



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community *Comunidad Católica de San Buenaventura*

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

October 15, 2017

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL/IN SPANISH

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday/Lunes thru Friday/Viernes : 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process. This requires two months preparation

En Español: Llame a la oficina para solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo 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 solicitar información y concertar una cita con el Sacerdote. Este proceso requiere mínimo seis meses de preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by appointment.

Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita con el Sacerdote.

Mission

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.

born. Throughout the years, we have served in multiple committees and participated in fundraising activities to benefit our parish. Currently, my husband serves as Eucharistic Minister and I enjoy proclaiming God's word by being a Lector.

Phil Morrill

My wife Peggy and I have lived in Clayton since 1974 and have been active at St. Bonaventure's for about 14-years. We have been married for 46-years, have three grown children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. My background included the US Navy, engineering, dispute resolution, and (currently) contracting. At St. Bonaventure I have participated in Bonfire retreats, coordinated construction of new facilities, taught RCIA, presently am a Eucharistic minister, also a 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus, and am now a new member of the Parish Council. I look forward to working with the Council and staff to bring Christ closer to our people and our people closer to Him.

Lori Neely

My husband Dor and I joined the welcoming St Bonaventure community in 1985. Originally from PA and NY, we lived in Florida 3 years, then relocated to California. Our son Greg, daughter Joanna, her husband Dan and grandchildren Dylan and Juliette live here in Clayton. We attend 9:00 Sunday Mass. I serve as Eucharistic Minister, support St Mary's Seniors, St Bonaventure Giving Tree, and volunteer at John Muir Hospital.

Ed Nowicki

Originally from Pennsylvania, I moved to Walnut Creek in 1996 after leaving active duty in the US Air Force. I attended St. John Vianney where my wife Doris and I were married 14-years ago, and where I was involved in the Teen Ministry. I then moved to Clayton where I started attending St. Bonaventure. I was involved in the Sound Ministry for a couple of years and am currently a member of our Finance Council and the Parish Council.

Jonel Sangalang

I was introduced to St. Bonaventure by my friend Gloria Leigh. She was also my sponsor when I went through the RCIA program in 2004. I currently serve as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Hospitality at the 9 am Mass. I am also involved with the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's center in Oakland and a Catechist for SPRED. I love attending St. Bonaventure because the community is very welcoming.

Marie Shockley

I have been a parishioner for 50+ years. My husband Ed and I have been married for 33 years. Our son Jeff and his wife Sally have blessed us with three beautiful grandchildren. I am a Eucharistic Minister, teach Sacramental Prep Faith Formation and Vacation Bible Camp. I am entering my 3rd year on the Pastoral Council. I truly enjoy being a part of our St Bonaventure community.

Virginia Teran (staff representative)

I was born in Bolivia and came to this country in 1974. My husband and I have three adult children. My son lives in San Francisco and has two children. My oldest daughter lives in Colorado; she also has two children; my youngest daughter and her husband live in San Diego. I have been a parishioner of St. Bonaventure since 1984, the year that we moved from El Cerrito to Concord. I have been working as a staff member since 2005 and am excited to be part of the Parish Council.

Kate Tran

My husband Erich and I are new members at St. Bonaventure. I'm originally from Vietnam and came to the US in 1992 with my parents and sister. We lived in Concord until I relocated to Colorado in 2002 to attend pharmacy school. I met my husband Erich there and we moved back to California in 2007 after graduation and marriage. We recently signed up to be Eucharistic Ministers. As a new Parish Council member, I look forward to opportunities to serve and be better connected with our wonderful parish. I hope to contribute to keep it a strong community and continue to learn and grow in my own faith journey.

FAITH DIRECT



Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Bonaventure. 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. Mat Vellankal

STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the

poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

You are invited to chat with Pope Francis using your Facebook Messenger App to learn more about his Missions. **Pray** and **give** generously on World Mission Sunday, October 21/22.

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 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.



LITURGY & PRAYER

NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 @ 3PM

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? We have a need for more altar servers at all Masses! Please consider signing up to join us for our next training, taking place on Wednesday, October 25 at 3:00pm in the church. Altar Servers must have already celebrated their First Communion. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office. Thank you for your consideration of participating in this very important liturgical ministry!

