



The Crowning of (Mother Mary) the Virgen of Guadalupe. Photo Credit: David Blankenhorn

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May 15, 2016 Pentecost Sunday | 15 de mayo de 2016 Domingo de Pentecostés

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

■ **URGING OUR PARENTS NOT TO DISCONNECT CATECHISM FROM THE PRACTICE OF THEIR CHILDREN'S FAITH**

Our parish catechetical program ended a week ago. Rosann Halick, who directs our grammar school religious formation program for grades one to five, held a May Crowning to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. This end-of-program event also contained Gospel skits for the children, and an ice cream social. I also took the opportunity to speak to the parents as the Ice Cream Social was going on for the children.

I wanted to speak to the parents about their role as spiritual mentors for their children. I shared a few sentences from Pope Francis' new book on Marriage and Family life, called "The Joy of Love" in family life.

In Chapter 7 entitled "Toward a Better Education of Children," in a section called "Passing on the Faith," Pope Francis writes:

"The home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and the beauty of Faith, to pray and to serve our neighbor."

"Parents are the means that God uses for it to grow and develop."

"Handing on the faith presumes that parents themselves genuinely trust God, seek him and sense their need for Him, for only in this way does one generation hand praises and gratitude on to God."

"Young parents need to be aware of their mission as the evangelizers of their own family."

I pointed out that the parents are the first teachers of the faith, that they are the first to hand it down by showing how they believe and pray and love. I then spoke of the great disconnect that Rosann and I see because parents enroll their children in catechism, but then do not bring their children to Sunday Mass. I said that we were concerned about what we see as the "Disconnect."

Did they see the disconnect? Why was that? Could they share their reasons and point of views? To tell you the truth, I could not get much conversation going. Maybe one or two persons shared something. Out of the three meetings, I learned a few things. Lots of people nodded that it is the issue of playing sports for their children. Some acknowledged that getting out of the habit was a big obstacle and that getting back into the habit was even more difficult. Working on Sundays was another, but not for too many. There was a lot of silence, which allowed me a little more time to try to motivate.

The fact is that children know what is important or not from what is important to their parents. I do not think that catechism, at its best, works once a week, even with the most creative and loving catechists. It is not enough for the gifts of Faith and Hope and Love to grow.

I shared with the parents that I cannot judge or measure how well they are doing as spiritual mentors because I do not know what is going on in their homes. I said that I hope that the parents were doing something good to nurture the living spirit

of faith and the souls of these beautiful children. I do hope that they are praying with their children and sharing about God in their family life.

I am reminded by Jesus in the Gospels that we are planting seeds that we may not see fully blossom. I think that we as ministers and teachers and passers on of the Faith need to have more Faith and Trust in God, especially when we will never see the end result of our work.

I urged them, at least, to come on the First Sundays of the month, where each class prepares a child-friendly liturgy, or to come every quarter, if not every Sunday. If it is a matter of not having the time, I challenged the parents to consult God and ask God to open their time to include what they think might be impossible to do. That perhaps will be the greatest challenge to their Faith, because God might just answer them, and then they would have to do it.

We live in hope. The Jewish faith tradition has an expression always used at the end of each year's Passover Supper, that those who celebrate the supper might celebrate it next year in Jerusalem. "Next Year in Jerusalem!" Next Year at Mass!



GENTLEMEN BATHROOM USE

It is very difficult to keep the Church bathrooms cleaned on the weekends because of the hundreds of people who use them. Our good maintenance man Fred cleans the bathrooms several times each Sunday. Recently, the floors were steam-cleaned and sealed. It clearly shows that men do not pay attention, as seen in all the stained urine rust on the right metal wall that separates one stall from the other. Could you pay a little more attention to what you are doing? I have great sympathy for whoever cleans up after you at home.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JAS 3:13-18; PS 19:8-10, 15; MK 9:14-29
TUESDAY: JAS 4:1-10; PS 55:7-11A, 23; MK 9:30-37
WEDNESDAY: JAS 4:13-17; PS 49:2-3, 6-11; MK 9:38-40
THURSDAY: JAS 5:1-6; PS 49:14-20; MK 9:41-50
FRIDAY: JAS 5:9-12; PS 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; MK 10:1-12
SATURDAY: JAS 5:13-20; PS 141:1-3, 8; MK 10:13-16
SUNDAY: PRV 8:22-31; PS 8:4-9; ROM 5:1-5; JN 16:12-15

LITURGY & PRAYER

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
May 15, 2016, Solemnity of
Pentecost**



