



Celebrating All Soul's Day. Photo Credit: David Blankenhorn

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

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Monday thru Thursday – 8:30am – 5:00pm; Friday – 8:30am – 3:30pm

Lunch Break – 12:30-1:30pm

November 13, 2016 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | *13 de noviembre de 2016 Trigésimo Tercer Domingo 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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday/Lunes,  
Martes, Jueves y Viernes: 9:00 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday/Martes, Miércoles y  
Jueves: 6:30 AM

#### COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE

#### COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday & Friday/Lunes y Viernes: 6:30 AM  
Wednesday/Miércoles: 9:00 AM

#### BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.  
This requires two months preparation. *En Español:*  
*Los Sábados*  
10:00 AM. *Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con*  
*un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere dos meses de*  
*preparación.*

#### MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or  
Deacon. This requires six months preparation.  
*Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un*  
*Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de*  
*preparación.*

#### RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

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



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

- Keep connected to our parish community
- Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ
- Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
- Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD  
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **CONSUMPTION, GIVING, AND MODERATION**

“Jesus is the reason for the Season,” is the slogan for evangelical Christians during the holiday season. While shopping and hilarity are also other reasons, it can be difficult to keep Christ in Christmas because it has become a more non-Christian society-wide holiday, even with the thin veneer of carols and Christmas crèches.

We cannot get away from **CONSUMPTION** because the Christmas holiday span of time has the greatest economic consequence for the American economy. The greatest amount of profit is made in that period of time.

We can be responsible for what and how much we do consume, however. When we think of gifts, do we have to buy as many as we do? Do we overdo? Do we make any connection between what we are buying and Christmas? The buying of gifts goes back to Roman times celebrating the Return of the Gift of the Sun, the “Sol Invictus.” There was also lots of partying, eating and drinking, then. I haven’t Googled it but I bet you find that more food and beverage is bought and consumed during the Christmas holiday season that at any other time of the year.

For many, Christmas is the season to get drunk and stoned. And everyone gets all dressed up to do it?

**GIVING** is a very important part of the season. We receive hundreds of opportunities in the mail to give to genuine charities. I try to discern which charities to help. There are many charities to which non-believers and non-Christians will contribute. I look for charities that rely on Christians for help, or for particular causes for which people may not see the connection between their spiritual path and helping a particular charity. And when it comes to gifts, especially for adults, what represents a token of genuine love? How do Christmas gifts and faith go together? I

believe that if we really thought about the question, we could come up with more than a few good answers.

**MODERATION** is not going overboard. The older we become, the fact is that we need very little. And I do not think that it is good to go overboard, even with young children who will only want and expect more, and whose attention span is very short and then they are onto something else. Resist the whining and tantrums. And it is good to begin to teach our very small children what it means that Jesus came to live in our world just as they did, to be a wonderful loving presence, just as he wants us to be. To receive presents is a wonderful feeling. To be a living and wonderful presence is even something more amazing. Moderation means also that we do not rush through the season, that we appreciate everything about it—the smells, the colors, the lights, the special foods and the special people that we desire to meet. Less noise and more silence. Capture what is most special. Think, reflect and pray. Listen to the carols and their words. For someone of another generation, they were an expression of personal faith about the same Jesus who came to live in our world.

God reached out, and God wants us to reach out. Reach out to your neighbors. You may find that they are just as shy as you, and will be most happy to make a connection. You may be able to find someone who does not believe, or to find a Moslem or a Hindu or a Buddhist neighbor. Think about it: Jesus’ coming to our world was more foreign than us coming into ours. That is what the Christmas season is really all about.



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PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS  
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **ONE BODY CDS NOW AVAILABLE**



The CDs are here! If you preordered CDs and/or want to purchase CDs, please stop by our CD tables after all Masses starting

the weekend of October 1-2. The CD includes performances by each of the St. Bonaventure choirs and features some of our favorite songs, including *We Are One Body*, *In the Breaking of the Bread*, and *Go Make a Difference*. The cost is only \$15 each, and all the proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Church.