INVITING YOU TO A MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS AND SAN SIMEON

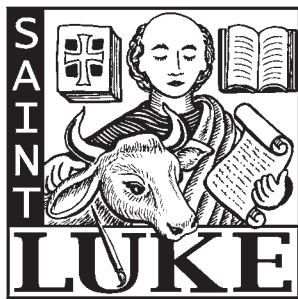


Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Saint Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Rd. Concord

For more information, please call Patricia Collazos at 683-6219 or Conchita, Guzman at 285-2834.



MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TRAINING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 7:30PM

Are you interested in meeting other parishioners and being involved in the Mass? If so, please consider becoming a Minister of Hospitality. These ministers greet and welcome the community at each weekend liturgy, pass the collection baskets, direct people forward to receive Eucharist, and distribute bulletins after Mass. Volunteers of all ages, from 6th grade on, are invited to participate. This ministry is extremely important in creating a welcoming atmosphere at our Sunday liturgies, and more Ministers of Hospitality are greatly needed for all weekend Masses.

A training session for all new Ministers of Hospitality will be held on Monday, October 23, from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Church. If you are interested in participating, even if you can't make this particular date, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Church
The Resurrection Choir's annual Advent/
Christmas Concert
Prepare your heart for the experience of
Christmas!



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

MONDAY: ROM 1:1-7; PS 98:1-4; LK 11:29-32
TUESDAY: ROM 1:16-25; PS 19:2-5; LK 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY: 2 TM 4:10-17B; PS 145:10-13, 17-18; LK 10:1-9
THURSDAY: ROM 3:21-30; PS 130:1B-6AB; LK 11:47-54
FRIDAY: ROM 4:1-8; PS 32:1B-2, 5, 11; LK 12:1-7
SATURDAY: ROM 4:13, 16-18; PS 105:6-9, 42-43; LK 12:8-12
SUNDAY: IS 45:1, 4-6; PS 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 THES 1:1-5B; MT 22:15-21



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LIFE AND JUSTICE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: RESPECT LIFE MONTH: A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE DEATH PENALTY

By Eileen Limberg

October 10 marked the 15th Annual World Against the Death Penalty. I didn't even know there was such a thing until I started doing research for this article. I often think that the church's stand against the death penalty is one of the most difficult for us to accept. And to place it next to the sin of abortion is equally as hard. It's much easier to fight for the life of an innocent unborn child than someone who may have committed a heinous crime.

But that is just what the church (current and past popes and the bishops) asks us to do. When I was living in Healdsburg, I was teaching RCIA at St. Johns and I ran a neophyte program. Not only new Catholics, but their sponsors and spouses were invited to participate, and we were using the *US Bishops' Catechism for Adults* as our text. We were studying Chapter 29 on the Fifth Commandment: *Promote the Culture of Life*. One of the husbands, a cradle Catholic, called me on the phone and started by saying, "I don't like you anymore." After the surprise I asked him what was up. He told me that after reading that chapter he had to rethink his stand on the death penalty and it made him really uncomfortable. I told him it was one of the hardest teachings for me to accept also. Ask my family, they will tell you I am all about being "fair". And I had a hard time moving from that "eye for an eye" understanding to where the church stood. It took a long time.

We know that all human life is a gift from God, a gift that God charges us to protect. We affirm that human dignity applies to every human being, to victims as well as those who have committed crimes against life. Our teachings hold that recourse to the death penalty may be justified only under the most narrow circumstance - if it "is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor" (CCC, 2267). The teaching continues that if there are non-lethal ways of protecting society, they are preferable.

With the growing techniques in crime fighting and DNA, there have been a growing number of cases where inmates on Death Row are exonerated of their crimes.



"According to a 2014 study, at least 4% of those sentenced to death in the United States are innocent. The 159 people and counting who have been exonerated due to their innocence since 1973 exemplify that fact." I have to ask myself how I would feel if that one innocent person executed was someone I loved? Or if I were a victim, would I want my attacker to pay that kind of price? Questions I have not had to answer yet, thank God, but still questions that haunt me.

