



Fr. Richard with the children at the Sunday Family Mass
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April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter | 17 de abril de 2016 Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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

■ **STRAIGHT AND TRANSPARENT PATH NECESSARY**

I had the opportunity and privilege of speaking before the Concord City Council on April 5 in front of a standing-room-only crowd of citizens, coalitions and special-interest groups about the Reuse Plan for the Concord Naval Weapons Station, and contracting the services of its developer, Lennar Urban.

I learned a great deal about the development of the first part of 500 housing units and the developer Lennar as the premier developer of government base reuse projects. A number of faith-based organizations, including our Central Contra Costa Deanery's "Catholics for Justice, Equity and the Future" were present and many parishioners from our six parish communities.

The meeting was divided into three parts: a presentation by the Lennar developer, response and question by the three City Council members voting on the issue, two being disqualified, and public comment. Many of us came to voice concern for the amount and categories of affordable housing, a Living Wage that should be part of the contract for all laborers building the project, the job opportunities for Central County and Concord residents, the traffic and transportation issues yet unresolved, the place of parks and recreational opportunities, and the opportunity for the citizens of Concord from all economic strata to be able to participate and benefit from the project.

I am happy to report that the members of the City Council seem to be on the same page with us as they grilled and peppered the developers with all kind of questions on the same issues that we had.

At one time, there were over 80 persons who wanted to make public comment. At 10:30 pm when Father Ismael Gutierrez and I left, Mayor Laura Hoffmeister reported that there were 36 more people who had signed up to speak. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm and decisions

about the developer were held over until April 12.

In a printed story in the Contra Costa Times a day before the meeting, referring to a letter sent by Congressman Mark Desaulnier to the City Council, the congressman asked the council to restart the selection process for the developer so that it did not just fall to them by default. Many individuals spoke to the issue of "not delaying" the process that has been long in getting to this point. The problem is that the whole process of selecting the developers has been tainted by accusations of political gifts and pressure, alleged actions taken by the City Manager and others, and the fallout over the Catellus developer opting out just a few days before this April 5 meeting. There has been a call for a complete and transparent explanation for all of this from the City Council.

There was also another odd development expressed in the meeting — a seeming preference on the part of the City Council for many parts of the Catellus developer's project and the city council insisting that Lennar, if chosen, should include those elements in their contract, seeming to observe that Lennar's project was deficient, but Lennar was the only developer standing.

That will certainly be part of my next public comment at the April 12 meeting, as well as the request to restart the selection process in a modified form. There must be a straight and transparent path to the decision for a developer for the project.

■ **EXPLORING CATHOLICS**

Mercy Me! Questions for the Church in the Year of Mercy

There is a lot of talk about Mercy this year, but how does it apply to my everyday life? How do I continue practicing Mercy after the year is over? What are some of the issues that may be keeping me away from church? What does the church say about things like sin, remarriage, or being LGBT? Gatherings are on Tuesday nights (7:00-9:00pm) in Classroom B1. Come to all the sessions or just those that appeal to you.

April 26: "Is it a Sin if I Don't Feel Guilty?" Dr. Lisa Fullam from the Jesuit School at the GTU will come to talk about sin and the development of a moral conscience.

May 17: "Are All Welcome or Not: Maybe Yes, Maybe No" Addressing LGBT issues in the church today. Fr. Jim Schexnayder will join us to share his experiences ministering to the LGBT community in the Oakland Diocese.

May 31: "Grill the Canon Lawyer" Fr. Bob McCann, Canon Lawyer for the Diocese of Oakland and Professor at St. Patrick's Seminary, will join us to talk about divorce, annulment and remarriage.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD



■ **THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!**

Commitment Weekend is here! To successfully achieve both our parish goal and the overall diocesan goal of \$2.5 million, we need your help! A pledge to the Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs and services.

