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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph *La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José*

December 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 : 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.

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD MANGINI



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I attended Queen of All Saints School in downtown Concord when it first opened in 1949. I transferred from the local public school called Williams School into the first third grade at the first Catholic grammar school in Contra Costa County.

One of the first points of writing etiquette that I was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet was to place a monogram at the top of every piece of homework - the J M J and cross that is the title of today's article: Jesus, Mary, Joseph. The monogram indicates the Holy Family, as a sign of admiration and protection.

It was Pope Leo XIII who created the feast of the Holy Family in 1893, and the revised liturgy of the Second Vatican Council that placed the feast on the Sunday after the Feast of Christmas. For centuries, artists have been inspired to paint the Holy Family that adorns the walls of Europe's famous museums. And we have our own replicas, our own family photos of ourselves, framed and placed in our homes—the importance of the family as the place where life begins and our humanness is nourished. Our own photos remind us to whom we belong. And we know that the best painting or picture does not say everything about ourselves as individuals or of our parents or siblings.

Today's feast offers us a partial glimpse into Jesus' family, and hopefully a reflection for our own family life today.

It is only St. Luke's Gospel that tells the story of Jesus' family pilgrimage to Jerusalem when he was a teenager of 12 years old, and hiding himself in the temple so that he might investigate what was going on there, unbeknownst to his parents who were mighty upset when he was not found in the traveling caravan. From a very early age, Jesus seems to have had an extraordinary interest in his Jewish religious faith, and also exhibited a precocious independence. His DNA set him off in unexpected ways. He seems to have known what he was about

way before anyone else caught on.

The story itself is filled with double meanings that went right over the heads of his parents. He seemed to know that he could not be contained by his parents or his human family. We can believe that Mary and Joseph often caught themselves scratching their heads. One quality that Mary had was her memory and gift to reflect and not just throw up her hands in frustration. She would later remember this as Jesus walked to Calvary.

Our first reading today is about another gifted Old Testament boy, who grew up to be Samuel, one of the last Judges in Israel. He was also gifted with spiritual insight and wisdom and leadership. His mother prayed to have a child to remove the sorrow of being barren, and when he was born, dedicated him to God, to live in the temple as a child also. The name Samuel means that "God has heard," of course, the answer to her prayer. His mother, Hannah, knew that was going to be an extraordinary person. You can see how the Church would associate his story with Jesus.

And the second reading from St. John brings it down to us because he has reminded all of us that we are children of God. That is who we really are and that is who we are really supposed to be. No fooling. We have a habit of under-appreciating ourselves. In fact, St. John writes that one day we are going to be like Jesus himself. There is a potential in each of us for greatness, not in the sense of power and wealth, but in the sense of what will make us most fully human: hope, peace, joy and love. That is what our family relationships need. Jesus came to touch and transform them as well.

With a little care, thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and awareness, we can become extraordinary human specimens—precocious, independent, stand-outs as Jesus was.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS

MECHANICAL ENGINEER NEEDED

We are looking for some assistance from a Mechanical Engineer with design experience with HVAC systems. Is this you? Might you know someone? If so, please contact Christa Fairfield at 925-672-5800 x 2205 or cfairfield@stbonaventure.net.

LITURGY & PRAYER

NEW YEAR'S DAY/THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

We celebrate the motherhood of Mary as well as the start of a new calendar year. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek *Theotokos*, which means "God-bearer." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. **We will have two Masses: 9:00am (English) & 12:45pm (Spanish).**

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 19 ECUMENICAL CHOIR CONCERT BENEFIT FOR CAMP FIRE VICTIMS

The week of January 18-25 is traditionally known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year, we are holding a choral benefit concert on Saturday, January 19 at 2pm to directly help some of the affected Christian churches in the Paradise, CA area. We are working in collaboration with Clayton Valley Presbyterian church, Concord United Methodist church, and Good Shepherd Lutheran church. Please stay tuned for more info!