Announcing the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis challenged us to proclaim God's mercy "to everyone without exception . . . again and again, with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). Pentecost proclaims that the door locked for fifty days is thrown open at last. No longer closed in on itself, the community speaks to crowds from different backgrounds, distant lands, exotic languages. Everyone hears their native language. The Spirit does not restore Babel's uniformity, but forges unity—in-diversity of language, race, nationality—embracing all without exception. During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pentecost's Spirit summons us afresh from mediocrity and isolation to share God's mercy with the world. "This is our mission!" Francis exclaims. We are "given the gift of the 'tongue' of the Gospel and the 'fire' of the Holy Spirit, so that while we proclaim Jesus risen, living and present in our midst, we may warm . . . the heart of the peoples, drawing near to Him, the way, the truth, and the life" (*Regina Coeli* address, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015).

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**NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:
MAY 24**

ATTENTION PARENTS, ESPECIALLY PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO JUST MADE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION! Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? If so, please consider signing up to join us for our next training taking place on Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00pm in the church. Altar servers must be at least entering 4th grade in fall 2016 and have celebrated their First Communion. If you are interested, please contact Anthony

Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or call the parish office. Thank you for your consideration of participating in this very important liturgical ministry!

**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: SUNDAY,
MAY 29**

All are invited to come to the chapel and pray the rosary with our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, May 29 at 10:30am. Come after the 9:00am Mass or prior to the 11:00am Mass.



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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.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive
 are forgiven them,
 and whose sins you retain
 are retained.

~ John 20:22-23

■ WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MAY DINNER

Come join in the fellowship, have a great dinner, hear an amazing story and honor our mother Mary all at the same time. Thursday, May 26 @ 6:30 PM in the Large Hall. Our speaker will be Fr Jerry Brown of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, sharing his journey from the Episcopal Church to becoming a Catholic priest, and also describing Mary's influence in his ministry. Dinner will be \$26 and is a catered chicken marsala dinner by "Fuget About It" catering. Tickets will be sold online and after Masses a few weeks before the event. Questions? call Dot Price ☎ 925-287-0246

■ 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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ 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.

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.

■ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter, to come and dwell in us, God's children. Open your heart wide and invite the Holy Spirit in to dive even deeper into your relationship with God and your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are 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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ FAITH AND FAMILY DAY AT THE A'S, VS. SEATTLE MARINERS: Saturday, September 10, game time 1:05

This year we will be in one section, closer to home plate than last year: Section 225, Plaza level, in the shade. The tickets are \$23. There are only one hundred (100) seats being reserved for us for a short period of time. I will have some tickets on hand for purchase. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. Call Gerry at 709-5404.

■ 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

■ BUNDLE SUNDAY WEEKEND JUNE 11-12



St Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a clothing drive at our parish the weekend of June 11-12. Please bring clean, gently used clothing, preferably on hangers, to church during Mass hours only on these days. Volunteers will be manning an SVdP trailer during these times. *Clothing only, please.* No electronics, furniture, toys, games, etc.

■ 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.

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ WANT TO LISTEN TO SOME GREAT STORIES?

As a Caring Hands volunteer, you have the opportunity to be there for someone who has a *lifetime* of stories to tell. The heart of our program is connecting a senior with a caring volunteer so you really get the chance to know each other well. As a Caring Hands volunteer, you can make a significant impact on dispelling the loneliness and isolation that affects so many seniors.

Volunteer hours are flexible. We do our best to find a senior who lives close to you and who meets your day and time requirements. John Muir Health offers comprehensive training and ongoing support so you feel prepared to be a volunteer. For more information about volunteering for this unique and special Caring Hands Volunteer Program, call Linda Groobin ☎ 925-952-2999 or visit our website: www.johnmuirhealth.com/caringhands.

We have training scheduled for Friday May 20, in Walnut Creek, Friday July 22, Brentwood

I hope you will consider joining us!

■ JOIN THE FUN AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT OUR 9TH ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES!

Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope invite you to our 9th Annual Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on May 21. In addition to an exciting day of racing - including a live broadcast of the Preakness Stakes - the event features a silent auction of gift baskets, gift certificates, vacations, sporting event tickets and much more. Raffle items include owner's tickets to Giants games, \$200 restaurant package and \$150 Nordstrom's gift certificate. All tickets include valet parking, admission to the Turf Club, daily racing program, breakfast and prime rib lunch buffets.

