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

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

Lunch Break – 12:30-1:30pm

November 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 20 de noviembre de 2016 Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

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

■ **GOOD MORNING FROM EL SALVADOR**

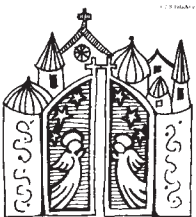
As you read today's bulletin, I will be finishing up my yearly visit to El Salvador and our sister parish, Madre de Las Americas. I will have participated in the closing exercises of the Instituto Catolico Padre Richard Mangini, with the graduation of 250 students. I also will have welcomed 300 new students for the next school year, that starts in January, and celebrated my 50th anniversary as a priest, with my wonderful friends in Soyopango, El Salvador.

Our sister parish is in the heart of Narco-traffickers and gangs, with lower-middle-class families who love their children and who want them to succeed, through an education that their parents did not have. Both parents work and do not make more than \$300-400 per month. The American dollar currency is the currency of El Salvador, but the scale of its effect is very different.

I will continue to return each year to El Salvador even after I retire, to share briefly in their lives, until I can no longer travel. The culture and people of El Salvador have enriched my life tremendously. I will be back tomorrow evening.

■ **WHO IS THE NEW LITTLE STATUE IN THE CHAPEL?**

He is "Salvador del Mundo," the Patron of El Salvador. We celebrate the yearly feast in August, nearest to the Feast Day of the Transfiguration of the Lord. For many years now, the statue has been kept in the home of Nuria Silva, who has requested its present place in our Chapel. We have many El Salvadorans in our parish community.



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

■ **MASS ATTENDANCE DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY**

On a given Sunday, there are about 2200 parishioners who come to celebrate the Eucharist. That is down about 10 per cent from last year. Mass-attending Catholics have been decreasing for years. What do you think that is from? There are many arm-chair sociologists who can offer their own perceptions, some of which may be true, some not.

I watch. I listen. I observe. I have been around this area for over 20 years. I see and visit more parishioners in Safeway than whom I see on Sundays in Church. In general, I believe that living life and meeting its perceived expectations has taken precedence to attending Mass. Sports and other entertainment experiences take precedence to "Going to Church." I also think that there is a spiritual lethargy and a worldly pragmatism and spiritual individualism that does not see active participation in Catholic life to be as necessary as one's own personal relationship with God. It is what it is. We are going through a larger cultural transformation.

There is, however, a very strong core of practicing Catholics who support the Church by their participation, by their personal presence, by their involvement in ministry, and by their financial support. Many Catholics make up many excuses for their lack of presence and participation. Excuses are excuses. And some of our parishioners prefer a more conservative and more personal piety-oriented kind of a parish.

One could go on about this or that. At the heart of the parish is Jesus. Do you want to know Him? At the heart of the parish is the Eucharist. Do you want the Risen Lord in your life? At the heart of the parish is community, service and justice. Do you want to be a Catholic, a practicing one? I think that there are a lot of Catholics who are fading off into the sunset. And yet when I think that, I see and welcome others who are returning to the fuller practice of the Faith.

In any case, we cannot sit on our laurels. What can we do? Stay tuned.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **CDS ARE HERE!**



If you preordered CDs and/or want to purchase CDs, please contact Grace Maes at (925) 285-0694. The CD

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



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

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.

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

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

Items we would welcome: Turkeys, chickens, hams, stuffing, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, pie fillings, celery, onions, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, eggs, corn starch, ready-crust for

pies, cake mixes, pancake mix, hamburger helper, tuna helper, spaghetti, pastas, rice, macaroni & cheese, beef stew, spam, cereal, peanut butter, green beans, green peas, corn, carrots, spinach, olives, mushrooms, beans, fruit, fruit juices, fresh fruit, jello, puddings, biscuits, muffin mixes, salad oil, salad dressing, spices, mayonnaise, jellies and jams, syrup, canned meats, tuna, tomato sauce, tomato paste, Rice-a-Roni, parmesan cheese, catsup, mustard, coffee, and tea. Monetary donations can be made by placing your gift in the Mass Collection basket. Please mark it "Food Pantry". Our Food Pantry has spent this year's funds and expects a greater need this holiday season. Your gifts will help provide a Happy Thanksgiving to those in need.

**■ 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT**

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing for low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD collection.