Classes for Children's Faith Formation will resume on Sunday, January 6

Find us on 



READINGS for the WEEK



MONDAY: 1 JN 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-13; JN 1:1-18

TUESDAY: NM 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21

WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1-4; JN 1:19-28

THURSDAY: 1 JN 2:29 3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-6; JN 1:29-34

FRIDAY: 1 JN 3:7-10; PS 98:1, 7-9; JN 1:35-42

SATURDAY: 1 JN 3:11-21; PS 100:1B-5; JN 1:43-51

SUNDAY: IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

TRANSFORMED PEOPLE, TRANSFORMED CHURCH, TRANSFORMED WORLD

Jack Jezreel, creator of JustFaith, nationally celebrated speaker and author, speaks to the vision of God's healing presence in the world and introduces JustFaith to help us actively engage in the work of mercy, advocacy, organizing, solidarity, earth care and economic justice. Sunday, January 13, 2:00 – 4:30 pm. Walnut Creek United Methodist Church. Register at justfaith.org/bay-area-workshops. Contact Meg Bowerman for more information: (510) 684-7139.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

MONTHLY LUNCH

Thursday, January 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall; \$13/person

We'll be celebrating the New Year with delicious Chinese food provided by Greg's Kitchen Cuisine. Drinks and dessert are included. Please make your reservations no later than January 7. You can make the check payable to St. Bonaventure Church and mail to Stan Anderson at 5223 Marvue Cir. Concord, CA 94521. You can also sign up after Mass on January 5 and 6 or call Stan at 925-375-1543.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

SUPER BOWL CRAB FEED PARTY!

Welcome in the New Year with friends and family at the Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Crab Feed Party! Saturday, January 26th, 2019, doors open at 6pm.

A casual evening, in your favorite team's apparel, filled with great fun! There will be a live-silent auction of incredible items and fabulous door prizes. And, of course, delicious crab, pasta, wine and more.

Last year we sold out very quickly, so **don't miss out!!**

Tickets go on sale next weekend in the foyer or in the church office during the week. \$55 per person or \$50 per person when you purchase a table of eight or more

before Jan. 13th. Contact Mike Farnham with any questions or to reserve your table, at 925-766-2864

Come help us, help others and enjoy a fun evening!

ST BONAVENTURE APPAREL NOW AVAILABLE



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community invites you to wear your evangelization proudly. Announce it on your clothes with St. Bonaventure Catholic

Community apparel. You may have seen members of the parish displaying a few of the choices at parish community events. Polos, fleece, even raincoats -- you choose your style and color. To order, go to the St. Bonaventure website (www.stbonaventure.net) and look for the link to "St. Bonaventure Apparel" under the "About" tab.

CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For over 20 years, licensed Catholic therapists at St. Bonaventure have continued to serve individuals, couples, and families, and have prepared engaged couples for marriage. Please call 925-210-6176.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

OUTSIDE OF PARISH

SAN FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

We will be having an Open House Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 11:00am until 1:00pm. We will also have a "Peek at our TK and Kindergarten on Thursday, January 24 at 6:30pm. (No children, please.)

866 Oak Grove Rd. Concord. Any questions please call 925-682-5414

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

MEN'S SPIRITUAL NETWORK 2019 RETREAT

Mark your calendars for a retreat with the men of St Bonaventure's Parish, March 1-3 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and in your email. Registration forms will soon be available online.

FLOCKNOTE FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Give yourself the gift of excellent videos on Catholic topics. Have you noticed the small sheep icon at the top right corner of our website? Just click the sheep to go to the St. Bonaventure Flocknote sign-up page. The Flocknote dashboard lets you access the Word on Fire "Engage" video library. This gives you subscriber content from Bishop Robert Barron's wordonfire.org website. We'll be sharing more ways to use this content in the months to come, but in the meantime feel free to log on and explore. Please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net with any questions.





Because of Jesus Christ, we believe in the Communion of Saints. As we celebrate Christmas and bless each other with grace, love and gifts, we honor living family members; and we remember those who have preceded us to the New Life by our Christmas Church decorations and flowers.