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■ **SAVE THE DATE: RESURRECTION CHOIR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Hi folks...just a short reminder to SAVE THE DATE...Saturday Evening, December 3 for the Resurrection Choir and Friends Annual Advent/Christmas concert to be held at St. Bonaventure Church at 7:30pm... A wonderful way to start off the Advent/Christmas Season! See you then! For more information please call Barbara Wolpman, 925-465-4468.

■ **COORDINATOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRY, ST. BONAVENTURE CONCORD**

St. Bonaventure Parish, Concord, is seeking to hire a bi-lingual (Spanish) Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry who will be responsible for ensuring the Hispanic community’s pastoral and sacramental needs are met, for deepening the faith life of the community and for developing a collaborative approach for engag-

ing the Hispanic community in the planning and life of the parish.

Background should include previous pastoral work in Latino/American parish ministry and education/formation in catechetics, faith formation and liturgy. Candidate should have strong organizational and administrative skills, with an informed understanding of Vatican II and how it applies to the mission of the parish.

This position is classified as M-4, 40 hours per week. Email a cover letter and resume to Christa Fairfield at cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

**■ NEED NOW: FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

The Food Pantry needs your help for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, we will be collecting donations, such as items listed below, from **November 14-22**. Place the items in one of the bins in the church foyer, but please place turkey or chicken donations in the white freezer.

**Items we would welcome:** Turkeys, chickens, hams, stuffing, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, pie fillings, celery, onions, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, eggs, corn starch, ready-crust for pies, cake mixes, pancake mix, hamburger helper, tuna helper, spaghetti, pastas, rice, macaroni & cheese, beef stew, spam, cereal, peanut butter, green beans, green peas, corn, carrots, spinach, olives, mushrooms, beans, fruit, fruit juices, fresh fruit, jello, puddings, biscuits, muffin mixes, salad oil, salad dressing, spices,

mayonnaise, jellies and jams, syrup, canned meats, tuna, tomato sauce, tomato

paste, Rice-a-Roni, parmesan cheese, catsup, mustard, coffee, and tea. Cash donations can be made by placing your gift in the Sunday basket marked "Food Pantry." Our Food Pantry has spent this year's funds and expects a greater need this holiday season. Your gifts will help provide a Happy Thanksgiving to those in need.

**■ CLOSING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Sunday, November 20, 10:00 am  
The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland  
JubileeOfMercy-EB.org

All are invited to close the Jubilee Year of Mercy at The Cathedral of Christ the Light on November 20 at 10:00 am. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

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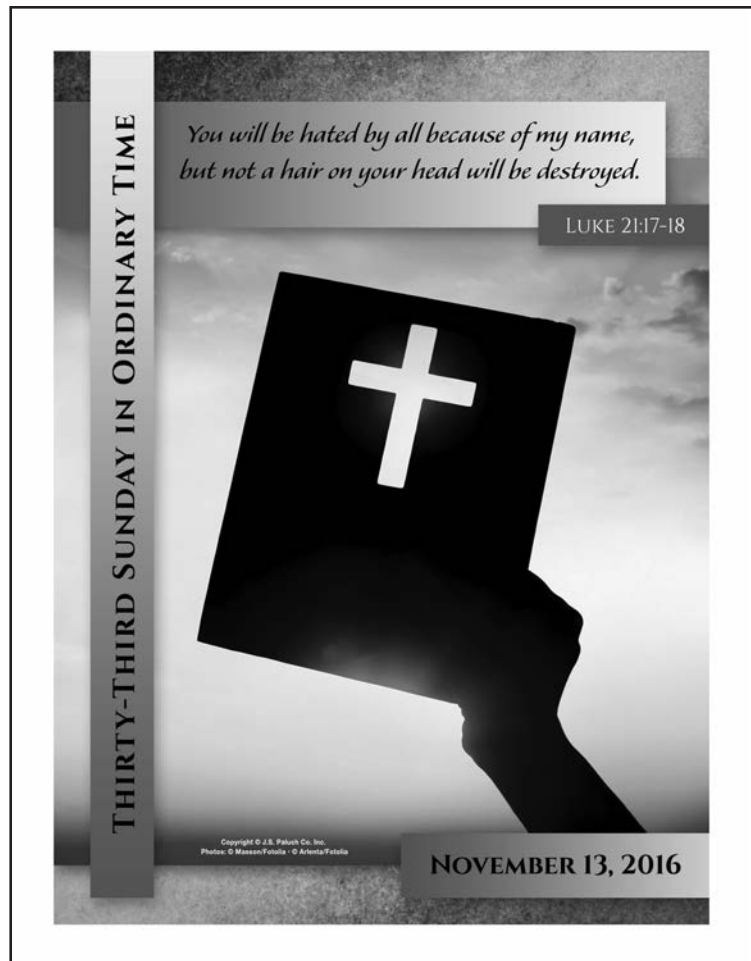
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LITURGY & MUSIC