■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Bonaventure are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA 725

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekend of Nov. 12 & 13 Collection
Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$26,053
Over: \$ 613

Food for Family: 779 (Nov. 1 & 8)
*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures*

LITURGY & MUSIC

**■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY –
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe: Jubilee Year
Ends**



Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus' "royal portrait" is the cross. From this "throne," the crucified "crown prince" welcomes by "executive pardon" the kingdom of mercy's first citizen, a fellow criminal. The "Good Thief" requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: "Remember me when..." (Luke 23:42). "Today you will be with me," King Jesus promises, "in paradise." (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we "good thieves" beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus' kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus' mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unending mercy.

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

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



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: RV 14:1-3, 4B-5; PS 24:1BC-4AB, 5-6; LK 21:1-4
 TUESDAY: RV 14:14-19; PS 96:10-13; LK 21:5-11
 WEDNESDAY: RV 15:1-4; PS 98:1-3AB, 7-9; LK 21:12-19
 THURSDAY: RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A; PS 100:1B-5; LK 21:20-28
 THANKSGIVING DAY (SUGGESTED): SIR 50:22-24; PS 145:2-11; 1 COR 1:3-9; LK 17:11-19
 FRIDAY: RV 20:1-4, 11 -- 21:2; PS 84:3-6A, 8A; LK 21:29-33
 SATURDAY: RV 22:1-7; PS 95:1-7AB; LK 21:34-36
 SUNDAY: IS 2:1-5; PS 122:1-9; ROM 13:11-14; MT 24:37-44

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

■ CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS



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

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

The **Elementary-Aged Christmas Pageant** will feature children in Grades 1-5. The story of the birth of

Jesus will be re-enacted with participants having speaking and acting parts. Please call Rosann Halick at 672-5800, Ext. 2204, or email at rhalick@stbonaventure.net to register your child for this pageant. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 4pm in the Church.

LIFE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

■ SENIOR MOMENT BINGO PRIZES

The Monument Crisis Center hosts approximately 120 seniors twice a month for breakfast, bingo and food distribution. They are constantly in need of bingo prizes. If you can help with anything on the list below we would be grateful: Puzzle and game books, puzzles, toothbrushes, net sponges, loofas, razors, shaving cream, kitchen towels, hand towels, liquid hand soap, Q-Tips, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper. **Bring any donations to the office and Eileen will bring them to the Crisis Center at the end of November.**

■ ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ FR. MARK CONCLUDES THE YEAR OF MERCY

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

■ MOMS' GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!) Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3. **Our next meeting will be December 7.** Fr. Richard will join our group to discuss faith and families. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

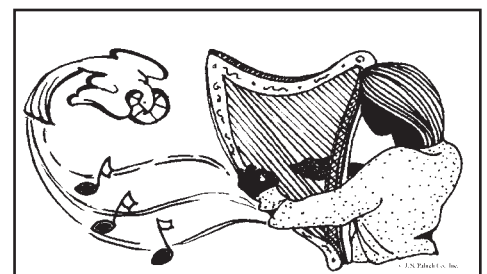
■ ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

The Women's Christian Fellowship invites you to join us on Monday, December 5 at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Fr. Joe Kim from the San Jose Diocese will present **Spiritual Freedom: An Advent of Grace**. We are invited to experience God's grace in the burdened parts of our lives with spiritual tools so we can open the "gift of freedom" from anger, forgiveness, fear, loneliness and sadness to learn about the greatest gift of all, the freedom of Jesus Christ. Hospitality following. Questions! Call Maureen 360-1621.

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

"But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." —(Mt 6:6)

The practice of contemplative (or silent) prayer is just that: "practice." It's not always easy and some days are better than others, but the results are worth it. An opportunity to sit quietly with God – not asking for anything and letting the worries and busyness of the world go away. We start with a short reflection, enter into 20 minutes of silent prayer and end with the Our Father. Join us Tuesday 4:05-4:30pm. Just come when you can. Call Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND: Sunday, November 27**

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. The next dinner is scheduled for **November 27, 2016**. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left in the Small Hall on the ledge near Frank's corner office. Please bring items before the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday. Cash donations for St. Mary's can be left in the church office. **All items need to be marked "St. Mary's-Oakland."**

*Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish, costume jewelry. Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Carol & Jim Riley 672-4383, Carol & Pete Chrobak 672-7158.



