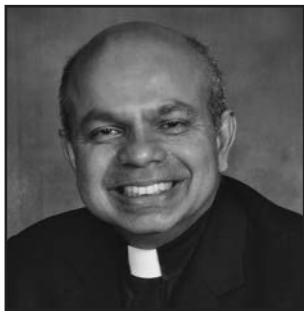
In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.*



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



A CALL TO FORGIVENESS

Our readings for this Twenty-Fourth Sunday concern forgiving our offenders and getting reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this, the only way to Life.

Sirach, in the first reading, reminds his listeners that if they don't heal and forgive and show mercy they can't expect to receive much of that from God in return. It is unwise to nurse grudges and wise to forgive, because our life span is very short and our eternal destiny is decided by how we forgive, how we work for reconciliation with those who offend us, and how we render humble and loving service to them.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we have to forgive others because we belong to Christ, who taught us by his own example in forgiving those who killed Him, how we must forgive in our turn. Since we humans are related as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are in the family of God, so hatred and bitterness should have no place in our hearts.

In today's Gospel, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness, and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day, and hence we need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching the prayer *Our Father*, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you."

We may never forget the hurt we have experienced, but we can choose to forgive and pray for our offenders. As life goes on and we remember an incident that was hurtful and caused great anger, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one who hurt us. Time does heal memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim. When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-being.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, BOSNIA AND POLAND

You are invited to join me on a pilgrimage to Italy, Bosnia, and Poland from May 14 to 28, 2018. The highlights are visits to Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Medjugorje, Warsaw, Auschwitz, Krakow etc. For details please contact me at mvellankal@stbonaventure.net

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA725**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You. —Fr. Mat



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING AND CAN SING?



Children from Grades 1 through 5 are welcome to join. Rehearsals are every Saturday morning from 9 to 10am at the St. Bonaventure Music Room, behind the church. To join the Choir, send us a form by going to www.stbonaventure.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.

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.

COME, JOIN US!

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz (first Filipino Saint) Thursday, September 28, 2017; 7:00PM Mass in the Church.

Presider: Fr. Oscar Rojas. Followed by a reception in the Small Hall. Coordinated by the St Bonaventure Fil-Am Ministry



GOOD NEWS for You READINGS for the WEEK

MONDAY: 1 TM 2:1-8; PS 28:2, 7-9; LK 7:1-10
TUESDAY: 1 TM 3:1-13; PS 101:1B-3AB, 5-6; LK 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY: 1 TM 3:14-16; PS 111:1-6; LK 7:31-35
THURSDAY: EPH 4:1-7, 11-13; PS 19:2-5; MT 9:9-13
FRIDAY: 1 TM 6:2C-12; PS 49:6-10, 17-20; LK 8:1-3
SATURDAY: 1 TM 6:13-16; PS 100:1B-5; LK 8:4-15
SUNDAY: IS 55:6-9; PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A; MT 20:1-16A

Parish Registration Drive Weekend



Sept. 16 and 17, 2017

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/

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STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

**Weekend of September 9 & 10
Collection**

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$24,111
Deficit: (1,329)

2nd Collection
Diocesan Priests Retirement: \$5,441

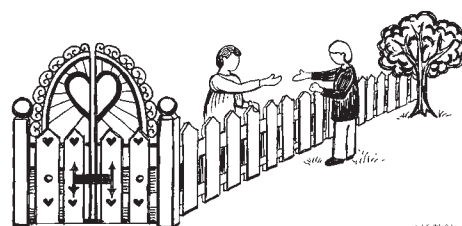
Food for Family: 242
*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures*

THIS WEEKEND'S 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 for this weekend.

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 can find the link on the front page of our parish website: www.stbonaventure.net.



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.

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 9:45-11:30am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on September 20**. 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

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

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.” Help to encourage our compassion and forgiveness by working through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The 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

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

ST. MARY’S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND ON OCTOBER 1

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, **October 1, 2017**. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left **in the Hospitality Room in church**. 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 & costume jewelry). Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Carol & Jim Riley 672-4383 & Carol & Pete Chrobak 672-7158.