For more information: <https://catholicsmobilizing.org/>

DIAPER DRIVE FOR CCIH

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) needs diapers. "We have about 20 children under the age of 5 at Garden Park Apartments. If your community can help us stock up on sizes 3-5, that would be great!" Diapers can be dropped in the foyer or brought to the office. **Thank You!**

CONCORD RESOLUTION 17-73 PASSED

By Greg Colley

On Tuesday, September 26 the City Council of Concord unanimously adopted a resolution consistent with the call of the Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Oakland for greater support for the dignity of all persons, without regard to immigration status. The resolution affirmed the City of Concord's commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive, tolerant and supportive community for all. This includes maintaining existing city policies not to inquire about immigration status or citizenship when providing city services, and not engaging in federal immigration enforcement activities.

In a statement issued on Ash Wednesday this year, the California bishops called upon Catholics and all people of good will in California to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable and excluded in our communities, most specifically immigrants. The announcement underscored the terrible impact of widespread fear in communities of undocumented immigrants, fear which reflects the reality of tremendous suffering of immigrant families. Easing this fear and restoring a sense of hope remains a high priority for the bishops. In its resolution, the City Council directly addressed this distress and fear, and sought to reassure valued immigrant members of the Concord community.

Catholics United for Justice - a ministry based in the Catholic parishes in and around Concord

- played a very active role in the months of discussion with city officials and elected representatives, which resulted in the final resolution. CUFJ joined numerous community organizations and faith groups in the coalition, which drafted language for the resolution.

This reaffirmation of Concord values is not an end point, however, but rather a beginning. The St Bonaventure Faith in Solidarity ministry continues to organize events and dialogue which will offer further opportunities for parishioners to develop their personal responses to the California bishops' call to welcome, and accompany, and serve those who are afraid and uncertain, many of whom are fellow parishioners. As Christa Fairfield eloquently stated in the April 23 bulletin, "the first and primary element to communication is a shared respect and love for each other." This resolution of the Concord City Council reaffirms that shared respect and love for our immigrant neighbor are core Concord values, and will be reflected in city policies. As Catholics, we recognize in this resolution one particular way of responding to Jesus' call to love our neighbor."

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOUR END-OF-LIFE WISHES

Fr. Mathew invites you to begin a conversation about your end-of-life wishes. This is a four-week series. Each afternoon will include large-group and small-group discussions.

Some topics discussed will be,

- identifying your wishes,
- society's perspectives on dying and death,
- communicating your wishes to family and loved ones, and
- funeral planning

The series is on Tuesday afternoons (October 24-November 14), 1:30-3:00pm in the Ministry Center Room B1. There is no cost. Registration is required. To register, please contact Eileen Limberg (elimberg@stbonaventure.net).

MOMS' GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!) Come join our St. Bonaventure Moms' Group. We meet at 9:45-11:30am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month in Ministry Center classroom A3

& A4. Our next meeting will be on October 18. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

TRUNK OR TREAT

It's that time of year again. Trunk or Treat will be October 21 after the 5:00pm Mass, in the Halls and side parking lot (6:00pm setup & 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat). The Knights of Columbus are returning with their Haunted House in the Small Hall. We will have crafts for the children while people decorate their trunks and get ready to hand out candy. Everyone is welcome.

We need people to hand out candy as well as children to collect it. If you are an empty nester or grandparent who misses the costume parade, join us. Maybe your small group would like to participate? It's fun for everyone! Contact Eileen Limberg with questions or to sign-up (to give out candy and/or bring your children). You can also register by following the link: <http://www.stbonaventure.net/families-in-faith>

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.

REBUILT

The leadership team of our parish has asked all the staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council members to read the book *Rebuilt*. Fr. Mat invites all parishioners to read the book as well. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving megachurches and innovative business leaders, while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic heart of the Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story of how they brought their parish back to life. Copies can be purchased in the parish office for \$15.00.