■ **GIVING TREE**

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

Your generosity is appreciated more than ever!

Reminders:

1. Please be very careful with your ornaments.

Each ornament is for a specific person, and we don't want anyone to be left out without a gift on Christmas. *Please, please, PLEASE be very careful with your ornament and keep it in a safe place!*

2. Return your gifts no later than **Sunday, December 4th**.

3. Please be sure to securely tape the paper ornament to the **outside** of your wrapped gift so that we can make sure it gets to the right person.

4. You are invited to join us for "Sort Night" on Sunday, December 4th after the 5 o'clock Mass. It is truly a beautiful sight to behold the *huge* stack of gifts and the festive atmosphere as parishioners bustle about organizing presents in the church. Each gift sparkles with the love that God has for all of us, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus!

5. **Cash Donations.** You might have noticed requests for cash donations on our trees. The cash we collect through Giving Tree does *not* go directly to anyone. Every year, we have some ornaments that are left on the trees, or which are not returned. Volunteers for Giving Tree use the cash donations to go and buy those missing gifts, so everyone we put on our tree gets a gift! (We have some very savvy shoppers on our committee, who can really stretch a dollar!) As in years past, your generosity and compassion are greatly appreciated, and will allow St. Bonaventure to provide Christmas gifts to hundreds of families, children, and seniors in our community.

Thank you for supporting the Giving Tree Ministry!!



■ **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

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

■ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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

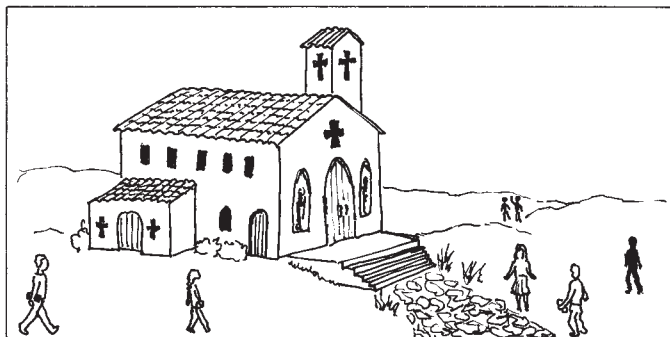
This gives you an extra chance to pick up last-minute edibles to grace your holiday table. All proceeds will benefit the St. Bonaventure Food Pantry.

■ **PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

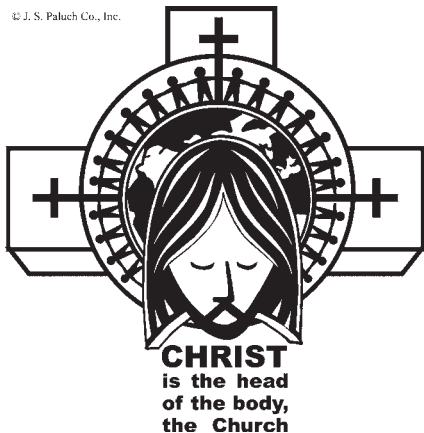
☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

■ **CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE**

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.



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NEED A NEIGHBOR?

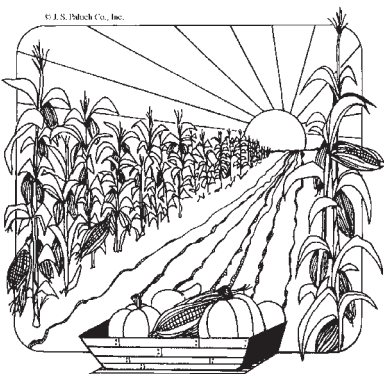
Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

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.