Participation is the key ingredient

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pew and place it in the collection basket today. *Your gift makes a difference!*

The Benefits of a Monthly Pledge

Bishop Barber asks you to help support vital diocesan ministries and services by considering a pledge payable monthly through December 31, 2016. If you can give \$15, \$20, or \$30 each month through December, it equals \$150, \$200 or \$300 when spread out over the year.

Everyone's financial situation is different, so everyone is asked to consider making a sacrificial gift at a level that is appropriate for him or her. Every pledge of every size is needed and appreciated. Please keep in mind:

- A pledge allows you to make payments at your convenience (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually).
- The decision on a specific amount is a decision each family is asked to make after prayerful consideration. Although no gift or pledge is too small or too large, please consider a gift proportional to your means.

MINISTRY FOCUS: Clergy Formation and Support

The diocese provides support for clergy from initial formation into retirement. Appeal funds are used to support those in seminary formation, preparing for a lifetime of service to the faith community of the Church of Oakland. These men are pursuing a special call to service and need our prayerful and financial support on their vocation journey. The cost to the diocese to support these seminarians in their studies is one of the largest budget items. As more men discern their call to serve the Church of Oakland and the East Bay, these costs will continue to grow.

Continued updating, renewal, and education for priests who currently serve the diocese is important for a vital and growing Church. The diocese, with Appeal funds, provides renewal programs, sabbaticals, and continuing education for our priests.

In their retirement years, our priests deserve our thanks for their lives of service. Funds from the Bishop's Appeal will be used to provide supplemental retirement and long-term care for our elderly priests.

The Diaconate is a special ministry of service vital to ongoing programs in our parishes and to reaching out to people in places such as the prisons and hospitals in our area. The deacons who serve our diocese are also provided continuing

education, formation, and support in their ministry.

If you would like more information on the 2016 Bishop's Appeal or want to make a gift online, please visit www.oakdiocese.org/giving

■ PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DINNER

*Saturday, April 30, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm,
 St. Michael Convent, 375 Maple St.,
 Livermore, Erick Villa (Erick.villa@stpsu.edu), Sstpsu.edu*

Join Saint Patrick's Seminary and University for a Priesthood Discernment Dinner at St. Michael Convent in Livermore on April 30 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This dinner will offer men 18-40 years of age an opportunity for discernment to the priesthood. The night will include dinner, priest testimony, and Eucharistic Adoration.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekend of April 9 & 10 Collection
 Goal: \$25,440
 Actual: \$25,040
 Deficit: (\$400)

Food for Family: 171

Parish Loan Debt: \$78,258.36
*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
 included in above figures*

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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 11:1-18; PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; JN 10:11-18

TUESDAY: ACTS 11:19-26; PS 87:1B-7; JN 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 12:24 — 13:5A; PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; JN 12:44-50

THURSDAY: ACTS 13:13-25; PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; JN 13:16-20

FRIDAY: ACTS 13:26-33; PS 2:6-11AB; JN 14:1-6

SATURDAY: ACTS 13:44-52; PS 98:1-4; JN 14:7-14

SUNDAY: ACTS 14:21-27; PS 145:8-13; RV 21:1-5A; JN 13:31-33A, 34-35



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LITURGY & PRAYER

■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday celebrates Jesus as “the Good Shepherd.” When announcing this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*,

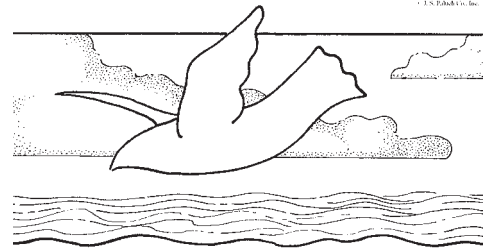
Pope Francis focused on Jesus’ “lost sheep” parable in Luke. “[Who] among you,” Jesus asks, “having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?” (Luke 15:4). A reasonable answer? “No responsible shepherd who wants to keep the job!” Yet Jesus considers *one* lost person supremely important and suggests blaming the shepherd. The sheep didn’t “go astray,” the shepherd “lost” it. Thus, “when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy” (15:5). That tender image of Jesus adorns the simple cross Pope Francis has always worn, the Good Shepherd gently carrying the lost sheep home on his shoulders. During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, may we, who once were lost ourselves but now are found, join Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home at least one precious lamb.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN



