



OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. Photo Credit: David Blankenhorn.

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

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May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter | 21 de mayo de 2017 Sexto Domingo de Pascua

### MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM  
Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

### MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

### DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday/Lunes,  
Martes, Jueves y Viernes: 9:00 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday/Martes, Miércoles y  
Jueves: 6:30 AM

### COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

### BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

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

### MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

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

### RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

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



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

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

**THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD  
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO**

**50 YEARS- HOW IT ALL BEGAN**

Last week, I went away for a short retreat to prepare my thoughts before celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination as a priest. I have not had much time to reflect, because of the daily workload of parish life. Through prayer and reflection, I wanted to prepare for the May 17 Mass.

By the time that you read this article, I will have shared with all who came to that Mass some of the unique circumstances of that evening 50 years ago.

Bishop Floyd Begin ordained me in my parish church, then named Most Precious Blood Church of Concord. Msgr. Edward Varni had built a modernesque church, a rectangular block with no windows and no air conditioning. The evening of the ordination was extremely hot, well into the 90's, even at 7p.m.

There was an outspoken priest, a theology professor at St. Mary's College, Fr. Peter Riga, who was placed on the front page of Time Magazine that week with the title, "God is Dead." The Bishop's homily became a long rebuttal of such an idea. It was so hot that some of my classmates, who had left seminary life over the years, left in the middle of the homily, went to a local bar and returned later for the ordination itself.

I must confess some nervousness that evening because the older ordination rite began with an out-loud question and a pregnant pause: "does anyone know why this man should not be ordained?" Happily, no one spoke, which probably would not happen today. I had just completed an extra year living in a parish, because I was reported as raising theological questions and sharing new theological ideas in a training program for parish catechists. All I needed was "enemies" at my ordination. While God was and is not dead, we still need better and more engaging ways to talk about and to describe who God is.

My second reflection that came to me is how did I arrive at this 50-year mark? I have never thought much of the future. I have always lived and worked in the present, always looking and planning forward. It just feels very strange to me that a sort of an end has come and that a new era is beginning. And I am aware that it will not be as long as the past that I have lived.

I do feel that I have completed my priestly mission as a pastor. I have worked very hard and very long hours, and I am feeling very tired psychologically, and a bit physically as well. I will continue to be a priest, celebrating all the Sacraments of the church and being available for personal and spiritual counsel. Believe it or not, a number of people asked me if I was going to get married. It is surprising to realize what people do not know about their Catholic Faith: "Once a priest, always a priest." I want some peace and quiet. I have had my "honey-list" with the church. Why would I replace one list for another?

We are all here for a time. "There is a time for everything," the Scriptures remind us. I am very grateful to have been a priest in this life, serving half a century in the post-Second Vatican Council era, and now in this time of Pope Francis. Pope Francis is my "dream Pope." I have finally found a Pope who thinks like I do. Although he is older than me by a few years, I am a priest longer than he.

While there are a number of opportunities to celebrate my jubilee and retirement with various communities within our parish, I wanted especially to celebrate the evening of my ordination, and I wanted to do so not so much with a focus on me, but rather by inviting the priests of the Diocese to come to celebrate our common ministry as priests together. And 65 priests will have come. Not only will my cousin, Cardinal William Levada, have preached the homily, but afterward at the clergy dinner, a mentor of mine, Fr. George Crispin, a former Canon lawyer, chancellor and Vicar General of the Diocese, will have

spoken about "The Joy of Being a Priest after the Second Vatican Council."

I have grown as a priest in so many ways since my ordination 50 years ago. I have changed, and so has the church. I have no regrets. I am fulfilled and satisfied. I have done my very best. Together we have lived our faith in an amazing parish community that is very much alive spiritually, very service-oriented, very much in the heart of the Gospel and a witness of light in the world. I am grateful for the part that I have had in stirring it all up. I have relied always on the Holy Spirit, who will continue to stir it up as new pastoral leaders come to build upon the formation of 60 years of parish community life!

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS  
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**

**■ THE AHMADI FAMILY NEEDS HOUSING!**

Dear Fellow St. Bonaventure parishioners: Our refugee family—Dad Najib, Mom Zainab, and children Faisal, Marwa and Bilal—are hoping to move to Concord before their lease expires on June 14th. They have had many challenges living in Bay Point. This lovely family has faced discrimination, the children have been bullied both at home and at school, Zainab feels unsafe walking Marwa to and from school, and Najib works long hours requiring him to walk home from BART in the middle of the night. Their home has been egged, a knife was pulled on Faisal, and there have been shootings at their apartment complex. While the family remains very thankful for all the opportunities they have been given, now that Najib is working, they would like to move to a safer location.

