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Centennial Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima
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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

October 22, 2017

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

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 solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo 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 solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo seis meses de preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment.

Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita con el Sacerdote.

Mission

As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

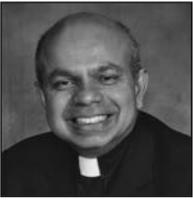
Keep connected to our parish community,

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
Father Mat

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as *World Mission Sunday*. This annual observance was instituted 91 years ago in 1926 by a papal decree issued by Pope Pius XI. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his World Mission Sunday messages, stressed the importance of Christian charity in action as the keynote of evangelization. He encouraged churches with a shortage of priests to get them from countries with many priests. Pope Francis, in his first World Mission Sunday message, 2013, challenged us to proclaim courageously and in every situation the Gospel of Christ, a message of hope, reconciliation and communion. In his 2014 Mission Sunday message, the Pope challenged the Church to become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization. In 2015 the pope challenged us to meet the needs of all people to *return to their roots and to protect the values of their respective cultures*. In the Year of Mercy 2016, Pope Francis reminded us that mercy is the missionary mandate for the Church. In his 2017 message, Pope Francis reminds us

that through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who welcome him with faith and love can experience the transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth.

The Church, according to Vatican Council II, is "missionary" in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son into the world with a message of God's love and salvation. Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The most powerful means of preaching Christ is by living a truly Christian life -- a life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion and a spirit of forgiveness and service. Prayer is the second means of missionary work. Jesus said: "*Without me you can do nothing.*" Therefore, prayer is necessary for anyone who wishes to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. All missionary efforts also require financial support because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food, medicine and means of livelihood. Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayer, and by generous donations.

SOCIAL MEDIA

It is with joy that I inform you that I have started a YouTube blog and it is called *Mat and Matters Important*. If you like my blogs, please visit my channel and subscribe. You can get it by typing *Mat and Matters Important* in the search area of YouTube or click on the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCquQxYaZGpxxzcAEILKrABQ>

I am also active on Face Book and post relevant photos, materials and links to my blogs. Please be my FB friend. Just befriend me at <https://www.facebook.com/mathew.vellankal>

I have made Sunday Homilies and Daily Reflections available to parishioners through a new service called Gospel Connects. Receive these in your inbox by subscribing at the following website: <https://gospelconnects.com/s/fathermat>

STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of October 14 & 15 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$21,722
Deficit: (\$3,718)

Food for Family: 483 (2 weeks)

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

**THIS WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION:
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Today is World Mission Sunday – a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith, leading us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. Mission is at the heart of our faith. Live your faith through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!



PARISH LIFE thoughts

FAITH DIRECT



Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Bonaventure. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. 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 Vellankal



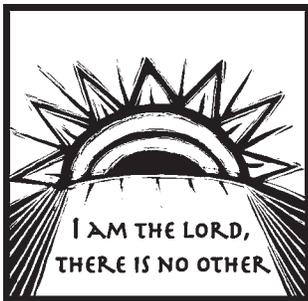
NEWS FROM OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE:



Thank you in advance for your generosity the weekend of October 28-29 when a second collection for our work will be offered. Your contributions

help us to support the poor and underserved here in the immediate area of our parish. This past year, we have distributed over \$36K of in-kind support (food, furniture, clothing, household goods, mentoring, moving assistance) PLUS nearly another \$36K in direct financial support (rent, utilities, tuition, car repair) to 309 families (948 individuals). Here are some other ways you might wish to help:

- Our Svdp retail stores in both Pleasant Hill and Pittsburg could use regular volunteers to help sort, tag, and merchandise donations. Once a week, once or twice a month, or for however many hours you can spare. Interested? Contact Dan Gabe at (925) 408-5964.
- We are currently trying to find SIX bunk bed sets (12 beds in all) to provide to two immigrant families with small apartments and next to nothing except very large families – 7 and 8 children respectively. If you know a source, again please call Dan above or our office phone extension (925) 672-5800 x 2324.
- We are always on the lookout for serviceable used cars. Please consider donating your next "trade-in" or the car you no longer have need for to us.
- And yes, we welcome you who wish to help us work in personal relationship with those we serve, assessing and attempting to meet their needs.



