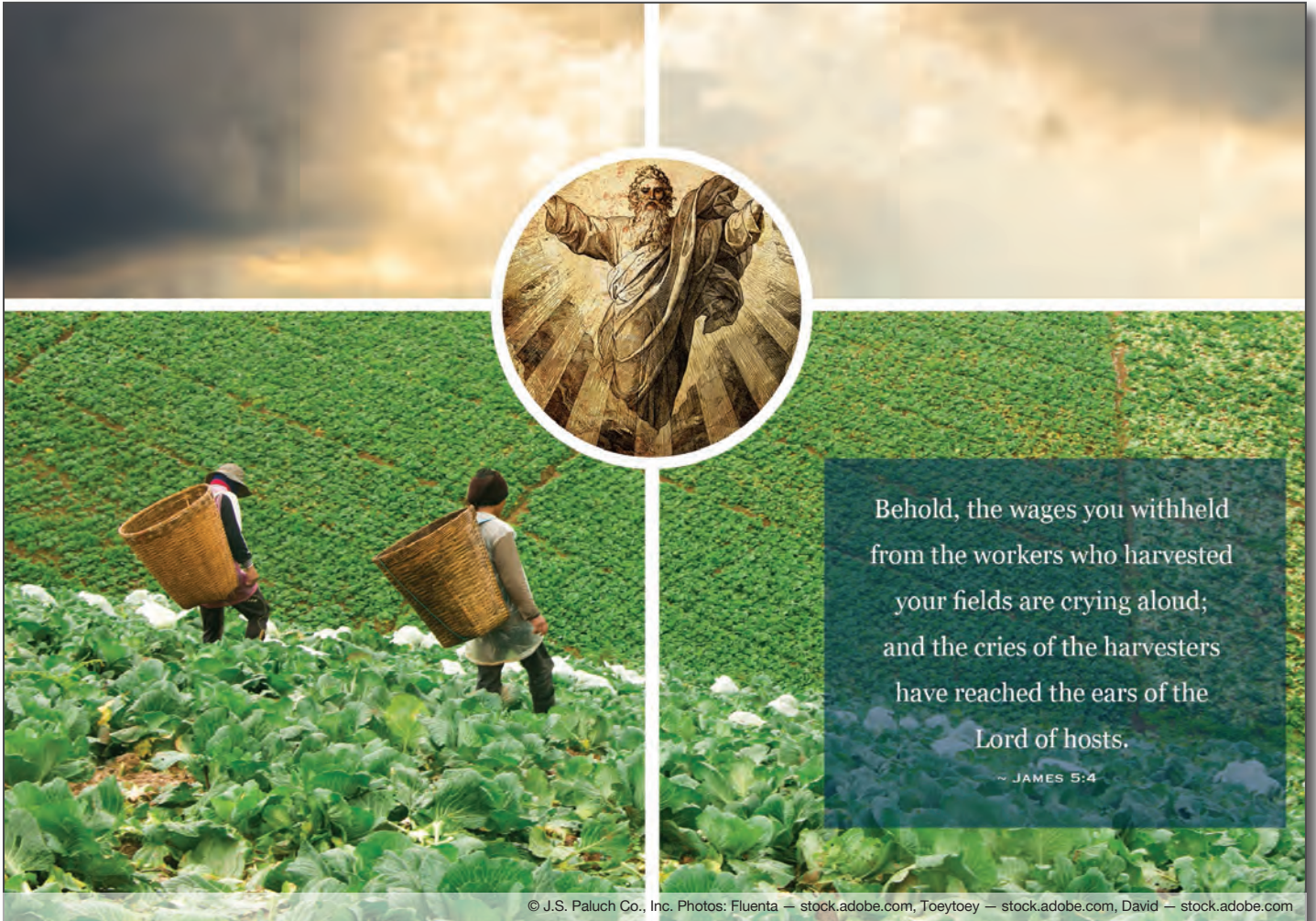




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Behold, the wages you withheld
from the workers who harvested
your fields are crying aloud;
and the cries of the harvesters
have reached the ears of the
Lord of hosts.