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Give Thanks to God



HOLIDAY Boutique



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OUTSIDE PARISH

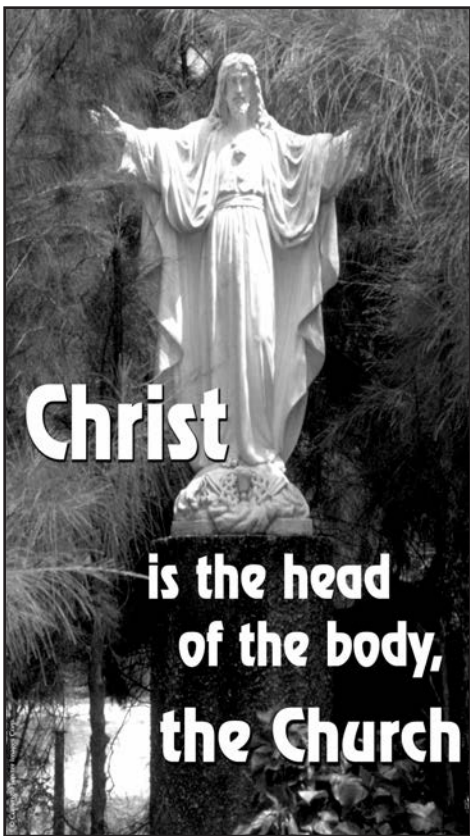
PRAYER BREAKFAST

MagnificatSOTI, a Ministry for Women, invites you to join them at a Prayer Breakfast on

December 3, 2016, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

At: St. Mary's Church ~ 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek. *Please note the change in time and location!* Tickets are \$25/\$30 after Nov. 26.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Christine Watkins, MTS, LCSW, as our speaker. We will be inspired by this well-known speaker, author, spiritual director and television host as she tells us of her salvation from life as an atheist to a life centered in Christ, through her physical and spiritual healing by Jesus through His Mother, Mary. Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.



CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING

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

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

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



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 SAFETY OF ALL TRAVELLERS

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 CAROLYNN ELY
 November 19 to November 25, 2016

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 5:00 Cecil Palma
 Pat O'Brien
 Carolynn Ely
 Emidio Busuttill

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Cherney Sangalang
 Fely Crusit
 Joey Mangini
 Francisco Chavez Aguilera
- 11:00 Glenda de Guzman
 Souls in Purgatory
 Ben & Ramon Marquez
- 5:00 Bernard Krieg
 Frances Aiello
 Angie Archeocano
 Elmer Hill

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Hallie Stevens
 Jenny Sardelich
 Norma Evaristo
 Jim Martling

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers
- 9:00 Marina Fajardo
 Norma Evaristo
 Joseph Marie Perez

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Communion Service

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 THANKSGIVING**

- 6:30 NO MASS
- 9:00 Dolores Blair
 Mercader & Evaristo Families
 Norma Evaristo
 Frank Verello

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Elena Villanueva
 Dimitris Argyriou
 Emily Crescencio
 Charles E. Cline

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 5:00 Pat & Tom O'Brien
 Marilyn McNamee
 Gratitude to St. Anthony
 Carol Ely

■ BUENOS DIAS DESDE EL SALVADOR

—Padre Richard Mangini

Cuando estén leyendo este boletín, estaré terminando mi visita anual a El Salvador y a nuestra parroquia hermana, Madre de Las Américas. Yo participé en la ceremonia de graduación de 250 estudiantes del Instituto Católico Padre Ricardo Mangini. También le han dado la bienvenida a 300 estudiantes nuevos que empezarán las clases en Enero, 2017. Celebré mis 50 años de vida sacerdotal con mis queridos amigos de Soyapango, El Salvador.

Nuestra parroquia hermana está en el corazón del Narco Trafico y pandillas, con familias de pocos recursos económicos y quienes desean para sus hijos un futuro mejor a través de la educación ya que sus padres no la tuvieron.. Los padres trabajan con un salario de menos de \$400.00 al mes. La moneda nacional de El Salvador es el dolar americano pero con una gran diferencia en la tabla de conversión.

Yo continuaré mis viajes anuales a El Salvador aún después de mi jubilación y participaré en sus vidas hasta que pueda viajar a ése país. ¡La cultura y la gente han enriquecido mi vida tremendamente!.

Yo regresaré a los Estados Unidos la noche del lunes 21 de noviembre, 2016.

■ ¿DE QUIEN ES LA ESTATUA PEQUEÑA EN LA CAPILLA?

Es la estatua de “El Salvador Del Mundo” patrono de El Salvador. En el mes de Agosto cerca de la fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor nosotros celebramos su fiesta. Por muchos años la estatua ha estado guardada en casa de Nuria Silva, ella me pidió la guardáramos en nuestra Capilla. Nosotros tenemos muchos feligreses salvadoreños en nuestra parroquia.