■ **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –  
 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
 Time**



As this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* comes to an end, Jesus' first disciples ask what every age seems to wonder about the end of the world: "Teacher, when will this happen? What sign will there be?" (Luke 21:7). But instead of what we'd like to know, Jesus tells us what we need to know. Don't be terrified by natural disasters, human violence, personal sufferings. Because God's mercy abounds, all is grace. "It will lead to your giving testimony" (21:13). So Malachi promises "the sun of justice with its healing rays" (Malachi 3:20a); and Jesus describes how we should welcome the end: "Stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand" (Gospel Acclamation, Luke 21:28). Rather than worrying about ourselves and the future's perils, both Jesus' gospel and Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy* bid us go forth to spend our lives proclaiming God's promise of boundless mercy, but also translating God's mercy into living deeds of unfailing compassion and enduring comfort. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

■ **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:  
 NOVEMBER 24, 9:00 AM**

Before beginning the final preparations for your Thanksgiving dinner, join together with your parish family and give thanks to God for the many gifts with which he has blessed you. Our tri-lingual Mass will celebrate God's love and kindness, and remind us of the many things for which we are thankful.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 18:35-43  
 TUE: RV 3:1-6, 14-22; PS 15:2-5; LK 19:1-10  
 WED: RV 4:1-11; PS 150:1B-6; LK 19:11-28  
 THU: RV 5:1-10; PS 149:1B-6A, 9B; LK 19:41-44  
 FRI: RV 10:8-11; PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; LK 19:45-48 OR (FOR THE MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION) ACTS 28:11-16, 30-31; PS 98:1-6; MT 14:22-33  
 SAT: RV 11:4-12; PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10; LK 20:27-40  
 SUN: 2 SM 5:1-3; PS 122:1-5; COL 1:12-20; LK 23:35-43

FAITH FORMATION FOR  
 CHILDREN AND YOUTH

■ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS**



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We are already planning our two children's Christmas Pageants that will be held on Christmas Eve: the Early Childhood Christmas Pageant will be at the 3PM Mass and the Elementary School Pageant will be at the 5:30PM Mass.

The **Early Childhood Christmas Pageant** will feature children in pre-school-age 4 and Kindergarten, as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus. Please contact Rosa Rico by November 13 to register your child for the pageant. Rosa is the Early Childhood Pageant coordinator and can be reached at 383-3066. There will be a parent's meeting on Sunday, November 20 in Classroom A-4 after the 9AM Mass.

The **Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant** will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Rosann Halick at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at rhalick@stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 4pm in the Church.



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■ **BAPTISMS – AUGUST 2016**