~ JAMES 5:4

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Vigésimo Sexto del Tiempo Ordinario*

September 30, 2018

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

In English: Friday after the 9 AM Mass with closing prayer at 3:15 PM

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.

CONFESIONES Y ADORACION AL SANTISIMO/CONFESSIONS AND EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

En Español: Martes 7:00-8:00 PM (en la capilla)

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.

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. OSCAR ROJAS

JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF ALL GOODNESS

Every Sunday Jesus invites us to share and participate at the Eucharistic table, where he himself becomes our spiritual food to nourish us and satisfy our hunger. We are all welcome to participate fully with our entire heart, mind and being. Jesus knows that we bring with us our tiredness, hopelessness, brokenness, difficulties, sadness, pain, soreness, and emptiness. Therefore, Jesus awaits us with open arms to strengthen us to continue our journey in life. Jesus is the source of goodness. From Jesus emanates the immense and wonderful gifts that he gives us.

In today's Gospel of Mark, one of the disciples is complaining; *"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."* Jesus replied, *"Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against us is for us."*

In this Gospel Jesus defends all those who speak of good things. If someone speaks great things, he belongs to him, but if someone speaks bad things he is against Jesus. There is no doubt that all that is good comes from him. Who strives to do and speak what is good is connected to the source of the one who is good. Therefore, as we come to celebrate the Eucharist to eat his body and drink his blood, we should allow Jesus to fill our hearts with what is good - such as love, joy, hope, service, kindness, tenderness, transparency, humility, sincerity, and acceptance. Once we acquire all these good and great virtues, we will be able to convey what is good and we will help others to become good. However, the world now offers many bad things that will prevent us from growing in what is good. The world gives us many temptations that apparently will make us good, but indeed they will poison and destroy the gifts that God has bestowed on us to live happy lives. The world makes us see that the best things to have are money, pride, ambition, posses-



sions, power, prestige, and honor. However, the world wants to own and possess our future, our freedom, joy, happiness, time and use us as instruments to bring others to become slaves of the world. We do not belong to the world. We belong to Jesus who is good and who desires that we become good and great disciples of him.

We might wonder: how can I become good? Jesus calls us to examine ourselves and cut off those things that do not let us grow and enrich our life. Today is our opportunity to decide to make a change in our life and leave out those things that are guiding us to sin. Jesus says *"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; if your feet causes you to sin, cut them off; if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."* However, these body members can also bring us to the source of goodness, who is Jesus Christ. Our hand can be used to help and serve others. Our feet can be the vehicle to bring others closer to Jesus Christ and reach out to those who are homebound and unable to come to Jesus Christ. Our feet can guide us to preach and evangelize around the world. Our eyes can be used to see the greatness of the creation of God. Our eyes can be used to read the Word of God. Now we ask ourselves, who wants to mutilate these members of our body? We know that these members are drawing us to do what is not pleasing to God, but what we should mutilate are resentment, ambition, vices, fornication, impurity, passion, greed, lust, avarice, anger, pride, and hatred, because these things do not make us do the will of God, but the will of the evil one.

My dear brothers and sisters, since the day of the sacrament of our baptism we became sons and daughters of God and we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, which empowers us with the twelve fruits: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, mod-



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of September 22 & 23

Collection
Goal: \$28,735
Actual: \$21,428
Deficit: (\$7,307)

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

Food for Family: 201

2nd Collection
Kerala, India Flooding: \$5,754

Upcoming Special Collection
October 6/7: Catholic Voice
October 20/21: World & Catholic Home
Mission Sunday

esty, self-control, and chastity. Now we are called to live by these fruits of the Holy Spirit and draw others to the goodness of Christ, and not cause others to sin.

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LITURGY & PRAYER

WE ARE SAVING YOU A SEAT! TO SING-SING-SING WITH THE RESURRECTION CHOIR, FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

We rehearse Monday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon in classroom A4. The ability to read music is not a requirement. Previous choir experience is desirable. There is no obligation to sing for funerals.