The Appelhan Family
 Michael Basarich
 Cosimo Arena
 Robert Arena
 The Cannon Family
 Mildred & Ralph Cheda
 Elda Chelotti
 Agnes Cocotis
 Lisa Cossen
 Ernst & Virginia Dell'Isola
 The Ferri Family
 Gil Fortuno
 Tom Gorman

Fred & Jane Harlan
 The Haubrick Family
 Gloria Kopec-Shue
 Elva Leary
 Julia Olvarado
 Anthony Parisi
 Peter & Sarah Riso
 Anna Mae Talarico
 Pearl Talarico
 Carole Temps
 The Venturino Family
 LeRoy Verna
 Mary Verna

MASS INTENTIONS

✝ FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00 Brian Smith Family
 Jacob Arevalo
 Lastenia Vargas
 Marcelo & Benny Marquez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 Emidio Busuttill
 9:00 St. Bonaventure Community
 11:00 Joan & William Weightman
 Michael Gois
 Tullio de Santis
 Juancho del Gallego
 5:00 Cancer patients

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Sick and homebound

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00 Marcelino Ponce
 Frances Tonna
 Sophia & Lawrence Lozipone
 Adolfo Flores

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Wada Chrobot
 The Homeless

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Parkinson Patients

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 William & Julia Jordan
 Antonietta D'Costa
 Stephen Dewhurst
 Johanna Haser

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 Sophie D'Apice
 Diana Lambreaux
 Orlando Paes
 Jose Luis Aspiras, Jr.



STEWARDSHIP of Treasure

Weekend of December 15 & 16 Collection

Goal: \$24,975
 Deficit: (\$3,760)
 Over: 2,340

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

Food for Family: 787 (2 weeks)

Upcoming Special Collection
 Jan. 12/13: Seminary



SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 FRANCISCO & JUANA CUENCO

DECEMBER 29, 2018 –
 JANUARY 4, 2019



Pray for
 Mary & Ramon Martinez



PENSAMIENTOS
DEL PADRE
RICARDO MANGINI



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Asistí a la Escuela de Reina de Todos Los Santos en el centro de Concord cuando se abrió por primera vez en 1949. Me transferí de la escuela pública local llamada Escuela de Williams en el primer tercer grado de la primera escuela católica de gramática en el Condado de Contra Costa.

Uno de los primeros puntos de etiqueta de escritura que me enseñaron las hermanas de San José de Carondelet fue colocar un monograma en la parte superior de cada tarea, la J M J y es el título del artículo de hoy, Jesús, María, Jose. El monograma indica la Sagrada Familia como un signo de admiración y protección.

Fue el Papa León XIII que creó la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia en 1893 y la liturgia revisada del Segundo Concilio Vaticano que coloca la fiesta el domingo después de la fiesta de Navidad. Durante siglos, los artistas han sido inspirados a pintar la sagrada familia que adornan las paredes de los museos famosos de Europa. Y nosotros tenemos nuestras propias replicas, nuestras propias fotos familiares de nosotros mismos, enmarcados y colocados en nuestros hogares, la importancia de la familia como el lugar donde la vida comienza y nutre nuestra humanidad. Nuestras propias fotos nos recuerdan a los que pertenecemos. Y sabemos que la mejor fotografía o imagen no dice todo acerca de nosotros mismos como individuos o de nuestros padres o hermanos.

La fiesta de hoy nos ofrece una visión parcial en la familia de Jesús y una reflexión de nuestra propia vida familiar.

Es solo el Evangelio de San Lucas que narra la historia de la peregrinación de familiares de Jesús a Jerusalén cuando era un adolescente de 12 años de edad y se esconde en el templo para que él pueda

investigar lo que estaba sucediendo allí, sin darse cuenta que sus padres estuvieron trastornados cuando el no se encontró en la caravana viajante. Desde una edad muy temprana, Jesús parece haber tenido un extraordinario interés su fe religiosa judía y también exhibió una independencia precoz. Su ADN lo dirigió de maneras inesperadas. Él parece saber lo que era mucho antes que nadie se dio cuenta.

La historia está llena de dobles sentidos que pasó desapercibido a sus padres. Él parecía saber que no podría ser contenido por sus padres o su familia humana. Podemos creer que María y Jose a menudo se encontraron ellos mismos rascándose la cabeza. Una cualidad que María tenía era su memoria y el regalo de reflexionar y no solo tirar para arriba sus manos en frustración. Ella recordaría más tarde cuando Jesús caminaría hacia el Calvario.

Nuestra primera lectura de hoy es sobre otro dotado muchacho del Antiguo Testamento, que creció para ser Samuel, uno de los últimos jueces de Israel. Él también fue dotado de visión espiritual y sabiduría y liderazgo. Su madre oró tener un hijo para quitar el dolor de ser estéril y cuando nació, lo dedica a Dios, a vivir en el templo como un niño también. El nombre de Samuel significa que "Dios ha oído", por supuesto, la respuesta a su oración. Su madre, Hannah, sabía que iba a ser una persona extraordinaria. Se puede ver cómo la iglesia asociaría su historia con Jesús.