**Here's how you can help:**

Do you know of someone who has an affordable apartment or home that they would be willing to rent to the Ahmadis? Because Najib is the sole breadwinner, affordable rent would be a tremendous help! The family would love to live close to our St. Bonaventure

# Mark Your Calendar

## St. Bonaventure 60th Anniversary— Fr. Richard's 50th Ordination Anniversary—Retirement

There are a number of liturgical celebrations and events occurring this year to acknowledge the Retirement, Ordination Anniversary of our beloved Fr. Richard, and St Bonaventure's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Following is a listing for your information. Please check our website and bulletin for more detailed information as the events occur.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday, May 17	5:30pm	50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass	Parish Church
Saturday, June 10	6pm	Fil-Am Community Dinner with and for Fr. Richard *Following 5pm Mass	Parish Hall
Sunday, June 11	2pm	Hispanic Community Celebration *Following 12:30 Spanish Mass	Parish Grounds
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

community or in the Monument Corridor, near their friend who lives at Monument and Meadow Lane. They would like to find an apartment or house with a minimum of 2BR/2BA, a washer and dryer, and room for a dining table. We are hoping to help them find a home in a safe location that is close to schools.

If you know of any housing or if you have any questions, please call Irene Alonzo-Perez 925.768.3122. God bless you!



### FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Bonaventure with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

### LITURGY & MUSIC

#### NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Tuesday, May 23 @ 4pm

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 23 at 4:00pm in the church. Altar Servers must be at least entering 4th grade in fall 2017 and have celebrated their First Communion. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Arteaga at [aarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aarteaga@stbonaventure.net) or by calling the parish office. Thank you for your consideration of participating in this very important liturgical ministry!



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: ACTS 16:11-15; PS 149:1B-6A, 9B; JN 15:26 — 16:4A

TUE: ACTS 16:22-34; PS 138:1-3, 7C-8; JN 16:5-11

WED: ACTS 17:15, 22 — 18:1; PS 148:1-2, 11-14; JN 16:12-15

THU: ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23; MT 28:16-20 (FOR ASCENSION); OTHERWISE ACTS 18:1-8; PS 98:1-4; JN 16:16-20

FRI: ACTS 18:9-18; PS 47:2-7; JN 16:20-23

SAT: ACTS 18:23-28; PS 47:2-3, 8-10; JN 16:23B-28

SUN: ACTS 1:12-14; PS 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 PT 4:13-16; JN 17:1-11A; OR (FOR ASCENSION) ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23; MT 28:16-20

### INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS



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#### ■ NEW SOUND MINISTERS NEEDED

We need a few more Sound Ministers to help with funerals during the week, and/or our weekend Masses. Sound Ministers watch over the sound board, help set out microphones and, particularly at funerals, run the DVD player to show memorial videos and slideshows. Minimal provided training is required and anyone can do it, so please consider joining this important ministry. If you are interested, please contact Anthony at [aarteaga@stbonaventure.net](mailto:aarteaga@stbonaventure.net) or call the parish office.

#### ■ MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Most volunteers drive once a month, so the commitment is about 1½-2½ hours a month, beginning with a 1-hour orientation in Walnut Creek. Meals are picked up at the senior center in Concord (Baldwin Park) and delivered to clients in East Concord and Clayton. Right now, there are route openings for the 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday and the 3rd Friday. St. Bonaventure parishioners have been covering this route for the Meals on Wheels program for over 30 years! Please call Dor Neely at 925-672-6083 if you are interested or know someone who is interested.

### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

#### ■ PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW: ST. BONAVENTURE'S MAKER FUN FACTORY BIBLE CAMP: JULY 17-21

What's all the *buzz* about? Do you have lots of *imagination*? Do you like to *build* and *create*? We are *gearing* up for an amazing Bible camp and we want you to *bee* a part of it. "Maker Fun Factory" Bible Camp will be full of great Bible stories, *creative* crafts, team-*building* games, delicious snacks and so much more.