**Rosalie Valentina Cvetovac**, daughter of John and Carolina

**Penelope Monica Daco**, daughter of Jon and Rachele

**Jensen Brian Franks**, son of Brandon and Charmian

**Alexander Knox Frates**, son of Jason and Angela

**Oscar Valentino Hidalgo**, son of Oscar and Priscilla

**Matteo Andre Hutalla**, son of Scott and Franz

**Richard Kainoa Johnson**, son of Richard and Michele

**Jack Michael Lazar**, son of Max and Katie  
**Jayne Carol McCarthy**, daughter of Scott and Holly

**Aryana Giselle Mestas**, daughter of Veronica

**Natalia Lucia Morales**, daughter of Jose and Julie

**Emme Kathryn Owsianka**, daughter of Ireneusz and Maritel

**Tatum Renee Peri**, daughter of James and Erin

**Anaiyah Rose Reed**, daughter of Charles and Daisy

**Jaylen Anthony Reed**, son of Charles and Daisy

**MiguelAngel Saleh**, son of Khalil and Xochitl

**MarcAnthony Saleh**, son of Khalil and Xochitl

**Miguel Carlos Buendia Verzosa**, son of Michael and Rhoda

## LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

### ■ ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY

Are you deeply concerned about our world? Are you thirsty for God *and* hungry for Justice? Do you long to be contemplative and compassionate? *Engaging Spirituality* is a prayerful small-group journey that invites us to draw the world – with all its beauty and brokenness – down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together and to practice living deeply and loving broadly. A new group will be starting in January and will run for 21 weeks. If you are interested in more information, please contact Eileen (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### ■ FR. MARK CONCLUDES THE YEAR OF MERCY

Fr. Mark Weisner will be returning on Monday, November 21 at 7:00pm in the Church to share his experiences as a Missionary of Mercy. Please mark your calendars and join us as we close out the Year of Mercy together.

### ■ 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 December 7.** Fr. Richard will join our group to discuss faith and families. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

### ■ ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

The Women's Christian Fellowship invites you to join us on Monday, December 5 at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Fr. Joe Kim from the San Jose Diocese will present **Spiritual Freedom: An Advent of Grace.** We are invited to experience God's grace in the burdened parts of our lives with spiritual

tools so we can open the "gift of freedom" from anger, forgiveness, fear, loneliness and sadness to learn about the greatest gift of all, the freedom of Jesus Christ. Hospitality following. Questions! Call Maureen 360-1621.

### ■ 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)

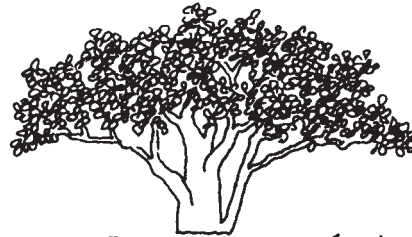
The practice of contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: "practice." It's not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with 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

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Let us persevere in the love of God as manifested by our marriages. Attend a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on Nov. 18-20. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne (☎ 925.672.2016) or Joe & Sue (☎ 925.680.7767) now or go to [www.oaklandwwme.org](http://www.oaklandwwme.org). Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.



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**PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS**

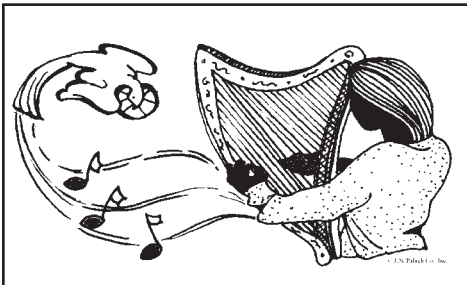
**LOOKING FOR AN ADULT TRIP COORDINATOR**

We are looking for someone or a couple to take over planning the adult trips. We usually have 3 interesting, informative or spiritual trips, and 3 or 4 casino trips each year. We make arrangements with American Stage Tours. We let them know what our dates of preference are and they make arrangements with the receiving venues for us.



**GIVING TREE BEGINS NOVEMBER 12**

Giving Tree has begun!!! If you would like to make Christmas merry for a needy person in our community, here's what you can do: There are paper ornaments decorating Christmas trees in the foyer and near the side entrances to the Church. These paper ornaments have the gift wish for a specific person. Choose an ornament, and then purchase the gift indicated on the ornament. Wrap your gift, and attach the ornament to the **outside** of the gift. Return your gift to the Church by **Sunday, December 4th**. You can pick as many ornaments as you like; just be sure you can return all of the gifts by the due date. Please don't overextend yourself or your budget at this busy time of year. Thank you for your generosity. It is appreciated more than ever!