Y la segunda lectura de San Juan lo trae hasta nosotros porque él nos ha recordado que somos hijos de Dios. Eso es lo que realmente somos y eso es lo que realmente suponemos ser. No engañando. Tenemos un hábito de bajo apreciar a nosotros mismos. De hecho San Juan escribe que un día vamos a ser como Jesús. Hay un potencial en cada uno de nosotros por la grandeza, no en el sentido de poder y riqueza, pero en el sentido de lo que nos hará más plenamente humanos: esperanza, paz, alegría y amor. Eso es lo que necesitan nuestras relaciones familiares. Jesús vino a tocarlos y transformarlos a ellos también.

Con un poco de cuidado, seriedad, entusiasmo y conocimiento, podemos llegar a ser extraordinarios especímenes humanos, precoces, independientes, como Jesús.

**SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA,
MADRE DE DIOS: 1º DE ENERO 2019
@ 12:45PM**

Celebraremos el comienzo del Año Nuevo y la solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios con una Misa en Español a las 12:45 pm.

**Las clases para la Formación de Fe
empezaran nuevamente el 6 de enero**

BAUTIZOS 2019			
LUGAR DE BAUTIZO: IGLESIA - LUGAR CLASES: B-1			
ENCARGADO: GREGORIO MENCHACA, (925) 826-5102			
****PARA INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CLASES, FAVOR CONTACTAR LA OFICINA****			
Fecha de Bautizo	Hora de Bautizo	Fecha de Clase	Hora de Clase
Sat 01/19	10:00 a.m.	Fri 01/18	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/23	10:00 a.m.	Fri 02/15	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/16	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/08	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 03/30	10:00 a.m.	Fri 03/22	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/06	2:00 p.m.	Fri 03/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/13	12:00 p.m.	Fri 04/05	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 04/13	2:00 p.m.	Fri 04/12	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 05/18	2:30 p.m.	Fri 05/17	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 06/08	10:00 a.m.	Fri.06/07	7-9:30 p.m.



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PADRE OSCAR ROJAS**

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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.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR PILOT ALPHA
PROGRAM**



Does the Christmas story leave you with questions? Why Jesus? What is God doing? Why am I here anyway? Join us on

Alpha to explore and discuss life's big questions together – while having a lot of fun. We meet over eleven sessions (plus a special Saturday) to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each Alpha night includes food, a high-quality video talk, and great conversations.

As we bring Alpha to our parish and our larger Concord and Clayton community, we need a group of parishioners to be part of the initial program. The only requirement is a loving heart and the willingness to show up—no experience necessary. If you can show God's love with a smile and a cup of coffee, this might be the ministry for you. This Christmas, will you think about being a gift to the community through participating in our first Alpha? This first Alpha session will be a smaller "pilot" program to test the program and train the team for future sessions. Please pray about whether you might be called to join us, or whether you know someone who might just need to be asked.

Our pilot program will begin soon, running Monday evenings from January 21st to April 15th. To learn more about Alpha, go to alphausa.org/about/. For more information, please contact Gina Cattalini at gcattalini@stbonaventure.net or 672-5800 x2217.

Please sign up with Gina or at stbonaventure.net/alpha by January 15.



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. Next meeting will be on January 2. 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'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
25TH RETREAT**

Have you ever had a life-changing experience of God's Mercy?

Come join us in the 25th WCF Annual Women's Retreat from February 1-3, 2019 at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Theme of the retreat is "Mercy Falls Like Gentle Rain." Father Richard McAlear, OMI, retreat master, returns for the fourth time with his special gifts of hope and healing through the Merciful Heart of Jesus. Retreat brochures are available at the parish office, in the church foyer, online at www.stbonaventure.net and at wcf2019retreat.eventbrite.com. For information, contact Andrea at 925-529-7675.

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. **January 10** is our next evening of prayer. Come as you are.

We need your TALENT!

**Share Your Talents—
Volunteer in a Ministry**

Contact Christa Fairfield
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