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.

Get on the "Bus"!



**Jackson Rancheria
Casino & Hotel**
via: White Castle Tours Inc.

Saturday, November 11, 2017
Bus Pick-Up 7:30 AM @ St. Bonaventure

5562 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA

**Arrive 9:30 AM @ Jackson Rancheria
Jackson, CA**

Depart Jackson @ 4:30 PM

Return 6:30 PM @ St. Bonaventure

Cost \$30 per person

Includes \$20 Free Slot Play OR \$25 Table Game Coupon

Reserve a spot now! Call Sol @ 925.676.5905

or email solemama@yahoo.com

***ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD AND UP**

OUTSIDE PARISH

SAN DAMIANO SPECIAL EVENTS: 710 Highland Drive, Danville

- September 28: **Labyrinth Retreat at San Damiano**
 A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. Dorothy Charbonneau will be your mediation and prayer guide. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.
- “What is Yours to Do?” September 29-October 1. San Damiano invites you to discern your soul’s work during this special Franciscan spirituality retreat. Led by Anne and Terry Symens-Bucher, with music by Jesse Manibusan.
- October 1: Jesse Manibusan is a liturgical musician, beloved by young and old alike. Hear him live in concert at St. Joan of Arc Parish. Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM; \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids 12 & under. 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon.

To register or for more information please go to www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141 x315.

BRASS QUINTET CONCERT AT CLAYTON VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saturday, Sept. 23rd at 7:30pm
 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Concord

The program will include some classical selections, New Orleans Jazz, and arrangements of Star Wars movie themes. This concert has something for everyone! Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.

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.)

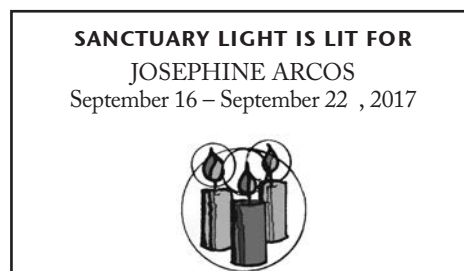
When: **Saturday, October 14**, 5:30 pm social, 6:15 pm dinner

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

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FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00 Gloria Leigh
 Angela Sison
 Howard Payne
 Jan & Brian Smith

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 Stephen Mount
 Debra Liamzon
 Elsie Alvarez
 Ruben Alvarez
 9:00 Gloria Leigh
 German de Guzman
 Joey Mangini
 Audra Cudd
 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 5:00 Rosemarie Hornsby
 Bernard Mathew
 Natividad Carlos
 Christine DeLemos David

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 Victims of calamities
 9:00 Don Davis

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 Safety & guidance of children
 9:00 Donald Fitzgerald
 Sue Wong
 Emma Halcon
 Rocio Del Castillo Beincas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 People suffering from addictions
 9:00 Toño Cordon
 Mario Morales

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 Rosa Rico
 9:00 Stephen Claeys
 William M. Jordan
 Calvin Tong

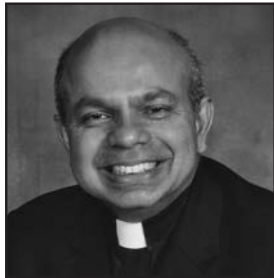
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 St. Bonaventure Volunteers
 9:00 Patricia T. Santos
 Trinidad Toledo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 Alan Sardelich
 Angela Sison
 Angela Anderson
 Loreto & Consuelo Dulay

PENSAMIENTO DE PADRE MATHEW VELLANKAL



PEREGRINACION A ITALIA, BOSNIA Y POLONIA

Los invito a unirse a mí en la peregrinación a Italia, Bosnia y Polonia del 14 al 28 de mayo de 2018. Los lugares más destacados son visitas a Roma, San Giovanni Rotondo, (St. Padre Pio,) Lanciano (Milagro Eucarístico,) Medjugorje, Varsovia, Auschwitz, Krakow, etc. Para más detalles por favor llamarme al: (925) 672-5800 ó email: mvellankal@stbonaventure.net