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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S CENTER-OAKLAND

A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who made the St. Mary's Dinner in Oakland a success on October 1. We are so grateful for our cooks, Karen and Gary LaMons, and our dedicated workers: Jim & Carol Riley, Pete & Carol Chrobak, Gladys deGuzman, Gloria Leigh, Jonel Sangalang, Charlotte Picallo, Linda Mercader, the Tejada family and Lori & Dor Neeley. "Thank you" also to the cake bakers and those parishioners who donated supplies, bingo prizes and made cash donations.

The load is lighter when many pitch in to help, so please know that you are appreciated! Watch the bulletin for our 2018 dinner schedule.

GIVING TREE MEETING

Everyone in the St. Bonaventure Community is invited to join our annual Giving Tree Ministry. Through the Giving Tree, the St. Bonaventure Parish provides Christmas gifts to many underprivileged children and families in our community. It is a truly rewarding way to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. We will have our Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday **October 17 at 7:00 PM in Classroom B1**. If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry, or if you are a returning volunteer, please join us at the meeting. We have many opportunities for volunteers, some big, some small. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call or e-mail Jeannie Ligouri at (925) 788-0461 or Kjeannie05@aol.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

Every October the Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraising effort for local facilities that support and care for the Intellectually Disabled. St. Bonaventure Council 6038 supports the We Care Center, Special Olympics and the Respite Inn. This year we will be conducting our effort on the weekend of October 14 & 15 here at St. Bonaventure, after all the Masses that weekend. Please consider a generous donation as you meet us that weekend. We will be prominent in our bright yellow vests, touting our support for the Intellectually Disabled.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS "EARLY BIRD" OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus have started their Christmas Card sales this weekend after all the Masses. Please stop by our "Keep Christ in Christmas" table to check out our selection of Christmas cards, Advent wreaths, car magnets and more. We will also be selling these items after all the weekend Masses on November 11/12, November 18/19 and December 2/3. Please check out our wide selection of religious cards and other items.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL (NOVEMBER 2017)

Our group is still accepting donations for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and wine donations for the wine pull. If you have special relations with businesses who would be willing to donate to this wonderful fundraiser benefiting our Food Pantry, please contact them and ask for a donation. All donations are tax deductible. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (925.693.0457). There is some administrative work associated with each donation so the sooner you can get the donation to us, the better! Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND COUNTRY KITCHEN

November 3: "Jingle Bells" Gala, 6pm - 8pm
Please join us in the Large and Small Halls for an evening at the "Jingle Bells Boutique" gala. We will have wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffles, wine pull and shopping opportunities for lovely boutique items. There will be hundreds of beautifully made items, by our St. Bonaventure's Classy Crafters; and wonderful homemade goodies from the Country Kitchen.

November 4: Boutique & Country Kitchen; 10am - 2pm
Large and Small Halls: Beautiful handmade items for the home and garden; seasonal decorations, baked goods, etc. Raffle prizes galore (drawing at 2 PM - need not be present to win).

December 16 & 17: Country Kitchen Bake Sale
will be in the foyer after all Masses. Finalize your Holiday Table with delicious offerings, or thrill your friends with a last-minute gift from our Country Kitchen Bake Sale.

All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's 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

COMMON PRAYER - FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION

Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the 500 years of reformation, in 2017.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church, 3351 Contra Loma Blvd. Antioch; Sunday, Oct. 29 at 4pm, reception following.

Please encourage singers to join us in singing hymns and one anthem. We have the mighty Rodger's Trillium Masterpiece Organ to support our singing. We provide your music. (Call the church at 925-778-0768).

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 5 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (at Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit www.carondeleths.org/admissions.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS BINGO FUNDRAISER

Court of St. Mary Margaret 1450; First Tuesday every month. 10:30am - 3pm; Good Shepherd Hall, 3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg

Cost: \$10 for 1 card plus lunch; additional cards are \$1.00. Information: Dorothy Borian (925) 432-1802, Rose Carpanello - (925) 432-2466, Mary Deren - (925) 459-2666



Christ the King Catholic Church
199 Brandon Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (925) 682-2486 ctkph.org

Natural Disaster Relief

Christ the King Church of Pleasant Hill will be accepting donations for the victims of the recent Natural Disasters