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

Forms will be available in the Church foyer, office and on our website in late April. We will have registration on "Registration" Saturday, May 13 from 9am to 1pm in classroom A-1. The registration fees are \$65 for preschoolers and \$80 for elementary-age students.

Adults, we need you to be our Team Leaders. All you need is a desire to have loads of fun with kids! Contact Rosann Halick, 672-5800, Ext. 2204 or [rhalick@stbonaventure.net](mailto:rhalick@stbonaventure.net) for more information.

Teens – 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school - we need you to be our camp counselors. This is a great way to have fun, share your faith and serve in a variety of ways at camp. Contact Jacob Perry, 672-5800, Ext. 2229 or [jperry@stbonaventure.net](mailto:jperry@stbonaventure.net).



### FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

#### ■ 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 on Thursday, **May 25 @ 6:30 PM** in the Large Hall. Our speaker will be our special friend Fr. T.C. George, SDB of the Don Bosco Renewal Centre of Bangalore, as he shares his personal relationship with the Blessed Mother and her influence in his ministry. Tickets will be \$25, and includes a catered Chicken Marsala and pasta dinner by "Bambino's Restaurant". Tickets will be sold online and after Masses a few weeks before the event. <http://wcfddinner.bpt.me>

#### ■ WALKING WITH GRIEF

Healing the Heart is a ministry at St Bonaventure's Parish that "walks with" people who are grieving. There are workshop sessions, held two times a year that are six weeks long. The team of "Companions" who lead the workshops are not professional therapists but because of their own experiences they can offer support and understanding. In addition to the two six-week sessions, the Healing the Heart Ministry is offering a one-night meeting on **June 6, 2017 at 7:30 pm** in Classroom B1. This is a chance to "touch base" with the Grief Companions and others who have suffered the loss of a loved one. This meeting is open to everyone - people who have participated in the six-week program in the past and people who have not. We will have some time to share experiences, if you want to. We will have time to pray and time to extend support to one another. For more information or to register, please call Helene, 925-681-8105. That is a cell phone so you can text, too. We hope you share this invitation with your friends. Everyone is welcome.

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

ALLELUIA!! Christ has Risen! Today begins the Easter Season and we all rejoice. God’s love and care for us and His wish to grow closer to us is celebrated during this season. Return that love and wish for closeness by joining us for Contemplative Prayer. We gather in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life and give thanks for the blessings we receive.



■ BUNDLE SUNDAY WEEKEND: MAY 20-21

Clothing Drive



St Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a clothing drive at our parish the weekend of May 20-21. 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 those times. CLOTHING ONLY, PLEASE. No electronics, furniture, toys or games, etc.

■ ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY CAMPING AT TAHOE - 2017



The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: Sunday, August 6 through Sunday, August 13, Sugar Pine Point State Park,

Lake Tahoe. The cost will be \$130 for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year’s fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso ☎ 864-4748 or Kathy Riso ☎ 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.

■ 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of May 13 & 14 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$29,768

Over: \$4,328

2nd Collection

Catholic Charities: \$4,684

Food for Family: 344

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ FLORES DE MAYO: "FLOWERS OF MAY"



Saturday, May 27,  
2017 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 *Hulong 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 wish to help with set-up or  
clean-up, please call Sol Cuenco (925) 676-  
5905 or sole mama@yahoo.com



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**OUTSIDE PARISH**

■ **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
 RENEWAL COALITION ANNUAL  
 CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC  
 CONVENTION: MAY 26, 27, 28**

Theme: "Go Therefore, and Make Disciples of all Nations." Mt. 28:19a

Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara

Separate seminars in English for Adults, Young Adults, Teens, and Children's Program and in Vietnamese and Spanish.

Praise, Worship and Song with Spirit-led music ministers.

Contact: John Murphy 650-261-0825 or Norma G. Guerrero 650-219-4556

Evening Masses Open to the Public. All are welcome!