Our Christmas concert will be Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 pm. We will be presenting "Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin. Contact Janice Anelli @ 925-687-4058 or bjanelli@astound.net for more information.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates and times for upcoming parish funerals can be found on our parish web site: stbonaventure.net/upcoming-funerals



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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

MEETING FOR SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

How have the ongoing disclosures of sexual abuse and cover-ups in the Church affected our faith and our trust? How can we help and support each other during this time? This is a meeting for anyone whose lives have been directly hurt by sexual abuse, whether by someone you know, a stranger, or clergy. This may be a one-time meeting, the first of occasional gatherings, or the beginning of a ministry. Come and see where the Spirit leads us. Monday, October 1, 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference Room. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 for more information.

MOVIE NIGHT: ROMERO



Archbishop Óscar Romero will be canonized by Pope Francis on October 14. Come learn more about this amazing man who spoke up against poverty and social injustice, stood up for the marginalized

and outcast members of his society despite threats and danger, and was assassinated while saying Mass. Join us for an introduction before the movie and discussion afterward.

Saturday, October 13, 6:30 pm, Rooms B1 & B2. Feel free to stay after 5pm Mass and visit before the movie begins. Bring a picnic dinner if desired - we'll supply the popcorn and lemonade. Register with Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217 by Thursday, October 11 if possible to help with the planning.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation Program, if you:

- are over 18 years of age;
- are no longer in high school;

- were baptized Catholic;
- have received First Communion; and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

We usually offer Confirmation for adults twice during the year, once at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and once here at St. Bonaventure. Preparation sessions begin in the fall in both English (Oct. 15) and Spanish (Sept. 29).

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the process, please contact Gina Cattalini at (925) 672-5800 x2217 or gcattalini@stbonaventure.net. More information is also available on our website at www.stbonaventure.net.

MOMS GROUP

An invitation to all parish moms (and children!): come join our St. Bonaventure Moms Group. We meet at 9:45-11:00am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in Room A4. Our next meeting of the year will be on October 3. Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting. For more information please contact Michelle at Moms@stbonaventure.net.

WOMEN IN PRAYER

Are you interested in praying with other women for your own needs or the needs of others? Join the Women's Christian Fellowship on the second Thursday of each month in the chapel at 7:15pm. October 11 is our next evening of prayer. Come as you are.

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

MONTHLY LUNCHEON
Thursday, October 11 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

We'll be celebrating "Oktoberfest." Chef Greg will provide Grilled Pork Schnitzel, green beans Almandine, German Potato Salad, green salad, rolls & butter. Drinks and dessert are included. To reserve, make check payable to St. Bonaventure Church and mail to Stan Anderson, 5223 Marvue Cir. Concord CA 94521 by October 5. You can

also register after mass on the weekend of October 6 & 7 or call Stan, 925-375-1543, no later than **Monday, October 8. All are welcome!**

ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND: October 14, 2018

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left in the **Hospitality Room at church 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).

Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Pete & Carol Chrobak 672-7158 and Lori & Dor Neely 672-6083.

SAVE THE DATE: LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION

Join your fellow students for a **Home-Building Trip that will Change How You See the World!** Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the St Agnes Cauchi Hall. Our program is specifically designed for high school and college students who want to experience Christian Service in action! We will be building homes, celebrating with the neighborhood children, and joining the Mexican teens in their Life Teen program. We are a Catholic-inspired group that is open to people of all faiths, sponsored by the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission. We work with the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate in Tijuana, Mexico. This year's trip will be during Easter week, Saturday, April 20 through Saturday, April 27, 2019. For more information contact Donna Walton at jdwalton@astound.net or 925 212 7679.



THE CLASSY CRAFTERS NEED WINE!