■ BAPTISMS – MARCH 2016

God’s blessings to these children who have become Children of God in the Sacrament of Baptism

Jayden Donovan Alvarez, son of Richard and Rolyn

Landon Allen Baker, son of Robert and Yavanna

London Mae Baker, daughter of Robert and Yavanna

Louise Charlotte Lacroix, daughter of Matthew and Emily

Charlotte Audrey Reilly, daughter of Davis and Jennifer

Roman Kyrie Rolling, son of Christopher and Ashley

Penelope Harper Sandoval, daughter of Christopher and Lisa

Sophie Artemis Rose Ty, daughter of Justin and Mary

Jasmine Clara-Maria Vasquez, daughter of Manuel and Jacqueline

■ PLAN YOUR SUMMER FOR A FOOT-STOMPING GOOD TIME at St. Bonaventure’s Barnyard RoundUp: July 18-22



Gather ‘Round cuz we are gonna have our very own Barn-Raising right here at St. Bonaventure! Yep, that’s right – think of farm ani-

mals, green pastures, farm-fresh snacks, foot-stomping music and blue ribbon crafts! We are gonna have a bale of fun as we hear Gospel stories of how Jesus is

our Good Shepherd who gathers us together and cares for His flock!

Now is the time to plan activities for those sunny days of summer. We offer a pre-school program for 3 and 4 year olds which meets from 9:30-11:30am each day of camp. Our Kinder – 6th grade program meets from 9:30-12:30pm. 6th Graders are counselors-to-be and will be involved in some really “moo”-ving camp activities.

We will begin registration on Saturday, May 7 at 9AM – 1PM in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$65 for pre-schoolers and \$80 for elementary-aged students.

Adults, we need you to be our Farm Leaders. All you need is a desire to have a wheel-barrel full of fun with kids! Contact Rosann Halick, ☎ 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or rhalick@stbonaventure.net for more information.

Teens – 7th grade through high school - don't be left out in the pastures – we need you to be our Farm hands. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact Miranda Ripoli, ☎ 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or mripoli@stbonaventure.net.

So gather your overalls, farm hat and boots, and get ready for a “farm-tastic” experience in the farmlands of America at Barnyard RoundUp Bible Camp!

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ THE MINIMUM WAGE IN CALIFORNIA WILL INCREASE!

Families in California with members who work low-wage jobs will get a raise to \$15 an hour, and our faith voices helped make it happen. **Thank you!** Thank you for increasing awareness of this issue in your congregation and for every signature collected -- we got their attention!

We applaud the Governor and leaders in Sacramento for listening to our faith voices and the voices of working people to rapidly bring SB-3 before the legislature. In a short time, the Interfaith Coalition collected close to 2,000 signatures from our faith communities in Contra Costa

County to raise the wage. Although we support raising the minimum wage sooner than 2022, we commend our legislators for the passage of SB-3.

Supporting this raise by voting “Yes” on SB 3 were: Assembly Members Bonilla, Frazier, Thurmond and Senator Glazer.

The Governor signed the legislation last week. A victory! A victory for workers. A victory for the labor unions who organized the initiatives and continued dialogue with the decision makers. A victory for the Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa County, whose focus on this issue created local support. And a victory for all of us involved in the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition! Yeah!

Raising the Minimum Wage is a moral issue because work is about the dignity of the person. Work should lift us up and enable us to be fulfilled, care for our families, and contribute to our communities. Raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour will not by itself lift all low-wage workers out of poverty, but it will make it easier for 5.6 million workers (32% of the statewide workforce) to support themselves and their families. It's good for our economy, too. When low-wage workers earn more they spend more in our local businesses, which supports and creates jobs and generates tax revenue for our communities.