More Information & Registration: [NCRCSpirit.org](http://NCRCSpirit.org)

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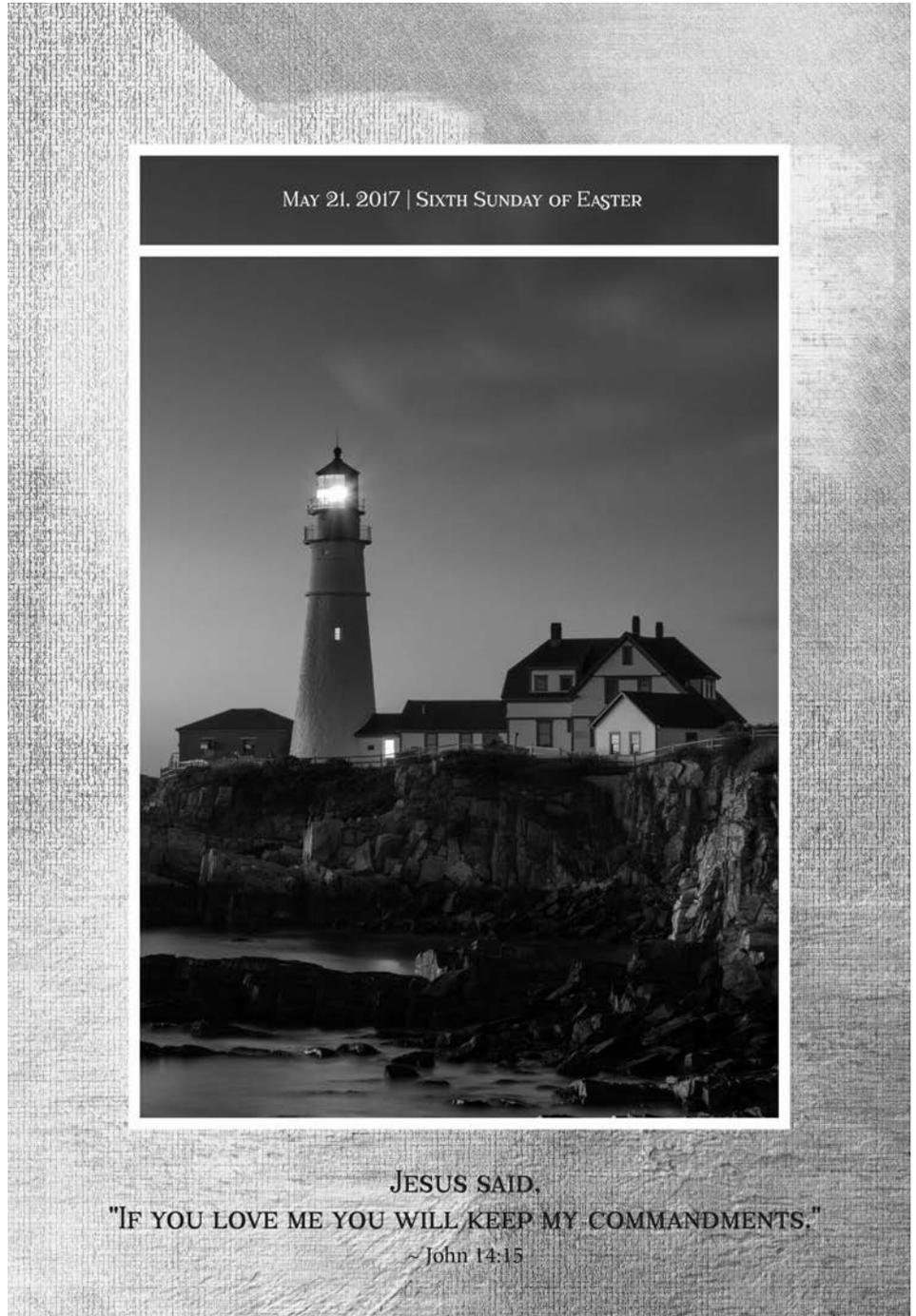
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Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

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 at 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.



