



*Winter
Wonderland*

St. Bonaventure's

2016 Holiday Boutique

Auction*Wine Pull*Boutique*Bake Sale

FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 6 PM TO 8 PM

Boutique*Bake Sale

SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 10 AM TO 2 PM

Benefits St. Bonaventure Food Pantry

5562 Clayton Road, Concord



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

October 30, 2016 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | 30 de octubre de 2016 Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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...

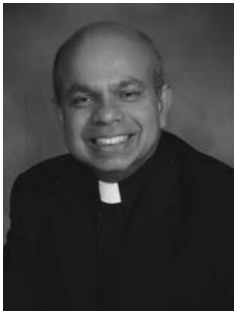
- Keep connected to our parish community
- Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ
- Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
- Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **YES, YOU HAVE A NEW PASTOR**

Two weeks ago, I received the good news of the appointment of my successor from Bishop Michael Barber. He is Fr. Mathew Vellankal, who has been pastor of a much larger and multi-cultural parish, Holy Spirit in Fremont, for the last 10 years. Last week, Father Mathew came to meet and have lunch with the Pastoral Staff, and begin a process of transition to learn about who and what is St. Bonaventure Parish. Fr. Mathew is a proponent of the “Amazing Parish” initiative that I wrote about last week, was one of the first priests to attend its national workshop, and is writing a book about his new experiences. You will find Fr. Mathew very easy to connect with. He is very creative, funny, and is a certified magician. He will become Pastor on July 1 after completing a 6-month sabbatical, studying in Rome. You will find an auto-biographical sketch of his life and a picture below:

Bio of Fr. Mathew Vellankal



Mathew Vellankal was born in South India (Kerala) on May 14, 1958, as the middle child among four siblings. His only sister became a religious nun; his uncle was a priest and a monsignor.

They were the inspiration for Mathew’s vocation. He entered the Salesian Congregation, became a religious, and was ordained a priest on January 5, 1987, in his home parish of Randar. He is a bi-ritual priest who can celebrate Mass in Latin and Syro-Malabar rites.

Following his ordination, Fr. Mathew worked in various capacities, such as Parochial Vicar, Assistant Headmaster, principal of a high school, and youth director for 10 dioceses for 10 years, in the missions of North East India. As a young Salesian priest, he was very passionate about youth and young adult ministry.

He helped to establish youth ministries in the parishes of the Salesian Province of Guwahati and in the various dioceses of North East India.

Recognizing his love and commitment for young adults, in 1996 Fr. Mathew was elected and appointed by the Vatican as the International Chaplain of MIJARC (International Movement of Catholic Agriculture and Rural Youth) and worked in Brussels, Belgium for five years. He was involved in the organization of World Youth Days in Paris, Toronto and Rome.

Fr. Mathew came to the Diocese of Oakland in 2001 and has served as a Parochial Vicar at Queen of All Saints Church, Concord, for three years and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Fremont for a year and half. He was incardinated to the Diocese of Oakland in 2007. For the past 11 years, he has been working as the pastor of Holy Spirit parish in Fremont. It is a mega-parish with 5,000 registered families. With his pastoral leadership and vision, he has made it an amazing parish, and it has now emerged as one of the best parishes in the diocese.

Fr. Mathew holds a Master’s Degree in Education. He speaks English, Malayalam, Hindi, Khasi and French. He is much sought after for preaching engagements, retreats and parish missions. He has authored three books and his latest book “From Humor to Inspiration” is much in demand. He has travelled to about 60 countries. He is an acclaimed magician who has won several awards. He is also an avid hiker.

■ **WHERE WILL THE CHAIR GO NEXT?**

Nowhere. It has landed where it was 25 years ago, where it was intended. According to liturgical guidelines, there are three pieces of liturgical furniture: the Altar Table, the Ambo- Pulpit and the Presider’s Chair.

When I came to the parish 20 years ago, I found the Presider’s Chair stored behind the Sanctuary. I brought it out to be used and placed it down on the floor in the first row, so that the presider could sit among the people.