One of the popular pastimes at the Holiday Boutique (November 9 and 10, 2018) is the Wine Pull. We need wine to play this game!! Wines (red, white or sparkling) ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. We request that donations be given by October 1. You may give them to a crafter or bring them to the office, addressed to the Classy Crafters. Thank you for your loving generosity. Any questions or suggestions, contact Jenny Meeker at jennymeeker@gmail.com, or call 925-818-1603.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE (NOVEMBER 9/10, 2018)

Our group is actively seeking donations such as event tickets, gift baskets, and gift certificates for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle, and we are asking for your help. Perhaps you have a vacation house to offer for a week, you want to make up a special gift basket, have event (sporting, theatre, symphony, etc.) tickets, or something unique you want to donate or maybe a wine donation for the Wine pull, ranging in value from \$30 to \$150 per bottle. 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 jennymeeker@gmail.com, or call 925-818-1603.

READINGS for the WEEK



MON: JB 1:6-22; PS 17:1BCD-3, 6-7; LK 9:46-50
TUE: JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; PS 88:2-8; MT 18:1-5, 10
WED: JB 9:1-12, 14-16; PS 88:10BC-15; LK 9:57-62
THU: JB 19:21-27; PS 27:7-9ABC, 13-14; LK 10:1-12
FRI: JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; PS 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14AB; LK 10:13-16
SAT: JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; LK 10:17-24
SUN: GN 2:18-24; PS 128:1-6; HEB 2:9-11; MK 10:2-16 [2-12]

OUTSIDE OF PARISH

5TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Sunday, October 7, 10am, Cathedral of Christ the Light, followed by a reception for our honorees. This is an opportunity for the Catholic Community of the East Bay to join together in prayerful thanksgiving and support of those who work to keep our communities safe. For details, please visit us at oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2018.

BIRTHRIGHT OF CONCORD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Birthright of Concord Pregnancy Support Center is looking for more volunteers and Board members to assist us in our center on Clayton Road. We are a pro-life, nonprofit organization that gives emotional support to pregnant women. We are run by volunteers and have been in Concord for 45 years. It is a very rewarding experience to be a mentor and friend to those who often have no one to stand by them. Training provided. Hours are flexible. We especially need bilingual speakers, but anyone is welcome. Please call Libby at Birthright for more information 925-798-7227.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY

Parents and teachers, do you need ideas and resources for talking with your teens about relationships and sexuality? Join us Friday, October 5 at 5:00 pm to hear Popular Relationship experts Vicki Thorn and Carrie Abbott. You will be informed and inspired! On Saturday, October 6, teens and young adults are invited to a workshop designed just for you with these experts and the Culture Project, from 9 to 3! Both events are free with meals included, so register now at ethosca.org

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 LORETTO, CONSUELO and DULAY FAMILY
 SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 5, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS
 + FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
 5:00 Michael Gois
 Angela Anderson
 Maria Puertas
 Huy Le

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 7:30 Kairos FCI Dublin Prison Ministry
 Virginia Budesa
 Mike & Millie Ribeiro
 Robert Vieira
 9:00 Joe Mangini
 Jonel Sangalang
 Tom Gorman
 Patrick Borrelo
 11:00 Evelyn Freeman
 Eduardo and Jessie James Armas
 Maggie Anicete
 Strength and healing for cancer patients and their families
 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
 6:30 For victims of natural disasters
 9:00 Kyle Krawesky
 Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Melwyn A. Recacho

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
 6:30 Cancer patients
 9:00 Mark Freeman

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
 6:30 Children with cancer
 9:00 Guillermo "Memo" Preza
 Miguel Antonio Cardenas
 Mary Beth Perez

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
 6:30 Sergio Avila
 9:00 Tu Truong
 Melwyn A. Recacho

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
 6:30 People suffering from Parkinson's Disease
 9:00 Patrick Smith
 William & Julia Jordan

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
 5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

Pray for
 Victims of Hurricane Florence



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PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE OSCAR ROJAS



JESÚS ES LA FUENTE DE LA BONDAD

Hoy domingo el Señor nos invita a compartir y participar de la Mesa de la Eucaristía. El mismo, se convierte en alimento para nutrirnos y satisfacer nuestra hambre. Todos somos bienvenidos a participar con todo nuestro ser, corazón y mente. Jesús conoce perfectamente que venimos con cansancio, sin esperanzas, destrozados por los obstáculos, dificultades, tristezas, con dolores, enfermedades, y vacíos. Por lo tanto, Jesús nos espera con los brazos abiertos para fortalecernos y de esta manera poder continuar nuestro viaje de la vida. Jesús es la fuente de la bondad. Jesús emana los inmensos y maravillosos dones que hemos recibido cada uno.