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CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED



Do you like being around young children? Do you have Wednesday mornings free and want to meet some of the parish families? The Moms' group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:45-11:30am. They are desperately in need of babysitters. We need 2 adults to watch their children while the moms grow in faith and community. You will need to be finger-printed and 'Safe Environment' trained. If we can gather a group of adults, they can rotate. If interested or want more information, please contact Eileen 672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

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LITURGY & PRAYER

NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 @ 3PM

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? We have a need for more altar servers at all Masses! Please consider signing up to join us for our next training, taking place on Wednesday, October 25 at 3:00pm in the church. Altar Servers must have already celebrated their First Communion. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aaarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office. Thank you for your consideration of participating in this very important liturgical ministry!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Church
The Resurrection Choir's annual Advent/
Christmas Concert
Prepare your heart for the experience of
Christmas!



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

- MONDAY:** ROM 4:20-25; LK 1:69-75; LK 12:13-21
- TUESDAY:** ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21; PS 40:7-10, 17; LK 12:35-38
- WEDNESDAY:** ROM 6:12-18; PS 124:1B-8; LK 12:39-48
- THURSDAY:** ROM 6:19-23; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 12:49-53
- FRIDAY:** ROM 7:18-25A; PS 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; LK 12:54-59
- SATURDAY:** EPH 2:19-22; PS 19:2-5; LK 6:12-16
- SUNDAY:** EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THESS 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40

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.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



INVITING YOU TO A MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS AND SAN SIMEON



Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017
 Time: 7:00 PM
 Place: Saint Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Rd. Concord

For more information, please call Patricia Collazos at 683-6219 or Conchita, Guzman at 285-2834.

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TRAINING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 7:30PM

Are you interested in meeting other parishioners and being involved in the Mass? If so, please consider becoming a Minister of Hospitality. These ministers greet and welcome the community at each weekend liturgy, pass the collection baskets, direct people forward to receive Eucharist, and distribute bulletins after Mass. Volunteers of all ages, from 6th grade on, are invited to participate. This ministry is extremely important in creating a welcoming atmosphere at our Sunday liturgies, and more Ministers of Hospitality are greatly needed for all weekend Masses.

A training session for all new Ministers of Hospitality will be held on Monday, October 23, from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Church. If you are interested in participating, even if you can't make this particular date, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1



This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Wednesday, November 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate four special Masses in the church, honoring the Saints: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, and 7:30pm.

ALL SOULS' DAY: MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2



We will celebrate All Souls' Day with three Masses of Remembrance in the church on Thursday, November 2: 6:30am, 9:00am, and 7:30pm (Bilingual).

All those who have been buried from our parish during the past year will be honored with a special reading of their names, at all of the Masses during the Prayers of the Faithful. In addition, you are welcome to bring a photograph or memento of a deceased loved one, and place it on one of the memorial tables in the sanctuary, during the Mass you attend on November 2. A photo may also be placed on our Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos altar, that will be placed in the vestibule beginning on October 28/29. Photos should be picked up from the Foyer Altar on November 4/5.

ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we remember all of our loved ones who have passed on. You may remember your loved ones in a special way by picking up an All Souls' envelope, writing their names and placing your gift to the parish inside, and then returning the envelope either to the parish office or by placing it in the collection basket. These envelopes, along with the Book of the Names of the Dead, will be placed in a prominent place in the church sanctuary throughout November, so that those who have died may be remembered in a special way during the month.

Envelopes may be found on the back tables at the side doors, and on the table in the foyer.



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

BAPTISMS – JULY 2017

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

- Evan Kachikwu Agboma**, son of Kizito and Ebele
- Carter James Aguilar**, son of Romulo and Reina
- Leonardo Ballesteros**, son of Antonio and Susana
- Dylan Tizon Catambay**, son of Bernard and Crystal
- Isaiah Angel Flores**, son of Hector and Liliana
- Cassandra Crystella Gomez**, daughter of Wilfredo and Nicole
- Kaycee Quinn Joseph**, daughter of Sean and Megan

Max Jacob Middlemiss, son of Ross and Jacqui

Kenji Ernesto Mizuno, son of Kevin and Katrina

Cattleya Beatrice Rubio Cervantes, daughter of Antonio and Briana

Aaron Torres Fernandez, son of Francisco and Rosa

Daniel Valadez Ruvalcaba, son of Luis and Erika

Jackson Matteo Ward, son of Alexandria

LIFE AND JUSTICE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH— RESPECT LIFE MONTH: LIVE SIMPLY SO THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE

By Greg Colley OFS



Saint Francis is well known for heeding the Gospel call to live simply. Saint Bonaventure – the 13th century theologian and mystic considered

by many to be the second most important Franciscan after Francis himself – underscored the Gospel roots of this “live simply” message as well. But this was not merely a life-style choice for some medieval Catholics. During *Respect Life* month, it is important to recognize that our own choices can dramatically impact the ability of others across the globe to live a life of human



dignity. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a 19th century American canonized in 1975, made this point very succinctly: "Live simply so that others may simply live."