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Please stop by the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" table to shop for this year's Christmas cards. We have a beautiful assortment of religious cards, Advent Wreaths, replacement candles and more. When you want to send the very best, send "Christ" at Christmas.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**December 17 & 18:** Country Kitchen after all the Masses in the Church Foyer.

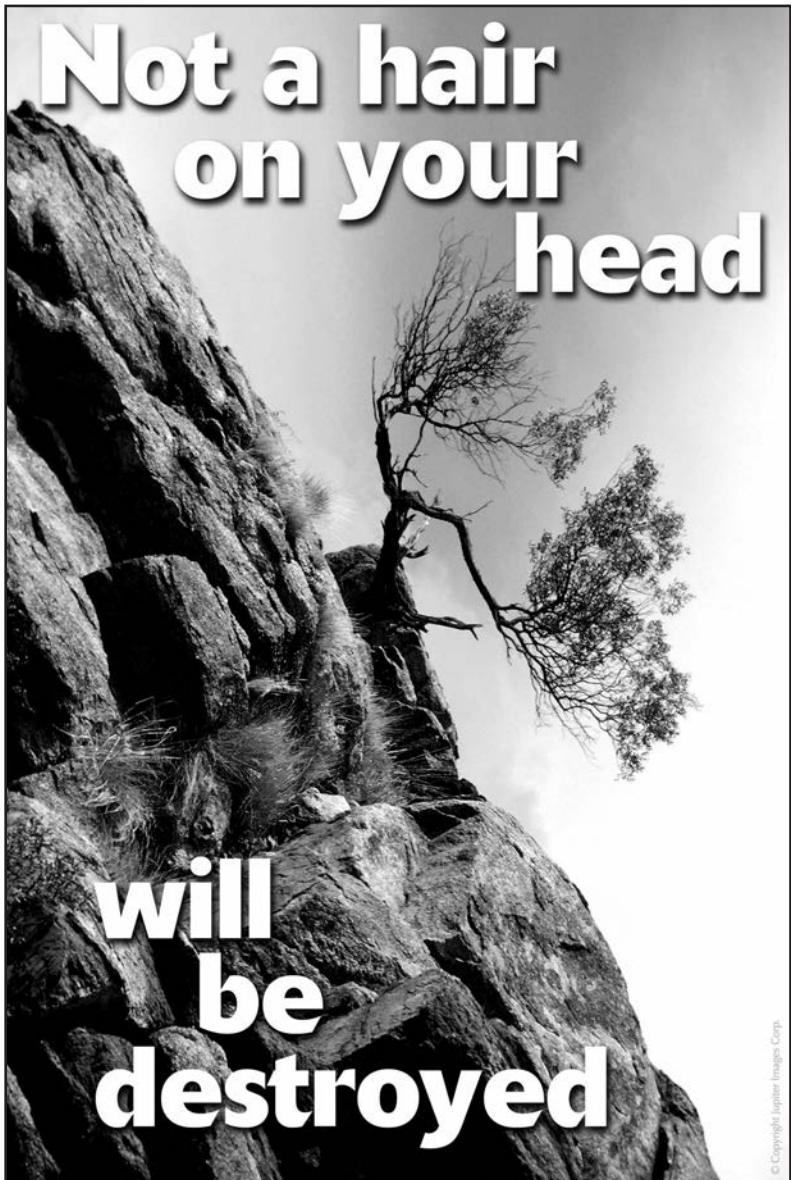
This gives you an extra chance to pick up last-minute edibles to grace your holiday table. All proceeds will benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

**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.



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**OUTSIDE PARISH**

**FIRST ANNUAL LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! GALA**

Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:00-9:00pm  
 Hacienda De Las Flores  
 2100 Donald Dr. Moraga

Reply to: mscheving@yahoo.com

Wine, cheese and Hors d'oeuvres. There will be entertainment and presentations by Fr. Peter Walters and the Colombian Children's Choir. Swing dancing to follow.