REFLEXION DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



EL PERDÓN

En este Domingo, 24 del Tiempo Ordinario, en el Evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús nos deja ver claramente cuantas veces debemos perdonar. Perdonar significa disculpar a alguien que nos ha ofendido y actuar como si la persona no hubiera cometido ningún error. El perdón es una liberación, y la palabra perdón viene del latín per donare, que significa dar por, o dar para, o dejar ir. Cuando perdonamos a alguien debemos dejar ir a quien nos ha ofendido o nos ha agredido, física o verbalmente. Cuando perdonamos nos sentimos liberados de aquello que sentimos en el corazón y que no nos deja actuar libremente o vivir felices. Quizás como seres humanos podemos pensar que perdonar es una opción personal;

¿perdono o no perdono? Quien no conoce a Jesús, su manera de vivir y de pensar será siempre limitado al conocimiento humano. Sin embargo, cuando conocemos a Jesús y seguimos a Jesús como cristianos bautizados, la manera de vivir y de pensar es completamente diferente a la humana. El conocer a Jesús nos hace más humanos y más sensibles al perdón. El perdón nace de lo más profundo del corazón, de la relación íntima con Dios. De la unión del hombre con Dios a través de la oración del corazón sencillo y humilde.

En Cristo somos hijas e hijos bautizados y hemos renacido a una vida de Dios y el compromiso es que debemos reflejar a Dios y dar testimonio de que Dios habita en nuestro corazón. De tal manera que el mundo nos presentara tentaciones y obstáculos para que poco a poco vayamos perdiendo el amor de Dios en nuestro corazón. Si permitimos que las cosas del mundo aniden en nuestro corazón, ya no quedara espacio para Jesús. Cuando Jesús ha pasado a segunda opción en nuestra vida como cristianos ya no pensaremos con la misericordia de Dios. Cuando no dejamos que Jesús habite en el corazón, se nos hace difícil ejercer el perdón en nuestra vida. El perdón es la medicina del alma para vivir y disfrutar todo lo que Dios nos regala cada día. El perdón nos libera a nosotros mismos y nos abre la puerta a la felicidad verdadera que viene de Dios. Cuando más nos acercamos a Dios, a la Eucaristía, y al sacramento de la confesión, nos damos cuenta del infinito amor misericordioso del Padre, de dejar a su único hijo para alimento del alma. Recibir a Jesús es un privilegio divino y por eso

debemos perdonarnos a nosotros mismo de tal manera que nos sintamos libres y felices. Cuando recibimos el cuerpo de Cristo y bebemos su sangre, nos damos cuenta de que estamos enojados con alguien o que hemos ofendido a alguien y que deberíamos haberle pedido perdón para poder recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo. Jesús en el Evangelio nos remarca que no solo hay que perdonar siete veces, pero setenta veces siete. Es decir, no hay límite para perdonar y debemos estar abiertos a ejercitar el perdón. Si nunca has perdonado, es tiempo que lo experimenten y descubrirán la felicidad en el alma. Sin embargo, algunas veces pedimos perdón por compromiso. No es por compromiso es por amor a Dios y amor así mismos. El perdón es uno de los dones más difíciles de regalar.

Hermanos y hermanas, el Evangelio nos invita a ser hombres y mujeres de perdón y perdonar siempre con amor. Como hijos e hijas de Dios estamos llamados a ser el reflejo de Jesús y por eso nos presenta el perdón, como el hombre que le debía muchos talentos y no pudo pagar; el rey le perdono la deuda él a la vez encontró a quien le debía una cantidad pequeña quien le rogó para que le diera tiempo para pagárselo pero este no quiso y lo metió a la cárcel. El rey, al darse cuenta dijo: siervo malvado te perdono porque me lo suplicaste ¿No debías haber tenido compasión de tu compañero como yo tuve compasión de ti? El Señor nos ha perdonado muchísimo en el sacramento de la confesión. Estamos llamados a perdonar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. No tengas miedo perdonar, experimentalo y descubrirás una paz verdadera en tu corazón.

BAUTIZOS 2017 LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1 ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102 ****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 10/07	12:00p.m.	Fri 09/09	7-9:30p.m.
Sat 11/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.