We are working closely with the efforts made by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Houston

Items in need of donation

- Bed Linens
- (New sheets, comforters, blankets, bedspreads)
- Pillows
- Bath Towels
- New Undergarments
- Shoes
- Clothing Vouchers

A Container will be available at Christ the King Church

From:
October 14 - October 17
Or someone from our church can pick up your items



MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 Edward Wayne Larwood
Thecla Daniels
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Jeanann Davis

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 Mike Geraghty
Richard Kendel
Thomas Mathew
9:00 Monnie Eichten
Beatrice Maloles
Joey Mangini
Calvin Fong
11:00 St. Bonaventure Community
5:00 Cezar Suarez
Sabino Eco
St. Bonaventure Volunteers

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 Greg & Jeanie Dewhurst
9:00 Helen Szymanski
Hazel Leveroni
Claudia Hernandez Butticci
Jennifer Marks

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 St. Bonaventure Pastoral Staff
9:00 Maria Maneatis
Felice Agao
James Vincek
Lauren Chelsea Fong

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers
9:00 Peace and harmony for families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 For more priests and nuns
9:00 William M Jordan
Calvin Fong

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:30 People suffering from depression and anxiety
9:00 Norma Evaristo
Iria & Nonato Almeida

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 Jan Smith
Sr. Roberta Carson
Emily & Christine Lao
Don Fago



Reflexión del Padre Oscar



EL BANQUETE DE LA EUCARISTÍA

En la primera lectura del Antiguo Testamento encontramos la invitación que Dios hizo al banquete de la boda, y los invitados principales fueron los judíos y sus líderes. Ellos fueron elegidos a participar del banquete. Sin embargo, ellos rechazaron la invitación del Señor. Por esta razón, el Señor envió la invitación a los Gentiles que eran los no judíos. Buenos y malos fueron invitados al banquete del Rey porque aquellos que él invito, decidieron hacer primero sus propias cosas. Esta invitación para todos refleja la generosidad, abundancia y misericordia de Dios, que alcanza para todos, perdonando nuestros pecados, aquellos con arrepentimiento sincero y que desean vivir una vida justa y feliz.

Hoy Jesús invita a todo bautizado al banquete de la Eucaristía y participar activamente de la fiesta que él nos ha preparado. Como hijos e hijas de Dios debemos perseverar constantemente para participar dignamente del banquete de la Eucaristía, banquete de amor. Sin embargo, debemos reflexionar personalmente ¿Cuál es mi prioridad el día de hoy Domingo día del Señor? El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta la parábola sobre la invitación que envió a los invitados a participar del banquete de boda. El rey dijo: **“vengan a la boda”. Pero los invitados no hicieron caso. Uno se fue a su campo, otro a su negocio y los demás se les echaron encima a los criados, los insultaron y los mataron.**” Cada Domingo El Señor nos envía la invitación a participar de su banquete de su Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. El banquete está preparado y no quiere dejarnos fuera de esa fiesta divina. Sin embargo, todos son invitados pero muy pocos aceptamos esa invitación de participar en la fiesta y comer y beber del alimento para el alma. Algunos decidieron descansar en casa, trabajar, ver el fútbol, y otros simplemente dijeron **NO**.

El banquete de la Eucaristía es un banquete para todos. La Eucaristía es el alimento del alma y fuente de vida. La Eucaristía es el sacrificio que une íntimamente al hombre y a la mujer con Dios. Comulgar, es recibir a Cristo mismo que se entrega por la salvación de la humanidad y

habiéndonos alimentados de Cristo podemos repetir las palabras del Salmo 22 **“El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta: en verdes praderas me hace reposar y hacia fuentes tranquilas me conduce para reparar mis fuerzas.”** Cuando participamos completamente de la Eucaristía en la Santa Misa nos llenamos de fortaleza, paz, y satisfacemos el deseo espiritual del alma. De tal manera que nada nos hace falta si tenemos a Jesús en nuestra vida. Nada podrá destruir la paz del corazón porque esa paz viene de Dios. San Pablo nos dice en la Segunda Lectura **“todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece.”** Cristo es la fuente de fortaleza para seguir nuestra peregrinación por esta vida. El mundo nos presenta tantos obstáculos y dificultades que nos quitan nuestra paz, alegría y felicidad. Como cristianos bautizados estamos invitados a ser humildes y dejar aquellas cosas que son del mundo material y que quedaran en esta vida y dar a Dios una parte de nuestro tiempo para alimentarnos del alimento que nos dará la vida eterna. La Eucaristía nos abrirá las puertas de la vida eterna para conocer cara a cara a Dios.