There is nothing but a lack of social vision to prevent us from paying an adequate wage to every American whether he [or she] is a hospital worker, laundry worker, maid, or day laborer.” – The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS INFORMATION EVENING

Have you ever wanted to belong to a small group of parish friends who meet regularly, but don't know how to get started? Are you interested in meeting new people in the parish, find ways to get more involved or just want to set aside time to pray? Do you just want more information about it? Come to an information evening, Tuesday, **May 3, 7:30-8:30pm in Classroom B1**. Contact Eileen, elimberg@stbonaventure.net with any questions.

■ BOOK STUDY

The Four Things That Matter Most: A Book About Living by Ira Byock, M.D. Eleven words can enrich and heal relationships. They are: Please forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you. Such simple words, but often hard to remember or share. As we study the book together, we will see the value of saying these Four Things regularly. Your heart will be touched with the real stories about real people Dr. Byock has gathered in the ten years since his book was first published. Join us April 19, 26, May 3 & 10 from 1:30-3:00pm in A1. Books are available in the office for \$22. Please sign up in the office or by contacting Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217)

■ ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are you planning to marry in the Church in the next year? St. Bonaventure offers three preparation weekends throughout the year. Couples are invited to attend the next weekend on **June 25 and 26, 2016**. It is never too early to attend a weekend. It is usually recommended that couples attend at least 3 months before the wedding. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and discern your future life together. The cost is \$125/couple. Contact Matthew & Stacey Remington (☎ 672-4006) for more information or to register for the weekend.

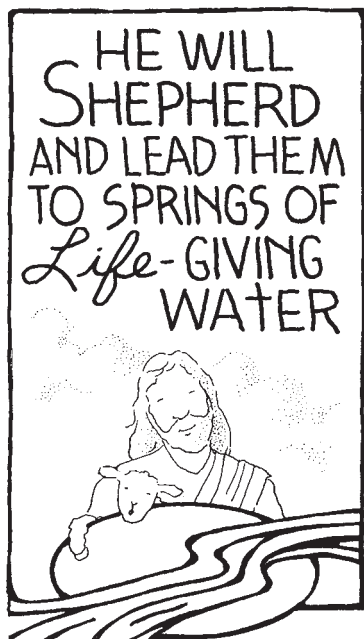
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■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The good news of the Gospel reminds us that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock! Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we are given the ultimate gift of eternal life and are held tight, safe and secure in God's hand! Let these amazing and life-giving truths fill you and your marriage relationship with His love and peace. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20**. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, 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. Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

■ TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

Blessings from Tai Chi for Health! Join us in the powerful, playful practice of Tai Chi & Qi Gong. Sessions are each Wednesday, in the Small Hall, and Friday in A4, from 10am to 11am. Bring an open mind and bottled water. Love offerings \$10. Contact Instructor Ben ☎ 925 565-4636 with questions.



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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ FLORES DE MAYO: "FLOWERS OF MAY"

Saturday, May 28 at 5:00 PM Mass, St. Bonaventure Church

The Filipino-American community of St. Bonaventure invites you to our annual parish celebration of Flores de Mayo, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4:00 PM – Pray the Rosary in the Large Hall

4:45 PM – Process to the church

4:55 PM – The statue of the Blessed Mother is processed to the altar, followed by those who wish to offer flowers.

5:00 PM – Mass

Members of the *Hulog ng Langit* (Gift from Heaven) choir from St. Francis of Assisi will lead us in song during the Mass.

Dinner reception will follow in the Large Hall.

If you want to help with set-up or clean-up, please call Sol Cuenco (925) 676-5905 or solemama@yahoo.com

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
VINCE COVIONE
April 16 – 22, 2016



Pray For

FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

■ 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.

■ ST. BONAVENTURE CANCER SUPPORT

A community of parishioners and survivors of cancer are waiting and willing to share your experience, pray with you and be there to help you through your ordeal. We offer ourselves in love and prayer to be at your side in many ways. *Please call us; know that you are not alone:* ☎ Elaine Shingleton at 672-1850, or Maria Padilla Fulmore (*Que habla Español*) 686-6916.