MAY 21, 2017 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JESUS SAID,

"IF YOU LOVE ME YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

~ John 14:15

**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR**

LAWRENCE TADEO  
 May 20 – May 26, 2017



*Pray  
 For*

Peggy Sullivan

# MOTHER'S DAY

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

Elisa Abang	Connie Knott
Jackie Backman	Lamby Family
Margie Beasley	Jocelyn Javier Lloren
Bonfiglio & Cruz Families	Phyllis LaMons
	Rosa Guido Lopez
Rosi Caballero	Eleanora Mascheroni
Mamie Camera	Charlotte Milcetch
Amy Cocotis	Nikki Milcetch
Josephine Cocotis	Frances Milcetch
Randa Cocotis	Rena Milcetch
Czyzewski Family	
Mary Daly	Julia Olvarado
Doherty Family	Dolores O'Malley
	Marita Otto
Fran Exten	Emma Jean Panjada
	Le, Nam Phuong
Helen Furtado	
America Garcia	Connie Sanchez
Josephine Genovese	
Tracy Graff	Nina Trespalacios
Laura Gray	
Suzanne Grube	Paz Untal
Angelina Guzzo	
	Frances Visalli
	Josephine Visalli
	Joyce Visalli
	Vuchok Family
Caridad Ha	
Dianna Hardy	
Eileen Henke	
Amy Holcomb	Josephine Wranau
Agnes Horgan	
Dorothy Horgan	
Patty Horgan	

## Mass Intentions For The Week

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### SATURDAY, MAY 20

5:00 Julio Urquidi  
Leilani & James Tadeo  
Adelaide Lowe  
Gill Wildman

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:30 Helen Starosciak  
Emma Rico Wertz  
Rita Grapes  
Philip Balmaseda  
9:00 Erica Hekmann  
Joe Mangini  
Jaime Lopez  
Ramona Lopez  
11:00 St. Bonaventure Community  
5:00 Steven Beltrano  
Alejandra Mariano

### MONDAY, MAY 22

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 Magdalena Pardo  
Helen Starosciak  
Martha Sardelich  
Helen Herrera

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

6:30 William M. Jordan  
9:00 Reyna Lopez  
Peggy Sullivan

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 Communion Service

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

6:30 Victims of Violence  
9:00 Jane Colaco  
Oswaldo Perez

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

6:30 Communion Service  
9:00 Emidio Busuttill  
Emily Crescencio  
Manuel Sarmiento

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:00 Emidio Busuttill  
Teodoro De La Cruz  
Bob O'Neil  
Mary Mangiapane

21 de mayo de  
**2017**

## SEXTO DOMINGO DE

# Pascua

JESÚS DIJO:

“YO LE ROGARÉ AL PADRE Y  
 ÉL LES ENVIARÁ OTRO CONSOLADOR  
 QUE ESTÉ SIEMPRE CON USTEDES,  
 EL ESPÍRITU DE VERDAD.”

JUAN 14: 16–17

### ■ 50 AÑOS - CÓMO COMENZÓ TODO

La semana pasada, me fui a un breve retiro para preparar mis pensamientos antes de celebrar el 50 aniversario de mi ordenación como sacerdote. No he tenido mucho tiempo para reflexionar debido a la carga de trabajo diario de la vida parroquial. Yo Quería prepararme para la misa del 17 de Mayo por medio de la oración y la reflexión.

Para cuando leas este artículo, habré compartido con todos los que vinieron a esa misa algunas de las circunstancias únicas de esa noche de 50 años.

El Obispo Floyd Begin me ordenó en mi iglesia parroquial en Concord entonces llamada la Iglesia de la Mas Preciosa Sangre. Mons. Edward Varni había construido una iglesia moderna, un bloque rectangular sin ventanas y sin aire acondicionado. La noche de la ordenación era extremadamente caliente, en los 90 grados, incluso a las 7 pm.

Había un sacerdote, profesor de teología en el St. Mary's College, padre. Peter Riga, que fue puesto en la portada de la revista Time esa semana con el título, “Dios está muerto”. La homilía del Obispo se convirtió en una gran controversia. Hacía tanto calor que algunos de mis compañeros de clase que habían dejado la vida del seminario a lo largo de los años, se fueron en medio de la homilía a un bar local y regresaron más tarde para la Ordenación.

Debo confesar que tuve un poco de nerviosismo esa noche porque el rito de ordenación más antiguo comenzó con una pregunta en voz alta y una pausa grávida: “¿alguien sabe por qué este hombre no debe ser ordenado?” Felizmente, nadie habló lo que probablemente no sucedería hoy. Acababa de completar un año extra viviendo en una parroquia porque me informaron que planteaba cuestiones teológicas y compartía ideas nuevas teológicas en un programa de capacitación para los catequistas de la parroquia. Todo lo que necesitaba era “enemigos” en mi ordenación. Mientras Dios era y no está muerto, todavía necesitamos mejores maneras y más atractivas de hablar y describir quién es Dios.