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, hoy Jesús nos hace personalmente la invitación para asistir al banquete de la Eucaristía, con un corazón humilde y disponible a recibir al Señor en nuestra vida. Vistámonos en traje de fiesta para participar de ese banquete divino. Vestirnos de ese traje de fiesta es estar preparado para comer su Cuerpo y Beber su sangre sin mancha de pecado. El día de nuestro bautismo recibimos esa vestidura blanca del alma y quedamos limpios de pecado. Si nuestro traje no está preparado para asistir a esta fiesta del banquete de la Eucaristía, visitemos el sacramento de la reconciliación para limpiar ese traje del alma y recibir el Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo dignamente. ¿Aceptas la invitación de Jesús a participar de su Cuerpo y su Sangre?

HORARIO DE OFICINA PADRE OSCAR ROJAS

Teléfono (925) 844-9015
Cerrado para almuerzo de 12:30-1:30pm
Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA: DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES

La próxima semana, celebraremos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Cada año se invita a toda la Iglesia a apoyar a las jóvenes diócesis misioneras de África, Asia, las Islas del Pacífico y partes de América Latina y Europa, donde sacerdotes, religiosos y líderes laicos sirven a los más pobres. Por favor guarden a las Misiones en sus oraciones y sean generosos en la colección de la semana que viene para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe.

Chatea con Papa Francisco usando tu aplicación de Facebook Messenger para aprender más sobre su misión. ORAR Y DAR generosamente en el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones.

INVITA A MISA EN HONOR A SAN JUDAS TADEO Y SAN SIMON



Fecha: 28 de Octubre, 2017
Hora: 7:00 pm
Lugar: Iglesia San Buenaventura
Direccion: 5562 Clayton Road Concord
Más información: Conchita Guzman – 285- 1834

CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Las personas mayores de 20 años que deseen confirmarse favor dirigirse a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas para registrarse y/o recibir información. El programa empieza en Octubre y la confirmación es en Enero en la Catedral de la Luz en Oakland. Además de la información personal, es importante tener los certificados de Bautizo y de Primera Comunión.



CATECUMENOS

Estamos invitando a los jóvenes mayores de 18 años y a los adultos que no hayan sido Bautizados ni recibido su Primera Comunión a que se acerquen a la oficina del Padre Oscar Rojas y se inscriban a las clases para Catecúmenos.

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Dios los bendiga. —Fr. Mat Vellankal





MENTES POSITIVAS EN ACCIÓN

Aprende técnicas para manejar el estrés y mejorar su estado de ánimo

¿Sientes que estás viviendo bajo estrés ó depresión?

Te invitamos a nuestras clases que incluyen los siguientes temas:

- Como comprender y manejar mejor los problemas y su realidad
- Técnicas de relajación
- Entender las diferencias entre situaciones, emociones, y pensamientos
- Como controlar pensamientos automáticos.

¡Algunas clases incluyen cuidado de niños!

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| Fecha de Bautizo | Hora de Bautizo | Fecha de Clase | Hora de Clase |
| Sat 12/16 | 10:00 a.m. | Fri 12/15 | 7-9:30 p.m. |
| Sat 01/13/18 | 10:00 a.m. | Fri 01/12 | 7-9:30 p.m. |
| Sat 02/10/18 | 10:00 a.m. | Fri 01/26 | 7-9:30 p.m. |
| Sat 02/17/18 | 10:00 a.m. | Fri 02/09 | 7-9:30 p.m. |
| Sat 03/10/18 | 10:00 a.m. | Fri 03/02 | 7-9:30 p.m. |