As 21st century Americans, how does this Franciscan "Respect Life" message apply to us? And how do our choices affect others? Pope Francis wrote on this extensively in his encyclical "Laudato Si" – very intentionally drawing on Franciscan values. Here are a few of Pope Francis' important points:

- *Everything is connected to God's creation.* Our economic decisions, particularly about production and consumption, have an inevitable impact on the environment. Pope Francis showed the connection between abuse of the environment and a mind-set which privileges profit over the poor. He notes that St Francis understood the "inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace."
- *Less is more.* We are a society of "extreme consumerism." Many are unable to resist what the market places before them. And overconsumption in one part of the world, such as North America, results in living conditions in other parts of the world that few Americans would find acceptable. The Pope writes that Christian spirituality offers a type of progress marked by "moderation and the capacity to be happy with little." This may begin the process of more balanced distribution of consumption around the world – which itself would elevate many to living their lives with greater human dignity.
- *The poor are disproportionately affected.* The worst impacts of North American overconsumption are felt by those living in developing countries. The natural resources of the developing countries fuel the development of the richer countries, rather than the poor countries themselves. Wages and working conditions in developing countries are often harsh – in fact, the working conditions in American-owned factories in Central America are so bad that they are one cause of our immigration crisis.

These may seem like imposing challenges to address, and they are. But this is where Saint Bonaventure has something additional to offer. Bonaventure shared a profoundly Franciscan belief in the ability of Christ to transform human hearts, especially through sacramental

encounters such as the Eucharist. This is what Bonaventure calls an "ascent of the heart" in his short book *The Journey of the Mind into God*. As Catholics and Christians, we are called to seek a daily conversion of our hearts back to God's intentions, and to forego our own baser instincts. Pope Francis called us to a "change of heart" in "Laudato Si". He did so to guide us towards living our lives with respect for life in everyone.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR CCIH



Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) needs diapers. "We have about 20 children under the age of 5 at Garden Park Apartments. If your

community can help us stock up on sizes 3-5, that would be great!" Diapers can be dropped in the foyer or brought to the office. **Thank You!**

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOUR END-OF-LIFE WISHES

Fr. Mathew invites you to begin a conversation about your end-of-life wishes. This is a four-week series. Each afternoon will include large-group and small-group discussions.

Some topics discussed will be,

- identifying your wishes,
- society's perspectives on dying and death,
- communicating your wishes to family and loved ones, and
- funeral planning

The series is on Tuesday afternoons (October 24-November 14), 1:30-3:00pm in the Ministry Center Room B1. There is no cost. Registration is required. To register, please contact Eileen Limberg (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).

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 1 & 3 Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3 & A4. **Our next meeting will be on November 1.** 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.

REBUILT

The leadership team of our parish has asked all the staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council members to read the book *Rebuilt*. Fr. Mat invites all parishioners to read the book as well. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches and innovative business leaders, while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic heart of the Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story of how they brought their parish back to life. Copies can be purchased in the parish office for \$15.00.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN

Friday November 3: "Jingle Bells" Gala, 6pm - 8pm

Please join us in the Large and Small Halls for an evening at our "Jingle Bells Boutique" gala. We will have wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffles, wine pull and shopping opportunities. There will be hundreds of items, beautifully made by our St. Bonaventure's Classy Crafters, and wonderful homemade goodies from the Country Kitchen.

Saturday November 4: Boutique and Country Kitchen, 10am - 2pm, in the Large and Small Halls. Continue shopping at the boutique and Country Kitchen. Raffle prizes awarded at 2:00 (Need not be present to win).

December 16 and 17: Country Kitchen will be in the foyer after all Masses.

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry





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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

**RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE SOLD:
OCTOBER 28 AND 29 AFTER MASSES**

In addition to a wonderful Silent Auction at our Holiday Boutique "Jingle Bells" Gala, we will be conducting **raffle drawings** for superb gifts. Raffle drawings will take place on Saturday afternoon November 4. Winners need not be present to win.