Vision of Hope looks forward to setting new records for both attendance

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of May 7 & 8 Collection

Goal: \$25,440
 Actual: \$26,637
 Over: \$1,197

2nd Collection
Catholic Communication: \$1,893

Parish Loan Debt: \$44,075.86

Food for Family: 274

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

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and benefits for the children in our three local schools: St. Elizabeth in Oakland, St. James and St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception in San Francisco. For information call Vision of Hope at ☎ 510-533-5768 or go to www.visionofhope.org. The first race starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. The Sisters hope to see you there!

DALE'S SCOVILL ORGAN CONCERT

Dale Scovill will be presenting an organ concert "My Favorite Things" on Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 PM. The concert will be held at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Clayton Valley Road, Clayton. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

WHITE PONY EXPRESS

You can play a direct, personal role in helping to end hunger in Contra Costa County. Think about helping with *White Pony Express!*

White Pony Express is a 100% volunteer-based non-profit that redistributes approximately 18,000 lbs. of fresh, delicious, healthy food each week to those in need. We need more volunteers to get the food delivered to these neighbors!

White Pony Express (WPE) partners with food retailers with a surplus and delivers free of charge to those in need. Some of the more well-known donors are Nob Hill Foods, Whole Foods, Costco, Sprouts Farmers' Market and The Cheesecake Factory-but there are a hundred additional donors. White Pony Express distributes throughout the county to over 30 recipient partners including Bay Area Rescue Mission, Shelter, Inc., Loaves & Fishes, Love A Child, Don Brown Shelter, and Shepard's Gate.

WPE operates fifteen hours a day, seven days a week. Volunteers are needed for 2-4 hour shifts. Our primary need is for daytime volunteers during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Help us serve those in need - it is rewarding work! Contact: Vince Karakashian at vkarakashian@gmail.com or 925-876-0402.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, PHARMACISTS, REGISTERED DIETICIANS!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 of Contra Costa County

Practice mercy as a medical volunteer in your own backyard - Contra Costa County. Please join our *volunteer* team at the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul, 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburg, CA, 94565.

We need adult medicine/ER physicians, pharmacists, bi-lingual social workers, RNs and RDs to volunteer once per month or every other month. The fully-equipped, licensed clinic has 4 exam rooms, an on-site pharmacy, lab, X-ray, and diagnostic services. All malpractice insurance provided.

The clinic hours are: Wednesday evenings from 4-8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 12 noon. Join our team of caring professionals and contact Clinic Administrator Drea Riquelme at (925)-439-2009 or email Pittsburg@Rotacarebayarea.org.



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Pray For

ALL CANCER SURVIVORS

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

May 14 - May 20, 2016



MOTHER'S DAY

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We offer a Spiritual Bouquet to our mothers, living or deceased, who will be remembered and honored at all Masses on Mother's Day.

*Michelle Africano
Frances Andrews
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Mae Baas
Patricia Baas
Margaret Conway
Helen Crosby
Cecile Derosier
Loretta Eichten
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Phyllis Manning
Rachele Manning*

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Laura Müller
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Erin K. Payne
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Lisa Romano
Pat Sabatini
Nicole Salcedo
Eileen Smith
Jan Smith
Louise St. Romain
Mary Stanko
Ana Mae Talarico
Pearl Talarico
Susan Tierney
Mary Verna
Julie vonder Linden
Mothers &
Grandmothers of
St. Bonaventure
Community
Women in the world*

Mass Intentions For The Week

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SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00 Pat O'Brien
Juana Cuenco
Noreen McGowan
Ann Lydon

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:30 Ruben H. de Guzman
John Magas
Daniel Gonzalez
Jeannie Ligouri
9:00 Joey Mangini
Sandra Widjaja
Donna Ellis
Juana Cuenco
11:00 Scott Ipson
Juana Cuenco
Natividad Veneracion Yanez
Victoriano Canovas
5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, MAY 16

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Leonard Borruso
Ervin Saguiped

TUESDAY, MAY 17

6:30 For our Parish Council
9:00 For our Ministry Heads

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

6:30 Emidio & Carmen Busuttil
9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 19

6:30 Emidio & Carmen Busuttil
9:00 Rosario Balderrama
Joaquin Sullivan

FRIDAY, MAY 20

6:30 Communion Service
9:00 Jennifer Yap
Miguela Pacson

SATURDAY, MAY 21

5:00 Alexa Caballero
Arthur Galvis
Pat O'Brien
Frank Castello



■ **PENTECOSTÉS, 15 DE MAYO, 2016**
JUAN 20: 19-23

Al anochecer del día de la resurrección, estando cerradas las puertas de la casa donde se hallaban los discípulos por miedo a los judíos, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: “La paz esté con ustedes”. Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Cuando los discípulos vieron al Señor, se llenaron de alegría.