*Let the Children Live!* is a small charity with a mission to help protect and educate children and young people who live amidst the poverty and violence of the streets and shanty towns of the city of Medellin, Colombia. Fr. Peter Walters, who has been there for 20 years, founded this charity mission. We need donations to enable us to continue to expand our work. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation and all donations are tax exempt. (ID-46-121564)

**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 ☎ 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.

**CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING**

We're Off to See the Wizard! Contra Costa Interfaith Housing's (CCIH) annual auction gala, *Ruby Slippers-There's No Place Like Home* is on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Diablo Country Club. This *over the rainbow* evening includes a silent and live auction, dinner, and dancing. We are looking for fun and unique items for the auctions, as well as wine and gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Do you have extra airline miles? Maybe a timeshare? We're open to your ideas! Visit <http://bit.ly/2dQy0d2> to donate an item or if you have any questions, email [elba@ccinterfaithhousing.org](mailto:elba@ccinterfaithhousing.org). See you on the yellow brick road!


**CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL'S 27TH ANNUAL VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 4**

Kick off your holiday season by enjoying one of five holiday teas, a fashion show, a community open house, and breakfast with Santa. All events feature a beautiful boutique and silent auction. Don't miss your chance to win one of five extravagant, spectacularly themed Christmas trees with fabulous prizes. For more information and to register, visit [www.carondelet.org/visions](http://www.carondelet.org/visions).

**Pray For**

NORMA EVARISTO  
MARINA FAJARDO

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR**  
MAXIMA MIRANDA DE POLANCO  
November 12 to November 18, 2016



**Mass Intentions For The Week**



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- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
 7:30 Gertrude Ruiz  
 Violet Narvaez  
 Mardie Atkins  
 Grace Brennan  
 9:00 Tirso and Luz de Guzman  
 Leonard Borruso  
 Carol Ely  
 Francisco Chavez Aguilera  
 11:00 Brad Griffith  
 Eliza de Guzman  
 Don Kimura  
 The Martinez Family  
 5:00 Jack Dalton  
 Mary Isabelle McGuckin Burger  
 Felicisimo Paguirigan  
 Antonio Cordon
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Edmund Flynn  
 Carl Meirrotto  
 Joe Fedler  
 Emidio Busuttil
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
 6:30 All Military Personnel  
 9:00 Mileneo Santos  
 Donald Lucas  
 Joseph Kaiwi
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Communion Service
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
 6:30 Marina Fajardo  
 9:00 Godofredo Santiago  
 Norman Nomura  
 Marina Fajardo
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
 6:30 Communion Service  
 9:00 Eliza de Guzman  
 Gordon Howard Cooper  
 Marina Fajardo
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
 5:00 Cecil Palma  
 Pat O'Brien  
 Carolyne Ely  
 Emidio Busuttil

## ■ CONSUMO, DAR Y MODERACION

—Padre Richard Mangini

“Jesús es el motivo de la temporada,” es el lema de los cristianos evangélicos durante la temporada de celebraciones. Mientras se hacen compras con regocijo también hay otras razones, y puede ser difícil mantener a Cristo en la Navidad porque se ha convertido en una fiesta de toda la sociedad incluyendo non-cristianos, incluyendo los villancicos y los nacimientos de Navidad.

No podemos evitar el **CONSUMO** porque en el período de celebración de la Navidad es el tiempo de mayor consecuencia económica para la economía estadounidense. La mayor cantidad de ganancias se hace en este período de fiestas.

Nosotros podemos ser responsables de lo que y cuánto consumimos, sin embargo. Cuando pensamos en regalos, necesitamos comprar todo lo que compramos?. ¿Nos sobrepasamos? ¿Nosotros hacemos una conexión entre lo que estamos comprando y Navidad? La compra de regalos viene de la época de los romanos cuando celebraban el regreso del regalo del sol, “Sol Invictus”. También había muchas fiestas, comida y bebida, entonces. Yo no busqué en Google pero le apuesto a usted que en la fiesta de Navidad se compra más comida y bebida que en cualquier otra temporada del año.

Para muchos, la Navidad es la temporada para emborracharse. ¿Y todos se visten elegantes para hacerlo?