To give you a head start in filling out your name/ phone on the raffle tickets, we will be conducting a pre-sale of tickets after Masses on October 28 and 29. This will allow you more time to bid on silent auction items and more opportunity to browse and purchase on Friday evening and Saturday. All purchases can be made by cash/ check/credit card. Be sure to bring your tickets with you to deposit into the raffle drawing bags. Good Luck!!

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!



All bakers, pastry chefs and candy makers!!!!
The ladies working the Country Kitchen at the boutique on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, would love it if you would share some of your talents in your cooking/ baking field and donate some goodies to be sold that weekend to benefit our Food Pantry! We have been so spoiled in the past by your delicious sweet treats that we are really salivating with unquenchable hunger for them soon. Please consider our needs at the Country Kitchen; call Jean Gualtieri at 925.588.8020 if you have any questions. All homemade items can be brought in at any time on Thursday, Nov. 2 or Friday morning November 3 (before noon) to the Small Hall or the office! Priced items are appreciated. We are so looking forward to these tasty sweet treats and breads. Thanks so much!

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

COMMON PRAYER — FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION

Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the 500 years of reformation, in 2017.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church, 3351 Contra Loma Blvd. Antioch; Sunday, Oct. 29 at 4pm, reception following.

Please encourage singers to join us in singing hymns and one anthem. We have the mighty Rodger's Trillium Masterpiece Organ to support our singing. We provide your music. (Call the church at 925-778-0768).

CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (at Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit www.carondelethhs.org/admissions.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION

We Are One In The Spirit - Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation - A joint Protestant and Roman Catholic Service at Christ the King Church. Join us on Sunday, October 22 at 4 pm, along with our brothers and sisters from other churches. All are welcome at this service of commemoration to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in and among the churches, to repent of past (and present) ways that we have separated from each other, and to affirm our work together to witness to and spread God's love in mission together.



CARING HANDS NEEDS YOU

If you ever considered volunteering for Caring Hands, now is the time. The next training session is Friday, November 10. This program is dedicated to helping seniors remain independent as long as safely possible. Many need transportation to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and a friendly visit. Perhaps you can be that friend who gives a waiting senior hope and help. For more information contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer Coordinator, at (925) 952-2999 or email caring_hands@johnmuirhealth.com.



Pray For
Ajay Parecadan
Tony Sammut

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
RENA A. MILCETICH
Oct. 21- Oct. 27 , 2017




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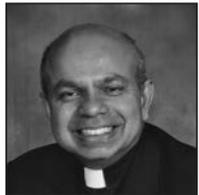
MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**
5:00 Jan Smith
Sr. Roberta Carson
Emily & Christine Lao
Don Fago
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**
7:30 Gerry Sturn
Ajay Parecadan
Roy Que & Family
9:00 Joaquina Martinez
Glenda Perry
Sean McCloskey
Jeff Carter
11:00 Don Maccholz
Erotida Mendoza
Roy Conolly
Tony Sammut
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**
6:30 For the victims of
all natural disasters
9:00 Fr. Richard Mangini
Marina Fajardo
Arthur Fernandes
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**
6:30 Patients of Children's Hospitals
9:00 Fr. Richard Mangini
William M. Jordan
Ed Maes
Tony Sammut
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**
6:30 Victims of wild fires
9:00 Tony Sammut
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**
6:30 Linda Mercader
Dario Perez Vazquez
9:00 Albert Ruskus
Tony Sammut
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**
6:30 All priests & seminarians
9:00 Tony Sammut
Daloras Long
Felicidad Crescencio
Melvin Crescencio
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**
5:00 Leonida Palma
Ruberta Cuajungco
Benny & Manolo Marquez
Souls in Purgatory



PENSAMIENTOS



de
Padre Mat

DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES



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Más de un billón de católicos en todo el mundo observan hoy en día el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Esta celebración anual fue instituida hace 91 años en 1926 por decreto papal emitido por el Papa Pío XII. Desde entonces la iglesia universal ha dedicado el mes de octubre de cada año para la reflexión y la oración por las misiones. En el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, los católicos se reúnen para celebrar la Eucaristía y contribuir a una colección de la obra de evangelización en todo el mundo. Esta celebración anual nos da la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre la importancia del trabajo de la misión para la vida de la Iglesia. Nos recuerda sin embargo que en la iglesia somos uno entre todo el mundo y que todos estamos comprometidos a llevar adelante la misión de Cristo, no importando cual diferente sean nuestras situaciones.