■ LA ASISTENCIA A LA MISA HA BAJADO MUY DRÁSTICAMENTE

En cualquier domingo tenemos alrededor de 2200 feligreses que vienen a celebrar la Eucaristía. Esta cantidad ha bajado un 10% del año pasado. La cantidad de católicos que asisten a la misa ha disminuido por

años. ¿Usted sabe la razón? Hay muchos Sociólogos que pueden ofrecer sus propias percepciones, algunas serán verdad y otras no.

Yo veo, escucho y observo. He estado alrededor de ésta pista por más de 20 años. Yo veo y visito más feligreses en Safeway que los que vienen los domingos a la iglesia. En general yo creo que el estilo de vivir la vida y las expectativas percibidas han tomado más importancia que asistir a Misa los domingos. Deportes y otras formas de entretenimiento han tomado la mejor parte que “Ir A La Iglesia”.

Yo también pienso que hay un letargo espiritual y un pragmatismo mundano en lugar de haber una vida espiritual que no se ve en la participación activa de la vida Católica, debería de haber necesidad de tener una relación personal con Dios. Esto es lo que es.

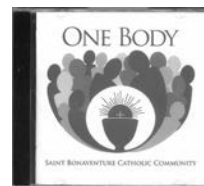
Nosotros estamos en el proceso de una transfiguración cultural muy grande. Pero hay un grupo muy fuerte de participación que apoyan la iglesia, con su participación, presencia, su involucramiento en los Ministerios y apoyo financiero. Varios católicos hacen muchas excusas por su ausencia y participación. Disculpas son excusas. Algunos de nuestros feligreses prefieren el modo conservativo y lástima personal para la iglesia.

Uno puede ir cerca de esto y lo otro. En el corazón de la parroquia esta Jesús. ¿Tú quieres conocerlo a El?. En el corazón de la parroquia esta la Eucaristía. ¿Te gustaría tener al Señor Resucitado en tu vida?

En el corazón de la parroquia hay comunidad, servicio y justicia. ¿Te gustaría ser un Católico participante? Yo pienso que hay muchos católicos que se esconden en el Atardecer. Cuando pienso en esto, veo y doy la bienvenida a otros que han regresado a practicar por entero su Fé.

En cualquier caso, no nos podemos quedar sentados en nuestros honores. ¿Qué podemos hacer? Sigamos sintonizados.

■ CD'S ESTAN AQUI!



Por favor llame a Grace Maes al teléfono: (925) 285-0694 si Ud. Compró o desea comprar el CD con participación de los coros de la iglesia. El valor es \$15.- nada mas. Nuestra iglesia se favorecerá de las ventas del CD. Gracias por su colaboración.

■ APARTE LA FECHA PARA EL CONCIERTO DE ADVIENTO/NAVIDAD

Saludos... Un pequeño recordatorio para que guarde la fecha del Concierto Anual de Adviento/Navidad que se llevará a cabo el sábado 3 de Diciembre a las 7:30 pm en nuestra iglesia. Una manera muy bonita de empezar la Estación de Adviento/Navidad. Para más información por favor llame a Barbara Wolpman: 925-465-4468

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

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

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

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

■ **SEGUNDA COLECTA ESTE FIN DE SEMANA: Para La Campaña Católica Para El Desenvolvimiento**

La segunda colecta es para la **Campaña Católica para el desenvolvimiento Humano (CCHD siglas en Ingles)**

ellos proveen fondos a varios grupos que cambia la vida a personas pobres en los Estados Unidos de América. Esta organización ayuda a educación, crea vivienda para personas de pocos recursos. Ayúdenos a defender la dignidad humana y construir comunidades de solidaridad.

Agradeceremos su apoyo económico.

■ **PRESENTACIONES DE NIÑOS PARA NAVIDAD**

Ya estamos preparando las dos presentaciones de Navidad que se efectuarán en la Noche Buena el 24 de Diciembre: Una de niños de pre-Kinder y de Kinder a las 3:00 PM y la otra niños de Primaria a las 5:30 PM

La presentación de pre-Kinder y Kinder tendrá niños de 4 años y de Kinder ellos re-nacerán la history del nacimiento de Jesús. Para registrar a sus niños por favor llame a Rosa Rico, teléfono: 383-3066. Habrá una reunión con los padres de familia el domingo 20 de Noviembre después de la Misa de las 9:00 AM en el salón A-4.