As I prepare to leave as Pastor, I am returning it to the place where it was first. Many people like the Chair to be prominent so that the presider can be seen clearly. When we placed the Chair at the left of the Ambo-Pulpit, it was very difficult to see the lector and person who preached. It was also difficult to hear, since the chair was behind the speakers.

There is no conspiracy that takes us back to before the Second Vatican Council.

■ **NOTICE HOW CLEAN THE CHURCH LOOKS**

A professional cleaning company spent two days last week thoroughly cleaning the entire floor of the Church, moving all the seats and cleaning under all the pews. Shampooed and cleaned was all the pew upholstery as well. That has not been done in many years. A well-spent \$3,000.

■ **MAKE TIME TO VOTE**

There is a responsibility to vote that accompanies citizenship, that reminds us of the place of Faith in our cultural life. Candidates are imperfect. Rhetoric that over-simplifies solutions and analyses of problems is not helpful. Language that demonizes and deprecates and devalues persons is unworthy of our democracy. Voting adds your voice. You become a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Vote on November 8!

■ **FREE LEGAL CLINIC AT CATHEDRAL**

Bishop Michael Barber opened recently the Pope Francis Legal Clinic at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. The Clinic is staffed by attorneys who volunteer their time and expertise, handling a broad range of legal issues such as family law, immigration, real property, employment law, trusts and estates, as well as many other areas.

The office is located in the Chancery at 2121 Harrison St. Oakland. Currently, it is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Additional days and times will be announced as the need for services increase.



Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Bonaventure Parish. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA725

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, —Fr. Richard

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**■ 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 engaging 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.

**■ UPDATE ON OUR 2016 PHOTO
DIRECTORY**

The 2016 St Bonaventure Photo Directory has been sent to Lifetouch for production; the photography work is complete and the directory roster has been inputted. The committee is very pleased with the number

of individuals and families who participated in the photography and directory project. Sincere thanks to all of you for making this a success.

A special "thank you" to the wonderful parishioners who volunteered to host at the photo sessions. If it wasn't for these "hosting angels", the photo sessions wouldn't have happened; the hosts were critical to keeping the process moving and organized. Some of you even hosted two or more sessions. Thank you! Thank you!

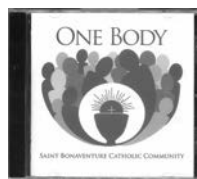
As far as timing, once a proof copy is provided to us by Lifetouch, the committee will go through it for any needed editing. It will then be sent back to Lifetouch for final production. Once the finished directories are received, we will commence distribution.

The committee is very excited and anticipates a directory parishioners will be pleased with. Stay tuned for more updates.

**■ 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.

■ 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of Oct. 29 & 30 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$21,885

Deficit: (3,555)

Food for Family: 374 (11/18)

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

**■ THANK YOU IN ADVANCE – FIFTH
SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SVDP**

Our St Bonaventure Conference of St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) ministers to the locally 'underserved' in many ways. We provide Friday Food boxes weekly to select client families, provide furniture items, assist families who must relocate, assist with job search, resumes, and interview techniques, serve at the food kitchen in Pittsburg, volunteer at the two district SVdP thrift stores, and finally we distribute monies to offset rent, relocation, food, utility, and gasoline/transportation expenses. Most importantly, however, we visit these families in their homes, trailers, rooms, cars, parks (wherever they live) to establish/continue the personal relationships with each that are perhaps the most valued contribution we can make to better their condition. We offer face-to-face compassion and caring, usually the most important contribution we can provide. Lastly, we wish our donors to understand how we decide to distribute the monies you are entrusting us to disburse. Our charter is to provide a "hand up"; not a "hand out." We don't wish to encourage dependency on us, but rather encourage reliance on themselves.

All that said, we Vincentians are genuinely grateful for the generous financial support offered up by our parishioners. Our client families are even more grateful. The last of our four 'Fifth Sunday' collections this year is this weekend Oct 29-30. We (again) thank you in advance.