El Papa Benedicto XVI, en sus mensajes del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones hizo hincapié en la importancia de la caridad cristiana en acción como el principio fundamental de la evangelización. Se fomenta a las iglesias con escasez de sacerdotes que los obtengan de los países que tienen muchos sacerdotes. El Papa Francisco, en su primer mensaje del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones en 2013, nos desafió a proclamar con valentía en cada situación el Evangelio de Cristo, un mensaje de esperanza, reconciliación y la comunión. En su mensaje del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones del 2014, el Papa desafió a la iglesia a convertirse en un hogar acogedor, una madre para todos los pueblos y la fuente de renacimiento de nuestro mundo a través de la

intercesión de María, modelo de evangelización humilde y alegre. En el 2015 el Papa desafió a satisfacer las necesidades de todas las personas a regresar a sus raíces para proteger los valores de sus respectivas culturas. En el 2016 el año de la Merced, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que la misericordia es el mandato misionero de la iglesia. En su mensaje del 2017 el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que a través de la proclamación del Evangelio de Jesús Resucitado se convierte en nuestro contemporáneo, para que los que lo acogen con fe y amor puedan experimentar el poder transformador de su Espíritu, quien hace que la humanidad y la creación fructifera sean así como la lluvia hace en la tierra.

Según el Concilio Vaticano II, la Iglesia es "misionera" en su propia naturaleza, porque su fundador, Jesucristo, fue el primer misionero. Dios Padre envió a Dios su hijo al mundo con un mensaje de amor y salvación de Dios. Por lo tanto, la misión evangelizadora de la iglesia es esencialmente el anuncio del amor de Dios, la misericordia, el perdón y la salvación ya que estos son revelados a la humanidad a través de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

El medio más poderoso de la predicación de Cristo es el vivir una vida verdaderamente cristiana – una vida llena de amor, la misericordia, la bondad, la compasión y un espíritu de perdón y servicio. La oración es el segundo medio de trabajo misionero. Jesús dijo: "Sin mí no pueden hacer nada." Por lo tanto, la oración es necesaria para cualquier persona que desee aceptar a Jesús como Señor y Salvador. Todos los esfuerzos misioneros también requieren apoyo financiero porque el amor de Dios a menudo se puede explicar solamente a los pobres, proporcionándoles alimentos, medicinas y medios de la vida. Por lo tanto, en este Domingo de las Misiones, aprendamos a apreciar nuestra obligación misionera apoyando las actividades misioneras de la iglesia llevando vidas Cristiana con oraciones fervientes y donaciones generosas.

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Sólo Dios, es quien guía y salva las dificultades de la Iglesia.

- Dar a Dios lo que es de Dios: es el reconocimiento firme frente a cualquier tipo de poder- de que sólo Dios es el Señor del hombre. Esta es la novedad perenne que hemos de redescubrir cada día, superando el temor que a menudo nos amenaza ante las sorpresas de Dios.
- Cuando Jesús responde a esta pregunta que le hacen los fariseos a Jesús, él responde con esta irónica y genial, porque sabía que lo estaban poniendo a prueba "Dar al Cesar lo que es del Cesar y a Dios lo que es de Dios."
- Esta frase es una respuesta inmediata que el Señor da a todos aquellos que tienen problemas de conciencia, sobre todo cuando están en juego su conveniencia, sus riquezas, su prestigio, su poder y su fama. Y esto a sucedido siempre. Dar a Dios lo que es de Dios o es el reconocimiento frente a cualquier tipo de poder- de que sólo Dios es el Señor del hombre.
- "Dar a Dios lo que es de Dios", significa estar dispuesto a hacer su voluntad y dedicarle nuestra vida y colaborar con su reino de misericordia, de amor y de paz. En eso reside nuestra verdadera fuerza, la levadura que fermenta y la sal que da sabor a todo esfuerzo humano contra el pesimismo generalizado que nos ofrece el mundo.

En eso reside nuestra esperanza, **porque la esperanza en Dios no es una huida de la realidad**, no es una coartada, es ponerse manos a la obra para devolver a Dios lo que le pertenece.

Por eso, el cristiano mira a la realidad futura, a la realidad de Dios, para vivir plenamente la vida- con los pies bien puestos en la tierra y responder, con valentía, a los incesantes nuevos retos. -

En conclusión "**Dar a Dios lo que es de Dios significa hacer su voluntad.**" Dios les ayude.
Diácono Mariano Preza.



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Dios los bendiga. —Fr. Mat Vellankal

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