**DAR** es una parte muy importante de la temporada. Recibimos cientos de oportunidades en el correo para dar a las Caridades genuinas. Trato de escoger a que organizaciones benéficas ayudar. Hay muchas organizaciones benéficas donde Non- Cristianos y non- creyentes contribuirán. Yo busco obras de caridad que dependen de los cristianos para ayudar, o por causas de justicia social, o para las personas que no pueden ver una conexión con su camino espiritual y en ayudar a una institución de beneficencia particular. ¿Y cuándo se trata de regalos, especialmente para los adultos, que es lo que representa un símbolo de amor genuino? ¿Cómo los regalos de Navidad y la fe van juntos? Yo creo que si se pensara

realmente en la pregunta, podríamos alcanzar muy buenas respuestas.

**MODERACIÓN** no es volverse loco. Los mayores necesitamos muy poco. Y no creo que es bueno sobrepasarse con los niños que solo quieren y esperan más y cuya atención es muy corta y luego quieren algo más. Resistan los lloriqueos y rabiets. Es bueno empezar a enseñarles a nuestros hijos cuando están pequeños cuál es el significado, que Jesús vino a vivir en nuestro mundo de la misma manera que ellos lo hicieron, a una presencia amorosa, maravillosa como él quiere que seamos. Recibir regalos es una sensación maravillosa. Ser una presencia viva y maravillosa es incluso algo más grande. Moderación significa también que no tenemos que apresurarnos a través de esta temporada, que apreciemos todo su significado, los olores, los colores, las luces, los alimentos especialmente a las personas que deseamos conocer. Menos ruido y más silencio. Capturar lo que es más especial. Pensar, reflexionar y orar. Escuchar los villancicos y sus palabras. Para alguien de otra generación, fueron una expresión de fe personal sobre el mismo Jesús que vino a vivir en nuestro mundo.

Dios se acercó, y Dios quiere que nos acercarse. Acercarse a sus vecinos. Usted puede encontrar que son sólo tan tímidos como usted y serán contentos de hacer una conexión. Usted tal vez encontrara a alguien que no cree o encuentre un Musulmán o un Hindú o a un vecino Budista. Piense en esto: Jesús viniendo a nuestro mundo era más extranjero que todos nosotros. . Esto es lo que la Navidad significa realmente.

## ■ EL ÁRBOL DE NAVIDAD COMIENZA NOVIEMBRE 12

El árbol ha comenzado!!! Si deseas alegrar la Navidad para una persona necesitada de nuestra comunidad, esto es lo que puede hacer: hay ornamentos de papel decorando los árboles de Navidad en el Hall de la entrada y cerca de las entradas laterales de la iglesia. Estos ornamentos de papel tienen el deseo de un regalo para una persona especificada. Elegir un ornamento y entonces comprar el regalo

indicado en el ornamento. Envolver el regalo y colocar el ornamento en el **exterior** del regalo. Regresar su regalo a la iglesia antes del domingo, 4 de diciembre. Usted puede escoger tantos ornamentos como desee, sólo asegúrese de que puede devolver todos los regalos en la fecha de vencimiento, por favor, no exceda su presupuesto en esta época ajetreada del año. Gracias por su generosidad. ¡Se aprecia mucho.

## ■ MANTENER A CRISTO EN NAVIDAD

por favor pasar por la mesa de los Caballeros de Colón “Mantener a Cristo en Navidad” para comprar tarjetas de Navidad de este año. Tenemos un hermoso surtido de tarjetas religiosas, coronas de Adviento y velas de repuestos y otros objetos. Cuando desee enviar lo mejor envíe, “Cristo” en Navidad.

## ■ E NECESITA HOY: ALIMENTOS PARA LA DESPENSA PARA EL DIA DE GRACIAS

La dispensa de comida necesita su ayuda para la distribución de la comida de Acción de Gracias. Este año, a partir del 14 al 22 de noviembre estaremos recogiendo donaciones, como los productos enumerados a continuación. Por favor coloque los productos en uno de los compartimientos en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, pero por favor donaciones de pavo o pollo póngalos en el congelador blanco.