De nuevo les dijo Jesús: “La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo”. Después de decir esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: “Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a los que no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar”.

La celebración de nuestro cumpleaños es siempre motivo de alegría, de fiesta y de buenos augurios. Hoy los cristianos tenemos una razón especial para alegrarnos, festejar e intercambiar los mejores deseos porque celebramos el cumpleaños de la Iglesia de Cristo, de la cual somos miembros vivos y responsables. Hoy celebramos la fiesta de Pentecostés, palabra que significa “cincuenta días”, porque es el tiempo que la separa de otra gran festividad, la Pascua. Pascua es la fiesta de la luz, de la nueva vida que comienza con la resurrección de Cristo. Pentecostés es la celebración del don del Espíritu Santo que da comienzo a la Nueva Alianza y señala el nacimiento de la vida pública de la Iglesia. Nos es útil recordar que la fiesta de Pentecostés era celebrada por el pueblo judío mucho antes de la venida de Cristo. Al comienzo fue la fiesta de la siega, día de regocijo y de acción de gracias. En esa ocasión se ofrecía a Dios las primicias de lo que había producido la tierra. Era en el espíritu y la intención lo que es hoy para nosotros el

Día de Acción de Gracias, tan arraigado en los Estados Unidos. Luego Pentecostés pasó a ser una fiesta de aniversario de la alianza que tuvo lugar unos cincuenta días después de la salida de Egipto. Y el hecho de que hoy la Iglesia esté celebrando la fiesta de Pentecostés nos está diciendo que entre el Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento, o Alianza, para usar una palabra más bíblica, no hay separación sino continuidad.

Los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos relatan la venida del Espíritu Santo como una grandiosa ‘teofanía’ o manifestación del poder de Dios. El viento huracanado y las lenguas de fuego son manifestaciones visibles del gran acontecimiento de la venida del Espíritu Santo que transformó a los Apóstoles y dio vida a la Iglesia. Un doble milagro acontece. Los Apóstoles comienzan a hablar en lenguas, una forma de oración carismática muy común en las primitivas comunidades cristianas. El hablar en lenguas, que de sí es ininteligible, es comprendido por todos los judíos que habían venido a Jerusalén para celebrar precisamente la fiesta de Pentecostés. Ese milagro fue una clara señal de la misión universal de la Iglesia, llamada a ser signo de unidad de los hombres entre sí y de los hombres con Dios, cualquiera sea su raza, lengua o color.

Pentecostés es el cumplimiento de diversos vaticinios que anunciaban la llegada del Espíritu, como el profeta Ezequiel quien predijo: “infundiré mi espíritu en ustedes para que vivan según mis mandatos”. Juan el Bautista había anunciado que el Mesías “Los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo”. El mismo Jesús confirmó esta promesa cuando dijo: “Juan bautizó con agua, pero ustedes serán bautizados en el soplo del Espíritu Santo dentro de pocos días”. Pentecostés es el coronamiento de la Pascua de Cristo, porque el mismo Señor quiso que fuera el Espíritu Santo quien completara su obra.

Decimos que en Pentecostés nació la Iglesia y comenzó el tiempo del Espíritu Santo, porque Pedro, lleno de una sabiduría, un valor y una elocuencia que hasta entonces no había conocido, pronunció su primer sermón proclamando la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo.

La Iglesia surgió a la vida pública y dio comienzo a la ingente tarea de evangelizar al mundo, no por la decisión de un grupo de personas, sino por la fuerza transformadora del Espíritu. La acción del Espíritu no fue una fuerza exterior, sino un impulso interior que comenzó transformando el corazón de los apóstoles. Esto nos está diciendo que nosotros seremos auténticos apóstoles de Cristo si nos dejamos transformar, renovar profundamente por la acción del Espíritu.

Pentecostés, como la resurrección de Cristo, fue un hecho que aconteció una vez, pero perdura como modelo de otras intervenciones del Espíritu. En este sentido la Iglesia vive un permanente Pentecostés, porque el Espíritu no cesa de comunicarse y sigue guiando a la Iglesia con su luz y su fuerza interior. Permanentemente surgen en la Iglesia movimientos apostólicos, nuevas comunidades, santos modernos para renovar a la Iglesia con la fuerza del Espíritu. La Torre de Babel fue el símbolo de la desunión y la falta de entendimiento de los hombres entre sí.