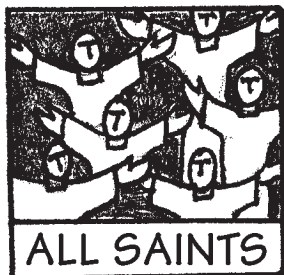
LITURGY & MUSIC

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



Last Sunday's Gospel gave us a tax collector's beautiful prayer to take with us from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Today, another tax collector's encounter with Jesus offers a comforting memory to cherish, but also a challenging mission to embrace. Zacchaeus' short stature (see Luke 19:3) matched how contemptible, socially and spiritually, Zacchaeus' religious acquaintances considered tax collectors to be. Jesus counters that judgment with mercy. Radical sin meets unmerited grace. God seeks and finds the lost; a sinner's home becomes salvation's house. The sinner "quickly" welcomes salvation "with joy" (19:6), while the righteous grumble judgmentally at God's mercy. Mercy challenges us, too. Like Zacchaeus, we have been sought and found by Jesus, called by name to welcome Jesus into our heart's home. Therefore, we must go forth from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* as "missionaries of mercy," seeking our fellow sinners with Jesus, receiving them with joy (see 19:6) as cherished brothers and sisters, and joyfully offering our judgment-free hospitality as Jesus' own "Welcome home!"

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■ **ALL SAINTS' DAY: TUESDAY,
 NOVEMBER 1**

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Tuesday, November 1. We will celebrate four special Masses in the church honoring the saints: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, & 7:30pm.

■ **ALL SOULS' DAY: MASSES OF
 REMEMBRANCE: WEDNESDAY,
 NOVEMBER 2**

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

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

■ **ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE
 ENVELOPES**

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

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



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: PHIL 2:1-4; PS 131:1BCDE-3; LK 14:12-14
 TUE: RV 7:2-4, 9-14; PS 24:1-6; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 5:1-12A

WED: WIS 3:1-9; PS 23:1-6; ROM 5:5-11 OR 6:3-9; JN 6:37-40, OR ANY READINGS FROM NO. 668 OR FROM MASSES FOR THE DEAD, NOS. 1011-1016

THU: PHIL 3:3-8A; PS 105:2-7; LK 15:1-10

FRI: PHIL 3:17 -- 4:1; PS 122:1-5; LK 16:1-8

SAT: PHIL 4:10-19; PS 112:1B-2, 5-6, 8A, 9; LK 16:9-15

SUN: 2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14; PS 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 THES 2:16 -- 3:5; LK 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

FAITH FORMATION FOR
 CHILDREN AND YOUTH

■ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS**

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.

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ MERCY AND THE DEATH PENALTY

As the issue of the death penalty comes up this election, it is important to remain prayerful and conscious of God's mercy in our own lives and how that translates to others. In his message to a world conference against the death penalty earlier this year, Pope Francis lamented that capital punishment "contradicts God's plan for individuals and society, and his merciful justice." As Catholics, we should look to extend to others the loving hands of mercy and redemption that God has so lovingly extended to us. Explore the church's teaching on the death penalty and why the California Bishops are urging support for Prop 62 at www.catholic.org.

■ 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

■ 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 first Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our next meeting will be November 2.** 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.

■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Turn off your I-Pads, your I-Phones, and your I-Tunes and come experience a new way to look at your marriage through I-Marriage. In our monthly meetings, we will learn how Andy Stanley's three key teachings help you enrich your marriage and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." We will meet, Tuesday, November 8, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ ADULT CONFIRMATION

The diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation will be on February 18, 2017 at the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested **will begin November 7.** There will be evening and afternoon session offered. Each candidate must:

- be over 18 years of age
- no longer be in high school
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received First Communion and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

If you are interested, please contact Eileen ☎ (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Registration is requested by October 15.

■ 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.