Daríamos la bienvenida a los artículos: pavos, pollos, jamones, relleno, caldo de pollo, salsa de arándanos, mezcla de pan de maíz, papas, batatas, calabaza, rellenos de pastel, apio, cebolla, harina, azúcar, leche evaporada, huevos, almidón de maíz, listo para masa para empanadas, mezclas de torta, mezcla de pancake, ayudante de la hamburguesa, ayudante de atún, espaguetis, pastas, arroz, macarrones y queso, carne de vaca guisado, spam, cereales, mantequilla de cacahuete, judías verdes, guisantes verdes, maíz, zanahorias, espinacas, aceitunas, setas, frijoles, fruta, zumos de fruta, fruta fresca, gelatina, budines, galletas, mezclas del mollete, aceite de ensalada especias, mayonesa, jaleas y mermeladas, jarabe, carnes enlatadas, atún, salsa de tomate, pasta de



tomate, rice a roni, queso parmesano, cátsup, mostaza, café, té. Las donaciones en efectivo pueden ser hechos poniendo el domingo en el canasto de colecta marcar para **Food Pantry**. Su contribución ayudara a los necesitados a tener un feliz Día de Gracias.

#### ■ CLÍNICA LEGAL GRATIS EN LA CATEDRAL

El Obispo Michael Barber abrió recientemente la Clínica Legal de Papa Francisco en la Catedral de la Luz de Cristo. La clínica es atendida por abogados que ofrecen voluntariamente su tiempo y conocimientos, se maneja una gran variedad de asuntos legales tales como derecho de familia, inmigración, bienes raíces, derecho laboral y muchas otras áreas. La oficina se encuentra en la Cancillería en el 2121 Harrison St. En Oakland. Actualmente, está abierta los martes y viernes de 10:00 am a 2:00 pm. Cuando aumente la demanda del servicio podría abrirse horas y días adicionales.

#### ■ COORDINADOR DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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La Parroquia de San Buenaventura de Concord, está buscando un coordinador para el Ministerio Hispano, que sea bilingüe (Inglés-Español) y cuyas responsabilidades incluyen; asegurar que se cumplan las necesidades pastorales y sacramentales de la comunidad hispana, profundizar en la vida de fe de la comunidad y desarrollar un enfoque colaborativo que involucre a la comunidad hispana en la planificación y la vida de la parroquia.

Su formación y experiencia debe incluir trabajo pastoral anterior en el ministerio parroquial Latino Americano, educación y formación en catequesis, formación en la fe y liturgia. El candidato además debe tener fuertes habilidades organizativas y administrativas con una comprensión informada del Concilio Vaticano II y cómo se aplica a la misión de la parroquia.

Esta posición se clasifica como M-4, 40 horas por semana. Los interesados favor enviar Hoja de vida (Currículo vitae) con carta de presentación a Christa Fairfield al correo electrónico cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

#### ■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA Trigésimo Tercer el Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Así como este *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia* viene a su fin, los primeros discípulos de Jesús parecen preguntarse lo que cada edad desea saber sobre el fin del mundo: “Maestro, cuándo

sucedará esto? ¿Qué señal se tendrá?” (Lucas 21:7).

Pero en lugar de lo que nos gustaría saber, Jesús nos dice lo que necesitamos saber. No se preocupen por desastres naturales, violencia humana, sufrimientos personales. Porque abunda la bondad de Dios, todo es misericordia. “Conducirá a su testimonio dando” (21:13). Así Malaquías promete “el sol de justicia con sus rayos curativos” (Malaquías 3:20a); y Jesús describe cómo deberíamos acoger con satisfacción al final: “Pararse erguido y levantad la cabeza, porque vuestra redención está cerca” (aclamación al Evangelio, Lucas 21:28).

En lugar de preocuparse por nosotros mismos y peligros del futuro, Evangelio de Jesús y la oferta del *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia* del Papa Francisco nos piden a pasar nuestras vidas proclamando la promesa de Dios y su misericordia sin límites, pero también traducir la misericordia de Dios en hechos de la vida de inagotable compasión y comodidad duradera.

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