■ NEW PARISHIONERS

Ruben & Gloria Alfaroc
 Margarita Alvarez
 Glenn & Perla Azero
 Nancy Cassity
 Lucia Contreras
 Michael & Ana Gosney
 Mike & Linda Leckliter
 Lorenzo & Maria Martinez
 Salvador & Atanacia Medina
 Tyler & Kate Olson
 Jorge & Yolanda Quintero
 Geoff & Christine Reimer
 Roger & Laura Repetto
 Harold & Regina Yabut

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Court 1450 St. Mary Margaret cordially invites you to “A Spring Hat Salad Luncheon.” Saturday, April 23 at 2:00pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA. Cost: \$20/adult, \$10 for children under 10 years old. For information, contact Josie Torres at 925-432-2265. There will be a prize for the best Hat!

■ **ISSUES4LIFE RALLY AND PROTEST**

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Todos Santos Plaza, 2151 Salvio St., Concord

Joni Durling, Event Coordinator joni@issues4life.org; Issues4Life.org

On April 23, people all over the nation will protest in front of Planned Parenthoods. The Issues4Life Foundation, in coordination with numerous organizations, has planned a rally at Todos Santos Plaza in Concord. The rally will feature a number of speakers, including Walter Hoye of the Issues4Life Foundation. After the rally, participants will walk to the Concord Planned Parenthood Facility, which is a block away. For more information, **view the flyer** or contact Joni Durling, see above.

■ **ENGAGE YOUR HEART THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS**

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality (www.ignatiancompanions.org) is a unique program that engages women and men, over age 50, who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities, while deepening their spiritual foundations. Ignatian Companions integrate their personal journey of faith with their own conviction to act for justice within local nonprofits. Our 10-month program operates from Sept-June each year and is hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley.

If you have an interest in learning about our amazing program, we invite you to attend an Information Session at **St. John Vianney on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00pm.**

To register or to get more information about our program, please contact Jenny Girard Malley, Director, at ignatiancompanions@gmail.com or 415-375-0622; or Harry Hutzel at St. John Vianney Parish 650-392-4856.

■ **CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND WITH KEVIN HEIDER**

Friday, April 29, 7:00 pm, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 2005 Berryman St., Berkeley

Steven Lewis 510-267-8394, slewis@oakdiocese.org/
CUBayArea

The next Catholic Underground will take place at St. Mary Magdalen on April 29. Catholic Underground is a two-part event for young adults in the Bay Area. The first part of the evening consists of Eucharistic Adoration, and the second part showcases different Catholic artists.

During the next Catholic Underground, the featured artist will be Kevin Heider. Born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, Kevin’s unique and malleable indie-folk/rock sound is coupled with a lyrical form that explores – from the heights to the depths – what it means to be human. And he is self-taught on every instrument he plays. For more information, you can visit the Catholic Underground Bay Area website Oakdiocese.org/CUBayArea.

Check their Facebook for updates

■ **CALLED? COME AND SEE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSION SAN JOSE**

When: Saturday, April 23; 10am-4pm

For single Catholic women, ages 18-40

Register online at www.msjdominicans.org; www.bit.ly/discernRLife

For more info: Sister Mary Yun, OP at ☎ 213-760-3085 or mary@msjdominicans.org.

Mass Intentions
For The Week



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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:30 Jose Concepcion de Luna
Joan Furlong
Roque Leo R. Valera

James Walker

9:00 Joey Mangini

John Herbert

Jerry Boyd

Eugene Conroy

11:00 Idonna Tryon

Lil Fichtenkort

Eugene Conroy

Donna Ellis

5:00 Apolonia Hernandez

Kepris Meletiou

MONDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 Communion Service

9:00 John Herbert

Teri Benares

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 For the homeless families

9:00 Nery Ordonez

Juana Cuenco

Jack Hancock

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 Vidal Crescencio, Sr.

