ST. BEDE CHURCH

REFLECTION
Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today’s scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. “Behold, I make all things new,” we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5). Is this world of John’s vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior’s dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?

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NEWS UPDATE
BLOOD DRIVE – St. Bede Catholic Church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will be a Bloodmobile located by the small gym. To make an appointment please contact John Giang at john.t.giang@gmail.com or go to www.bloodheroes.com click “Locate A Blood Drive and enter Sponsor Code: sbbede. If you have any questions please call John Giang at 415-786-4859. Thank you for sharing the gift of life with our recipients!

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE – Join Fr. Thomas Czeck OFM Conv. for a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland September 30 through October 8, $3,499.00 per person. We will encounter the Saints of Mercy as we explore the missionary center started by St. Maximilian Kolbe in honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary at the Niepokalanow monastery. We will also go to the bunker at Auschwitz where he was killed as he offered his life for another. We travel to encounter the places significant to St. John Paul II who gave us Divine Mercy Sunday. We will pray the message of Divine mercy as we go to the Divine Mercy Center to pray at the tomb of St. Faustina and pray before the Divine Mercy Image. For more information please contact Our Lady of Grace office at 510-537-0806 or email: jay@olgcv.org

FESTIVAL NEWS – May 13, 14, 15 – This is our annual parish fundraiser. Your help and support is necessary to make the Festival successful. A) By purchasing and/or selling all the raffle tickets mailed to you. There are more available at the rectory office. B) By coming to the festival and spending your money (with joy!) don’t cook that weekend. C) By sponsoring a booth in memory of a loved one, whose name will be posted at the booth of your choice, or if you own a business and would like your business to be advertised. D) By volunteering to help. E) By donating food items for the various food booths i.e. Filipino, Mexican Lingunica, Snack Bar and Beer/Wine/Soda Booth. The Cake Booth is in URGENT NEED OF YOUR BAKING TALENT. Please bring your cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies at the Festival May 13, 14 & 15. The donation of your delicious goodies will help make our festival even more successful. We need your help in preparing and working the Festival weekend. If you would like to help out and if you have any questions please contact Linda Montoya at (510) 782-2171.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Encounter Weekends on August 5-7 and November 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray and Roberta @ 916-806-4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or got to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.