**HORARIO DE OFICINA
PADRE OSCAR ROJAS**

Teléfono (925) 844-9015

Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm

Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm

Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**UN RESUMEN DEL VIAJE DEL PADRE
MANGINI**

Padre Ricardo Mangini

¡Bueno, él desapareció! Estoy a mitad del camino de mis días de vacación gozando de mi retiro en Lucca, Italia, que es el punto inicial. He alquilado una casa de 200 años de edad. Está unida a otras casas de la misma edad en Quamo que es una ciudad pequeña, un par de millas fuera de la ciudad. Es un complejo de tres pisos con una unidad de alquiler abajo. Mi hermana Karen y mi prima Martha se regresaron a California el 10 de agosto.

Yo vine a descansar pero también a familiarizarme con el norte de Toscan. Por lo tanto, empezamos a conducir alrededor de las antiguas ciudades de la ladera de la Edad Media, del siglo 11 para adelante: Pienza, Cortona, Montecatini Alto, Volterra, San Gimignano, San Miniato y Colle di Val d'esa. Nos llevó un día cruzar Italia en tren a Ravenna, para ver de nuevo las iglesias antiguas Romanas y mosaicos de los siglos 5º. y 6º.

Yo fui con Don Claudio, el hijo del dueño de la casa quien es sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Lucca y también administrador y tesorero de Parma. Esta ciudad es famosa por el jamón Prosciutto, mermelada al estilo Italiano y el queso Parmesano. Además de eso posee una de las Catedrales mas bellas pintadas en el interior. Italia llama a sus Catedrales, Il Duomo, que proviene de la palabra latina para una casa, "domus" que es la casa principal de Dios adonde vive el Obispo.

Tuve varias interrupciones. Fuimos a ver Nápoles, una de las ciudades más grandes y antiguas de Italia. Mi primo, Ross Hoblitzell y su esposa viven allí. Su esposa es oriunda de Pozzuoli, Napoli. Aquí es donde realmente se encuentran los turistas griegos y romanos. Nápoles moderna se sienta sobre otras ciudades que remontan 2300 años.

Actualmente están construyendo una estación de metro nueva y al hacerlo han descubierto cinco buques de guerra romanos que se remontan al siglo primero. Otra ciudad apareció cuando la cultura creció, cambió y se reconstruyó. La palabra Neapolis, significa "ciudad nueva" esto sucedió antes del primer siglo.

Nápoles se está convirtiendo en un lugar para visitar. Ya no es perseguida por la mafia Italiana, los "chomorros." Palacios grandes y viejos de cientos de años se construyeron pegados unos a otros. Hace muchos años se convirtieron en apartamentos, muchos vecinos pueden extenderse a través de la calle cinco pisos de altura y estrechar la mano entre si.

Regresaré a la primera historia. Uno de los puntos mas destacados del viaje ha sido la visita a las cuevas de los mármoles de Carrara, La Opera de Puccini Tourandot en Torre del Lago, un hermoso lago natural con un anfiteatro que rinde homenaje a la obra del famoso escritor de ópera Italiana; la ópera empezó a las 9:30 pm y terminó a la 1:00 am. Además el viaje en bote de un día para admirar Cinque Terre, un punto de vista desde el mar y una parada en Porto Venere y Monterrosa.

Ahora los visitantes están llegando: mi sobrino Jim y su esposa, Sandy. Primero pasaron a Roma y luego llegaron a Lucca. Estoy en el tren hacia el sur rumbo a Napoli, voy a visitar unos días a mi primo Ross Hoblitzell y su esposa Rosa que es Italiana. A continuación Dave and Susan Gregoire aparecieron unos días antes que mi gran sobrina Holle y Raúl su esposo. Otro primo, Michele y su amiga se aparecieron en la misma semana.

Estaré en contacto con ustedes cuando tenga tiempo. Esto no quiere decir que siempre estoy viajando. También estoy de peregrino.

**Fin de Semana para la
Registración Parroquial**



Sept. 16 y 17, 2017

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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.

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Dios los bendiga. — Fr. Mat

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