Lawrence L. Tadeo

9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 For government officials

9:00 Juana Cuenco

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 Communion Service

9:00 Juana Cuenco

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:00 Emidio Busuttill

Alicia Taborga

Mimi Heald

Josephine Damato

■ JUAN 10: 27-30

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los judíos: “Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen. Yo les doy la vida eterna y no perecerán jamás; nadie las arrebatará de mi mano. Me las ha dado mi Padre, y El; es superior a todos. El Padre y yo somos uno.”

Estos domingos de Pascua nacen de la Resurrección de Cristo y vienen con su fuerza espiritual refrescante. Están llenos de vida como la flora y la tierra de nuestros países. Llegan al final de la semana de trabajo para decirnos que la **esperanza** no se ha terminado y se ofrece abundante para poder comenzar la semana entrante. Resuenan en nuestros oídos mientras andamos por la ciudad indiferente, hecha de caminantes que corren a su trabajo, de gente mal comida y mal nutrida, de jóvenes que se nota están luchando para progresar más allá de lo que han alcanzado sus padres. A todos llegan las palabras pascuales con el verdor primaveral de la esperanza, Cristo, que nos dice: “No teman, estoy con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo.”

Se dice que las ovejas oyen mejor de lo que ven y se dejan guiar por la voz del que las cuida, del pastor. Jesús sin duda había observado los rebaños en las colinas de Nazaret, acompañando a algún amigo pastor o cuidando El mismo alguna oveja de José antes de entrarle al trabajo más pesado de carpintero. Del carácter observador de Jesús no podía venir mejor figura campestre para darnos la seguridad de que Él está y estará con nosotros hasta el fin y nadie nos podrá apartar de su lado excepto nosotros mismos.

No cesamos de celebrar nuestra vocación cristiana en toda ocasión que se nos presenta desde el día oficial de la Epifanía o de los Reyes. En toda oportunidad tenemos siempre presente que la bondad de Dios nos ha dado gente como el apóstol a quien dijera: “Te puse como luz de las naciones para que lleves la salvación hasta los extremos del mundo”. Y una vez más nos alegramos al oír estas palabras, porque nos damos cuenta que el Señor se ha acordado de nosotros y por eso estamos alegres.

La visión grandiosa de lo que nos espera si perseveramos hasta el fin está hermosamente presentada en el Apocalipsis o Libro de la Revelación. Junto al Cordero se pasarán todas las penas y agobios, porque nos llevará a las fuentes de las aguas de la vida, donde Dios enjuagará nuestras lágrimas. Pero este final hay que conquistarlo, no porque la conquista cristiana sea fruto del esfuerzo humano, sino porque Dios quiere contar con nuestra libertad y cooperación. Aquí ya no sirve la figura de la oveja a no ser que la hagamos halar y tomar libres decisiones como en el cuento anterior. Y hay mucho por hacer porque todo no se puede reducir a nuestro adelanto espiritual individual. Dios ha hecho nuestra vida de relaciones con El y los demás, de modo que si esas relaciones se dañan, todo el resto se pierde.

Nunca podrá haber oración devota y sincera si sabemos que un hermano está sufriendo y no intentamos nada. No habrá canto que glorifique al Señor y le contente, si alguien sufre y no es socorrido. A veces nosotros mismos creamos esas situaciones, creyendo que podemos estar “a Dios orando y con el mazo dando”. Otras veces existen ya sin nuestra culpa, pero en ambas situaciones nuestra vida cristiana será probada en la caridad, en nuestro interés por mantener vivas y no muertas las relaciones con los hombres que nos unen con Dios. En la tarde de la vida seremos examinados sobre el amor, dice San Juan de la Cruz. Es que la vida no vale la pena si no es para hacer sonreír a un niño o aliviar al que sufre.