En el Evangelio de San Marcos, uno de los discípulos se queja con Jesús; **"Hemos visto a uno que expulsaba a los demonios en tu nombre, y como no es de los nuestros, se lo prohibimos"**. Jesús responde **"No se lo prohíban"**, **"Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor"**. En este Evangelio Jesús defiende a todos aquellos que hablan cosas buenas. Si alguien habla cosas maravillosas, esa persona pertenece a Jesús, pero si esa persona habla cosas malas está en contra de Jesús. No hay duda que todo lo bueno viene de Dios. Quienes luchan por hacer y hablar lo que es bueno están conectados a la fuente de la verdad. Por esa razón, así como venimos a celebrar la Eucaristía para comer su Cuerpo y beber su Sangre, debemos permitirle a Jesús llenar nuestro corazón con todo aquello que es bueno; amor, alegría, esperanza, servicio, amabilidad, ternura, transparencia, humildad, sinceridad, y aceptación. Una vez que adquiramos todo lo bueno y buenas virtudes, vamos a poder ser capaces de transmitir la verdad y ayudar a otros a convertirse en buenos hombres, mujeres, niños y niñas. En

este tiempo el mundo nos absorbe con muchas tentaciones, que aparentemente nos hacen ser mejores, pero en efecto lo que hacen es envenenar y destruir los dones que Dios nos ha otorgado para vivir felices. El mundo nos engaña haciéndonos ver que las mejores cosas que podemos tener son: dinero, orgullo, ambición, posiciones, poder, prestigio, y honor. Sin embargo, el mundo quiere adueñarse y poseer nuestro futuro, inspiraciones, libertad, alegría, felicidad, tiempo, y usarnos como instrumento para atraer a otros y convertirlos en esclavos del mundo. Nosotros no pertenecemos al mundo. Nosotros pertenecemos a Jesús que es bondad y quien desea que nos convirtamos en buenos y admirables discípulos suyos.

Quizás nos podríamos preguntar ¿Cómo puedo convertirme en una persona buena? Jesús nos invita a examinarnos y cortar todas las cosas que no dejan crecer y enriquecer nuestra vida. Hoy es nuestra oportunidad para decidir hacer un cambio en nuestra vida y dejar fuera de nuestra vida todas aquellas cosas que nos están guiando al pecado. Jesús dice "Si tu mano te es ocasión de pecado, córtatela", "si tu pie te es ocasión de pecado, córtatelo", "si tu ojo te es ocasión de pecado, sácatelo".

Sin embargo, estos miembros de nuestro cuerpo pueden atraernos a la fuente de la bondad que es Jesús. Nuestras manos pueden ser usadas para ayudar y servir a los demás. Nuestros pies pueden ser utilizados como vehículo para atraer a personas más cerca de Dios e ir a aquellos que no pueden venir a la Misa por si solos. Nuestros pies pueden guiarnos a anunciar y evangelizar la Palabra de Dios alrededor del mundo. Nuestros ojos pueden ser usados para ver las maravillas de la creación de Dios. Nuestros ojos pueden ser usados para leer la Sagrada Escritura. Ahora nos podríamos preguntar ¿Quién querrá mutilarse estos miembros de su cuerpo? Nosotros podríamos saber que estos miembros nos estas conduciendo a hacer aquello que no le agrada a Dios. Lo que debemos mutilar es: el resentimiento, la ambición, los vicios de alcohol y drogas, las adicciones, la fornicación, la impureza, las pasiones, los malos deseos, la codicia, la lujuria, la avaricia, el enojo, el orgullo y el odio, porque estas cosas, no nos llevan a hacer la voluntad de Dios, sino la voluntad de satanás.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, desde el día del Sacramento del Bautismo nos convertimos en hijos e hijas de Dios y hemos sido iluminados con la gracia del Espíritu Santo, que infundió en nosotros doce frutos: caridad, alegría, paz, amabilidad, bondad, generosidad, dulzura, fidelidad, modestia, auto control y castidad. Ahora nosotros estamos llamados a vivir estos doce frutos recibidos del Espíritu Santo y atraer a otros a la bondad de Cristo y no enseñarlos a pecar.