■ 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

"For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;" Celebrate the love of God for us and for each other by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on November 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, is highly recommended. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne ☎ 925.672.2016, Joe & Sue ☎ 925.680.7767 or go to www.oaklandwwme.org. Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **ADULT ACTIVITIES**

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, November 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

We'll be celebrating Thanksgiving early with a delicious full turkey dinner provided by Ralph's Catering. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by **Monday November 7** by calling George Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on **November 5 & 6**. Adults of all ages are welcome! Come join us for fun, fellowship and good food.

■ **HOSPITALITY WEEKEND CANCELED!**

We are not having Hospitality on **November 5 & 6** due to other events happening that weekend. We will be back the first weekend of December.

■ **GET ON THE BUS! RED HAWK CASINO TRIP: Saturday, Nov. 12**

Cost: \$30 per person - \$15 play card & \$5 food coupon. Bus Pick-Up: 7:30am at St. Bonaventure. Arrive at Red Hawk (Placerville, CA): 9:30am
 Depart Red Hawk: 3:30pm
 Arrive at St. Bonaventure: 5:30pm

Reserve a spot now! Call Sol at 925-676-5905 or email solemama@yahoo.com. All participants must be at least 21 years old.

■ **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. If interested, contact Gerry ☎ 709-5404 for more details.

■ **RAFFLE TICKETS: OCTOBER 29 AND 30 AFTER MASSES.**

In addition to a wonderful Silent Auction at our Holiday Boutique, "Winter Wonderland" Gala, we will be conducting raffle drawings for superb gifts. Raffle drawings will take place on Saturday afternoon November 5. Winners need not be present to win.

To give you a head start in filling out your name/address/phone on the raffle tickets, we will be conducting a pre-sale of tickets after Masses on October 29 and 30. This will allow you more time to bid on Silent Auction items and more opportunity to browse and purchase Friday evening and Saturday.

All purchases can be made by cash or checks to buy raffle tickets! Be sure to bring your tickets with you to deposit into the raffle drawing bags. Good Luck!!

All proceeds from these events benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry

■ **2016 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & COUNTRY KITCHEN**

November 4: "Winter Wonderland" Gala; 6pm - 8pm; Large and Small Halls Please join us for an evening in "Winter Wonderland", a gala of wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffles, wine pull and shopping opportunity. The silent auction and raffle will feature baskets and certificates from many of the finest restaurants and service establishments in the Concord, Clayton, Walnut Creek area, as well as many other items that you will find irresistible. The **Wine Pull** is a sure thing: buy a ticket, select a numbered cork, and win the corresponding wine bottle... values range from \$30-\$150! And, as if that were not enough excitement, you'll have plenty time to browse ~ buy. There will be hundreds of beautifully made items by our St. Bonaventure's Classy Crafters and wonderful homemade goodies from the Country Kitchen.

November 5: Boutique & Country Kitchen; 10am - 2pm; Large and Small Halls

The Classy Crafters would like to thank the many people who have donated

items and materials throughout the year, enabling them to continue this wonderful project. Those donations have resulted in over 40% of the items that will be for sale this year.

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.

■ **ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!**

All bakers, pastry chefs and candy makers!!!! The ladies working the Country Kitchen at the boutique on Friday and Saturday November 4, 5 would love it if you would share some of your talents in your cooking/baking field and donate some goodies to be sold that weekend to benefit our Food Pantry! We have been so spoiled in the past by your delicious sweet treats that we are really salivating with unquenchable hunger for them soon. Please consider our needs at the Country Kitchen and call Jean Gaultieri at 925.588.8020 and let her know what you will be able to share. All homemade items can be brought in at any time on Thursday, Nov. 3 or Friday morning November 4 (before noon) to the Small Hall or the office! We are so looking forward to these tasty sweet treats and breads.