Nuestra vida no progresará espiritualmente si nuestras relaciones no se hacen más profundas y sinceras. Ya no tenemos excusa para ser indiferentes. Esta sociedad nos informa tan bien de los males de cada día que ya no podemos decir: “no lo sabía”. La vida nos pone al paso los problemas del prójimo y el Evangelio la respuesta que Dios espera de nosotros: “Amarás al Señor con todo tu corazón y al prójimo como a ti mismo.” Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

■ FORMACIÓN DE LÍDERES, MINISTROS Y PARROQUIANOS

Se invita a los ministros, a los líderes y a la comunidad en general a la formación teológica impartida por el diácono Mariano Preza. Muchas personas de la comunidad han aprovechado esta formación antes, pero cada clase es una nueva experiencia al conocimiento, el programa está abierto a toda la comunidad y es gratis. Esta formación ayudará a conocer mejor y a ampliar nuestra visión de Dios. En este Año de la Misericordia, regalémonos la oportunidad de aprender, reconocer y vivir el amor de Dios.

Las clases son los lunes y empiezan el lunes, 25 de enero, 2016.

Cuando: Lunes

Hora: 7:00-9:00 PM

Lugar: Salón de clases B-1

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

■ FRASES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

El Santo Padre dijo que “en cada uno de nosotros, si alguien nos dice algo, una cosa fea, inmediatamente tratamos de decir que no es verdad”. O “Damos una respuesta aún peor”. En ese sentido, señaló que “la humildad sólo puede llegar a un corazón a través de las humillaciones. No hay humildad sin humillaciones, y si tú no eres capaz de aceptar algunas humillaciones en tu vida, no eres humilde.” Es simple, es “matemático”, reafirmó el Papa, e invitó a pedir “al Señor la gracia, para cada uno de nosotros, para toda la Iglesia, la gracia de la humildad, pero también la gracia de comprender que no es posible ser humildes sin humillación”.

Horario de Oficina:
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 Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30p.m.
 Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 Viernes: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

■ **CAMPAMENTO DE BIBLIA PLAN DE VERANO DETÉNGASE Y DISFRUTE EN LA GRANJA DE SAN BUENAVENTURA JULIO 18-22, 2016**



Nos reuniremos porque vamos a tener nuestra propia granja -- la vamos a construir aquí en San Buenaventura. Sí, es cierto -- piensen en animales de granja, verdes praderas, frutas y vegetales frescos, música y artesanías. Tendremos mucha diversión mientras escuchamos historias del Evangelio de cómo Jesús es nuestro buen pastor que reúne y cuida de su rebaño.

Ahora es el momento de planificar actividades para esos días soleados de verano. Ofrecemos un programa para pre-escolares de 3 y 4 años de edad de 9:30-11:30am. Kínder - 6to grado de 9:30-12:30pm. Los jóvenes de 6° grado son consejeros--van a estar y participar en "muu"-chas actividades.

Las inscripciones empiezan el sábado 7 de mayo de 9:00 – 1:00pm en el salón de clase A-1. El costo de la inscripción es \$65 para pre-escolares y \$80 para los estudiantes de primaria.

Adultos, necesitamos líderes agrícolas. Único requisito es el deseo de tener un barril lleno de diversiones con los niños. Para más información comunicarse con Rosann Halick, 672-5800, ext 2204 o rhalick@stbonaventure.net

Adolescentes – del 7° grado a secundaria – no se perderán en la pradera – necesitamos que sean nuestras manos de la granja. Esto es una forma de divertirse, compartir su fe y servir de una manera variada en el campo. Póngase en contacto con Miranda Ripoli, 672-5800, ext 2229 o mripoli@stbonaventure.net.

Así que a reunir sus overoles, sombrero y botas de granja y prepárense para una experiencia "Gran-diosa" en tierras de América en el Campamento de Biblia!

BAUTIZOS 2016 LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1 ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, 826-5102 ***PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA***			
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Sat 07/16	12:00 p.m.	Fri 07/15 Chapel	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 07/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/05	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/20	12:00 p.m.	Fri 08/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/27	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/19	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/10	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/09	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/24	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/16	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/15	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/07	7-9:30 p.m.
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