PADRE CARLOS BARRERA

Les comunico que el **Padre Carlos Barrera**, un sacerdote de Guatemala, **no tiene facultades en la Diócesis de Oakland** y no debe ser invitado para ningún ministerio sacerdotal en la Diócesis. Por favor comuniquen esta información ya que el Padre Barrera está ofreciendo sacramentos. Dios los bendiga. Reverendo George Mockel, Vicario General, Diócesis de Oakland.

CULTO Y PROCESIÓN EN HONOR AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS 2018



Duodécimo Aniversario

LA HERMANDAD DEL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS DE CONCORD
INVITA AL PÚBLICO EN GENERAL A PARTICIPAR EN LA FESTIVIDAD QUE SE REALIZARÁ EN HOMENAJE AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

NOVENARIO
VIERNES, 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE AL SÁBADO 3 DE OCTUBRE
CAPILLA DE LA IGLESIA
7:00 P.M.

MISA Y PROCESIÓN
DOMINGO, 14 DE OCTUBRE DE 2018
HORA: 12:45 P.M.
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Lunes a Jueves: 8:30 a.m. -5:30pm
Viernes: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Find us on 

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 @ 10:00AM

St. Francis of Assisi is known for his affinity with animals. As we are close to his feast day, we will be holding the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 6 at 10:00am in the Ministry Center Courtyard. All of your animal friends are welcome, whether they have four legs, fins, wings, or no legs. We ask that animals be either caged or leashed. Thank you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Do you love Jesus? Do you like working with children? Do you have an hour free every week? Then you have all the requirements to be a catechist. We need help for all grades (K-5) on all the days of classes (Sunday-Wednesday). Lessons are based on the Sunday readings and we will give you teacher's guides, all the resources you need and walk with you all the way. Please call or email Eileen with questions. I'd love to sit and share the joy of the ministry. 925-672-5800x2204 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. **Thank you!**

ST BONAVENTURE TO OFFER
PROGRAM ON DIALOGUE IN OCTOBER



We now live in a world desperately in need of dialogue, but which is woefully lacking in the skill and practice of it. Dialogue is the foundation on which all that is broken in our society might be made whole. Pope Francis suggests that "we are called to promote a culture of dialogue by every possible means and thus to rebuild the fabric of society." And this is a call which has its roots in scripture: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." (James 1:19-20) This is a short definition of dialogue.

During October, the St Bonaventure Catholic Community is offering a **four-week series on the practice of dialogue as a step towards building both community and the Kingdom of God.** The series is entitled *From Babel to Pentecost: Dialogue, Community and Kingdom.* Participants will come to a foundational understanding of dialogue, will undertake practical exercises for engaging in dialogue, and will take up themes in the social teaching of the Church with roots in the Gospel readings each Sunday.

The transition from Babel to Pentecost is deeply needed in our communities: challenging God's authority leads to Babel - a shattering of unity, a wrong use of language. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, people of every language and perspective come to an understanding - holiness of language and unity are restored. Through dialogue and prayer, we can come to understand how we can apply Church teaching, with healing and wholeness, to many of the social challenges we face.

All are welcome to participate! Please reply to one of the contacts below so that we can arrange suitable space.

Location - St Bonaventure Catholic Community, 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord
Dates / Times - Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7:00 - 8:30 (social time after)
10/3 - The Practice of Christian Dialogue
10/10 - Dialogue and Social Engagement
10/17 - Listening and the Preferential Option for the Poor
10/24 - Dialogue for Human Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities

Contacts for information: Gina Cattalini, gcattalini@stbonaventure.net, (925) 672-5800; Greg Colley OFS, ghcolley@gmail.com, (415) 271-7060

We need your TALENT!

Share Your Talents— Volunteer in a Ministry

Contact Christa Fairfield
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