Thank you for your time and talents. All proceeds from these events 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

■ FATIMA, 100-YEAR-OLD SOLUTION TO WORLD TROUBLES

Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 7:00 - 8:15 AM
 Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville
 7:00 - 8:15 AM. Mass is offered at 6:30 AM
 A generous full buffet breakfast is served

Cost: Member - \$20; Non-Member - \$30

Next year the amazing story of Our Lady of Fatima will come to the big screen, the one-hundred-year anniversary of the Blessed Mother's appearances to the children.

Natasha Howes, producer of the Fatima Project, will be the guest speaker at the Catholics@Work breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 8. She will also share little-known insights into the story of Fatima, and take us on the remarkable journey that resulted in the drama depicting the struggles of Fatima's three shepherd children.

The film recounts God's powerful proclamation that there is a heaven, the power of penance and conversion. Perhaps most compelling for each of us is the transformative power of prayer. In our tumultuous and savage times, the film underscores the spiritual heroism of the three children who were attacked by the powerful, yet survived in faith to transform millions. The movie will be a powerful experience fully relevant for today.

For more information and to register, go to the website (www.catholicsatwork.com).

■ THE LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION HOMEBUILDING WORK CAMP EASTER WEEK 2017

We would like to extend an invitation to high school and older youth (and adults) who are interested in spending a week building homes. The next general meeting will be Monday Nov 7 at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes. Many find this week of hard work and fun very rewarding. If you are interested but unable to attend this meeting, please contact Donna or Jack Walton ☎ 925-825-7931.

■ CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

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

■ 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.

■ EXPERIENCE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Prospective students and their families are invited to our campus in Escondido, CA on Saturday November 12, from 9am-4pm for "University Day". The event includes presentations from the faculty, a campus tour, and sessions on academics, student life, and financial aid. Juniors and seniors in high school may come early for an overnight campus experience. JPCatholic offers degrees in creative media, business, theology, and humanities. Visit jpcatholic.edu to register.

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LEONARDO PICALLO

October 29 to November 4, 2016



Pray For

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00 Leonida Palma
 Jim Narberes
 Mary Jane Davis
 Suzanne de Jager

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 Donald Fitzgerald
 Emidio Busuttill
 Ed Lewis
 Fr. Richard Mangini
 9:00 Joe Mangini
 Robert & Cosimo Arena
 Michael Basarich
 Francis & Cindy Silveira
 11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 5:00 John Mattock
 Zosimo Dungca
 Cleotilde Dungca
 Valentina Caraca

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Josephine Mercado
 Juan Merchan
 Ketty Nemitz

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — ALL SAINTS DAY

6:30 Jaime R. Diaz
 Norma Evaristo
 Linda Mercader
 9:00 Crisanto Mariano
 Juana, Francisco & Joel Cuenco
 Sarah & Greg Lau
 Efren Lao
 Tu Truent
 7:30 Therese Mai Nguyen
 Mileneo Santos
 Patti Baas
 Elisa de Guzman

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
 ALL SOULS DAY**

6:30 All Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Jaime R. Diaz
 Josephine Arcos
 Miguel Antonio Carolenas
 7:30 Timoteo Salazar
 Joel Nixon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 Sister Roberta Carson
 9:00 Brigido and Severina Lao
 Fr. Richard Mangini
 Rosann Halick

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Jaime R. Diaz
 Suzanne de Jager
 Tirso de Guzman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

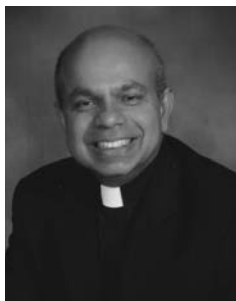
5:00 Patrick Smith & Brothers
 Souls in Purgatory
 S. William Hornsby, Sr.
 Pat O'Brien

■ ¡SÍ! TENEMOS NUEVO PASTOR

Hace dos semanas, recibí la buena noticia por parte del Obispo Michael Barber, de la designación de mi sucesor. Él es el Padre Mathew Vellankal, quien ha sido pastor durante los últimos 10 años, de una Parroquia mucho más grande y multicultural, la Parroquia del Espíritu Santo en Fremont. La semana pasada, el Padre Mathew estuvo almorzando con el equipo Pastoral, iniciando el proceso de transición y conociendo quién y qué es la Parroquia de San Buenaventura.