Mi segunda reflexión que me vino a mí es cómo llegué a esta marca de 50 años? Nunca he pensado mucho en el futuro. Siempre he vivido y trabajado en el presente, siempre mirando y planeando hacia adelante. Simplemente me parece muy extraño, que ha llegado una especie de fin y que comienza una nueva era. Y soy consciente de que no pasará tanto tiempo como el pasado que he vivido.

Siento que he completado mi misión sacerdotal como Pastor. También he trabajado muy duro y muchas horas largas y me siento muy cansado psicológicamente, y un poco físicamente. Seguiré siendo sacerdote, celebrando todos los sacramentos de la iglesia y estando disponible para consejos personales y espirituales. Lo crean o no, un número de personas me han preguntado si me voy a casar. Es sorprendente darse cuenta de lo que la gente no sabe acerca de su fe católica: “una vez uno se ordena de sacerdote, siempre es un sacerdote.” Quiero un poco de paz y tranquilidad. He tenido “mi lista de miel” con la iglesia. ¿Por qué reemplazaría una lista por otra?

Todos estamos aquí por un tiempo. “Hay un tiempo para todo”, nos recuerdan las Escrituras. Estoy muy agradecido de haber sido un sacerdote en esta vida dando, medio siglo del Concilio Vaticano II, en esta época del Papa Francisco. El Papa Francisco es mi “Papa de los sueños” Finalmente he encontrado un Papa que piensa como yo. Aunque es mayor que yo por unos pocos años, soy un sacerdote más que él.

Aunque hay varias oportunidades para celebrar mi jubileo y mi retiro con varias comunidades dentro de nuestra parroquia, yo quería celebrar la noche de mi ordenación, y lo quería hacer, no tanto con un enfoque en mí, sino invitar a los Sacerdotes de la Diócesis a venir para concelebrar juntos nuestro común ministerio como sacerdotes. Y 65 sacerdotes vinieron. No sólo mi primo, el cardenal William Levada ha predicado la homilía, sino después en la cena del clero, un mentor mío, el padre. George Crispín, ex abogado de Canon, Canciller y Vicario General de la Diócesis, hablará de “La alegría de ser sacerdote después del Concilio Vaticano II”.



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### 60th Aniversario de San Buenaventura-50th Aniversario y Jubilación del Padre Ricardo

*Hay una serie de eventos y celebraciones litúrgicas que se llevarán a cabo este año, la Jubilación y el Aniversario de la Ordenación de nuestro querido Padre Ricardo y el 60 aniversario de San Buenaventura. A continuación enunciamos los eventos para su información. Por favor visite nuestro sitio web y boletín para obtener información más detallada de todos estos eventos.*

FECHA	HORA	EVENTO	LUGAR
Miércoles, Mayo 17	5:30pm	Misa del 50th Aniversario de Ordenación	En la Iglesia
Sábado, Junio 10	6pm	Cena de la Comunidad Filipina Con y para el Padre Ricardo <i>*Después de la Misa de 5pm</i>	Salón Parroquial
Domingo, Junio 11	2pm	Celebración de la Comunidad Hispana <i>*Después de la Misa de 12:30pm</i>	Jardines de la Parroquia
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia <i>Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación Del Padre Ricardo</i>	<b>VENDIDO</b>
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción <i>Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia</i>	Iglesia

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FECHA DE BAUTIZO	HORA DE BAUTIZO	FECHA DE CLASE	HORA DE CLASE
Sat 08/12	10:00 a.m.	Fri 07/28	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 08/26	10:00 a.m.	Fri 08/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/09	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 09/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 09/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/14	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/06	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 10/28	10:00 a.m.	Fri 10/27	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/03	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/18	12:00 p.m.	Fri 11/10	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 12/15	7-9:30 p.m.

He crecido como sacerdote de muchas maneras desde mi ordenación hace 50 años. He cambiado, y también lo ha hecho la iglesia. No tengo excusas. Estoy satisfecho y complacido. He hecho todo lo mejor posible. Juntos hemos vivido nuestra fe en una increíble comunidad parroquial que está muy viva espiritualmente, muy orientada al servicio,

muy en el corazón del Evangelio y un testigo de la Luz en el mundo. Estoy agradecido por la parte que he tenido en revolver todo. ¡He confiado siempre en el Espíritu Santo que continuará animándolo mientras nuevos líderes pastorales llegarán a construir sobre la formación de 60 años de vida comunitaria parroquial!