Presentación de los niños de Primaria de los grados 1-5. Los participantes tendrán partes habladas y actuaciones. Para más información llame a Rosann Halick, al número: 672-6800, extensión 2204 o por email: rhalick@stbonaventure.net. La primera reunión será el miércoles, 30 de Noviembre a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

■ **AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. El Año De Júbilo Termina.**



Hoy el evangelista Lucas y artista por tradición, nos envía en este Año de Jubilo de la Misericordia un retrato inolvidable de Cristo Redentor. El escenario de Jesús “Retrato Real” es la cruz. Desde este “trono” el “príncipe coronado” concede el “perdón ejecutivo” del primer ciudadano, un criminal. El “Ladrón Bueno” que no ha pedido la salvación ni el perdón: “Recuérdame cuando...” (Lucas 23:42). “Hoy tú estarás conmigo en el paraíso,” El Rey Jesús le promete. (23:43), Paraíso, para los que no creen es una imagen de creación que contiene armonía con uno mismo, con compañeros y El Creador.

Hoy nosotros los buenos ladrones le rogamos a Jesús que se acuerde de nosotros. Le prometemos que recordaremos lo sucedido. Aunque el reino de Jesús estará solamente completo cuando Jesús vuelva, ese reino empieza hoy en el paraíso con las flores de éste Año de Jubilo de la Misericordia. Nosotros los discípulos después de haber sido acogidos y sin merecer la misericordia, iremos abrazar incondicionalmente a otros con la misma misericordia

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■ **MISA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS: 24 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 9:00 AM**

Reunámonos con la familia de la parroquia y dar gracias a Dios por todos los regalos y bendiciones que hemos recibido, antes de terminar con los últimos preparativos de la cena de Acción de Gracias. Nuestra misa de tres lenguas va a celebrar las bondades, amor, bendiciones y también recordaremos las muchas cosas por las cuales estamos agradecidos.

■ **ARBOLES DE REGALOS DE NAVIDAD**

Los árboles de Navidad están listos. Los encontrarás cerca de las puertas de salida de la iglesia. Si quieres hacer feliz a una persona de bajos recursos de nuestra comunidad, esto es lo que tienes que hacer:

Los árboles de Navidad están decorados con ornamentos de papel los cuales indican lo que cada persona o niño le gustaría recibir. Por favor escoge el ornamento que deseas, compra el regalo, empácalo y pon el ornamento afuera para que se sepa para quien es. Puedes recoger los ornamentos que deseas. Los regalos tienen que estar en la iglesia a más tarde del Domingo, 4 de Diciembre, 2016.

TU GENEROSIDAD SERA MUY APRECIADA.

RECORDATORIOS:

1-Mucho cuidado con los ornamentos: Cada ornamento es para una persona, no queremos que nadie se quede sin regalo en la Navidad. Por favor, tener mucho cuidado con los ornamentos, guárdenlo en un lugar seguro...

2-Por favor devolver los regalos antes o el Domingo, 4 de Diciembre. Ponerlos cerca de la Fuente Bautismal en la iglesia.

3-Por favor asegurar el ornamento de papel con tape y ponerlo afuera del regalo después de empacarlo. Queremos estar seguros que llegue a la persona adecuada.

4-Tu estas invitado/a el Domingo, 4 de Diciembre, después de la misa de las 5:00 PM, vamos a recoger los regalos y ponerlos en sus respectivos lugares para después ser entregados a las familias. Es una vista muy bonita el ver todos los regalos y te engrandece la festividad que está por venir. Cada regalo enciende el amor que Dios tiene por nosotros, cuando celebramos el nacimiento del Niño Jesús.

5-Donaciones en efectivo (Cash Donations). Usted ha notado pedidos de donaciones en efectivo. El dinero colectado no va a ninguna persona directamente. Cada año tenemos ornamentos que no han sido recogidos o regalos que no han sido entregados. Los voluntarios de este Ministerio ocupan el dinero para comprar estos regalos. (En este ministerio hay unos compradores que saben extender el valor de lo colectado) Su generosidad es apreciada y así como en años anteriores vamos a poder hacer felices a infinidad de familias, niños y ancianos de San Buenaventura.