El Padre Mathew es un proponente de la iniciativa “Parroquia Increíble” sobre la que escribió la semana pasada, fue uno de los primeros sacerdotes en asistir al taller nacional y está escribiendo un libro sobre sus nuevas experiencias. Es fácil conectarse con el Padre Mathew. Él es muy creativo, gracioso, y es un mago certificado. Él se convertirá en el nuevo Pastor a partir del 1 de julio, 2017 después de completar sus 6 meses sabáticos estudiando en Roma. Usted encontrará su auto-biografía y su foto a continuación:

Biografía del Padre Mathew Vellankal



Mathew Vellankal nació en el sur de la India (Kerala) el 14 de mayo de 1958, es el hijo del medio entre cuatro hermanos. Su única hermana se convirtió en monja religiosa y su tío fue

un sacerdote y un Monseñor. Ellos fueron la inspiración para la vocación de Mathew. Ingresó en la Congregación Salesiana se convirtió en un religioso y fue ordenado sacerdote el 5 de enero de 1987 en su parroquia de Randar. Él es un sacerdote Bi-ritual que puede celebrar la Misa en latín y ritos Syro-Malabar.

Tras su ordenación, el Padre Mathew trabajó como Vicario Parroquial, Director adjunto, Director de una escuela secundaria y Director de jóvenes de 10 diócesis durante 10 años en las misiones del Noreste de la India. Como joven sacerdote salesiano, fue muy apasionado con la juventud y el Ministerio de adultos

jóvenes. Él ayudó a establecer ministerios juveniles en las parroquias de la Provincia Salesiana de Guwahati y en las diferentes diócesis del Noreste de la India.

Reconociendo su amor y compromiso para los jóvenes, en 1996 el Padre Mathew fue elegido y nombrado por el Vaticano como el capellán Internacional del MIJARC (Movimiento Internacional de Jóvenes Católicos de Agricultura y Rural) y trabajó cinco años en Bruselas, Bélgica. Participó en la organización de las Jornadas mundiales de la juventud en París, Toronto y Roma.

El Padre Mathew vino a la Diócesis de Oakland en el 2001 y sirvió como Vicario Parroquial en la Iglesia de Reina de Todos los Santos en Concord durante tres años y en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Fremont por año y medio. Fue incardinado a la Diócesis de Oakland en el 2007. Durante los últimos 11 años ha estado trabajando como Párroco de la Parroquia del Espíritu Santo en Fremont. Es una mega parroquia que cuenta con 5.000 familias registradas. Con su liderazgo pastoral y su visión, él ha hecho una increíble parroquia y ahora ha emergido como una de las mejores parroquias de la diócesis.

El Padre Mathew tiene una Maestría en Educación. Habla Inglés, Malayalam, Hindi, Khasi y Francés. Lo buscan mucho para predicaciones, retiros y misiones parroquiales. Es autor de tres libros y su último libro: “De Humor para Inspiración” es de gran demanda. Él ha viajado a unos 60 países. Es un aclamado mago que ha ganado varios premios. También es un ávido excursionista.

■ COORDINADOR DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Christa Fairfield, cfairfield@stbonaventure.net

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 Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



El Evangelio del domingo pasado nos dio una oración hermosa de un recaudador de impuestos para decir este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia. Hoy,

Jesús se encuentra con otro recaudador de impuestos y nos ofrece una idea reconfortante para acariciar, pero también una misión desafiante a abrazar. Zaqueo era de baja estatura (ver Lucas 19:3) y era considerado como despreciable, social y espiritualmente por ser un cobrador de impuestos. Jesús contradice ese juicio con misericordia, puesto que Dios busca y encuentra a los perdidos; la casa de un pecador se convierte en casa de salvación.