Pentecostés, es la respuesta de Dios a un mundo dividido que solamente en el amor del Espíritu Santo podrá encontrar el camino de la verdadera unidad y fraternidad. Cristo en el evangelio de hoy nos trae la paz, nos envía por el mundo y nos da al Espíritu Santo para el perdón de nuestros pecados. Pentecostés debe ser, entonces, una fiesta que señale un cambio profundo en nuestras vidas.

Nos espera a todos una gran tarea: evangelizar al mundo, transformarnos para transformar, renovarnos para renovar. Que el Espíritu Santo sea desde hoy nuestra guía, nuestra luz y que nos haga comprender lo que hasta ahora no habíamos entendido, y que este Pentecostés sea para cada uno de nosotros el comienzo de una nueva vida de compromiso y acción. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

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 Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 Viernes: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA SOLEMNIDAD DE PENTECOSTÉS



Anunciando el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, el Papa Francisco nos desafió a proclamar la misericordia de Dios “a todos sin excepción... una y otra vez, con nuevo entusiasmo y renovada acción pastoral” (Misericordiae Vultus, 12). Pentecostés proclama que no nos encerramos en nosotros mismos, puesto que la comunidad habla a las multitudes de diferentes orígenes, tierras lejanas, exóticas lenguas. Todos escuchan en su lengua materna. El espíritu no restaura la uniformidad de Babel, sino que forja la unidad en la diversidad de lengua, raza, nacionalidad, abrazando a todos, sin excepción.

Durante este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, el Espíritu de Pentecostés nos convoca nuevamente a pasar de la mediocridad y aislamiento a compartir la misericordia de Dios con el mundo. “¡Esta es nuestra misión!” exclama, el Papa Francisco. Se nos “da el regalo de la ‘lengua’ del Evangelio y el ‘fuego’ del Espíritu Santo, para que mientras anunciamos a Jesús resucitado, vivo y presente entre nosotros, podemos calentar... el corazón de los pueblos, trazar con él, el camino, la verdad y la vida” (*Regina Coeli, Domingo de Pentecostés, 24 de mayo, 2015*).

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■ 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, regalémos 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

“Vuestra felicidad no tiene precio y no se negocia; no es un ‘app’ que se descarga en el teléfono móvil: ni siquiera la versión más reciente podrá ayudarnos a ser libres y grandes en el amor.”

■ SE NECESITAN MINISTROS PARA VISITAR Y LLEVAR LA COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS

Raúl Alvarado como coordinador reconoce que es un ministerio muy gratificante. La alegría de las personas a las que se visita, y cumplir con la misión de llevar la Presencia de Cristo a través de la Eucaristía en el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, es la mejor recompensa. Requisitos: el deseo de servir y amar a los demás. Los esperamos. Si está interesado favor llamar a la oficina del Diácono Mariano Preza al (925) 672-5800 X 2215.

■ FLORES DE MAYO

Sábado, 28 de mayo Misa a las 5:00 PM.

La comunidad Filipina de San Buenaventura le invita a la celebración anual de Flores de Mayo, en honor a la Santísima Virgen María.

4:00 PM – rezar el Rosario en el salón grande

4:45 PM – procesión a la Iglesia

4:55 PM – la estatua de la Santísima Virgen se colocará en el altar, seguido por aquellos que desean ofrecer flores.

5:00 PM – Misa.

Los miembros del coro de San Francis de Asís, *Hulog ng Langit* (regalo del cielo) nos conducirán durante la Misa

Después de la Misa seguirá una recepción en el salón grande.

Si desea colaborar con arreglo o limpieza, por favor llame a Sol Cuenco (925) 676-5905 o solemama@yahoo.com

■ QUINTO DOMINGO DEL ROSARIO: DOMINGO 29 DE MAYO

Todos están invitados a venir a la capilla a rezar el Rosario con los caballeros de Colón el domingo, 29 de mayo a las 10:30 AM. Después de la Misa de 9:00 AM o antes de la Misa de las 11:00 AM.

BAUTIZOS 2016 LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA • LUGAR CLASES: B-1 ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, 826-5102 ****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 08/13	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/05	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.
Sat 10/29	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/14	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/05	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/04	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/19	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/17	12:00 p.m.	Fri 12/16	7-9:30 p.m.