El pecador recibe “rápidamente” y “con alegría” (19:6) la salvación, mientras que los justos crean prejuicios referente a la misericordia de Dios. La Misericordia nos reta demasiado. Como Zaqueo, hemos sido buscados y encontrados por Jesús, llamados por nuestro nombre nos da la bienvenida a casa, a nuestro corazón. Por lo tanto, nosotros debemos salir de este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia como “misioneros de la misericordia,” buscando con Jesús nuestros compañeros pecadores, que nos reciben con alegría (véase 19:6), queridos hermanos y hermanas, con alegría ofrezcamos nuestra hospitalidad,

libre de juicio como Jesús lo hizo
 “Bienvenido a casa!”

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■ **TODOS LOS SANTOS MARTES 1 DE NOVIEMBRE.**

La solemnidad de todos los Santos es el martes 1 de noviembre. Vamos a celebrar cuatro Misas especiales en la Iglesia en honor a los Santos: 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, y 7:30pm.

■ **MISA POR LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS MIÉRCOLES 2 DE NOVIEMBRE**

Recordaremos los fieles Difuntos con tres Misas en la Iglesia el miércoles 2 de noviembre: 6:30am, 9:00am y 7:30pm (bilingüe).

Todos aquellos cuyos funerales se realizaron en nuestra parroquia durante el año pasado serán homenajeados con una especial lectura de sus nombres en todas las Misas durante la oración de los fieles. Además, está bien traer una fotografía o un recuerdo de un ser querido fallecido. Se colocará sobre una de las mesas en el Santuario memorial durante la Misa el 2 de noviembre. También puede colocarse una foto en el altar “Día de los Muertos” situado en el vestíbulo.

■ **MARQUE SU CALENDARIO: Noviembre 4 y 5, SALON Grande y Pequeño de la Iglesia Boutique**

4 de Noviembre: Noche de Gala, 6pm - 8pm – 5 de Noviembre 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Únase a nosotros para una noche de gala, de vino, aperitivos, subasta, rifas y compras. Habrá cientos de objetos y golosinas caseras maravillosamente hechos a mano por los artesanos en la clase de arte de San Buenaventura. Además de una maravillosa subasta en nuestra Noche de Gala de “Winter Wonderland”, se estará realizando sorteo de magníficos regalos.

La rifa se llevará a cabo el 5 de Noviembre. Los ganadores no necesitan estar presentes para ganar. Los boletos para la rifa se venderán el 29 y 30 de noviembre después de las Misas. No olvide de traer las entradas con usted para la rifa. ¡¡Buena suerte!!

Las compras se pueden hacer en efectivo/ cheque/ tarjeta de crédito. **Todas las ganancias de estos eventos benefician a la despensa de San Buenaventura**

■ **¡ATENCIÓN, ATENCIÓN, ATENCIÓN! ¡Todos los panaderos, pasteleros y los fabricantes de dulces!**

El grupo de la Boutique lo amaría si comparte algunos de sus talentos culinarios y dona algunas golosinas y pasteles para vender ese fin de semana. Si puede hacerlo llame a Jean Gaultieri al 925.588.8020.

Las donaciones pueden traerlos en cualquier momento el jueves, 3 y el viernes 4 de noviembre por la mañana, (mediodía)

al salón pequeño o la oficina. Desde ya podemos saborear esos sabrosos dulces y panes. ¡Muchas gracias! y recuerde **todas las ganancias de estos eventos benefician a la despensa San Buenaventura.**

Horario de Oficina:
 Diácono Mariano Preza
 Teléfono ☎ (925) 844-9015
 Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30p.m.
 Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



LA HERMANAD DE SAN MARTIN DE PORRES
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ROSARIO EL SABADO 12 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2016 7:00 P.M.
DOMINGO 13 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2016
MISA SOLEMNE A LAS 12:45 P.M.
IGLESIA DE SAN BUENAVENTURA
 5562 CLAYTON RD. CONCORD, CA
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