



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

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

September 24, 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 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.

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...

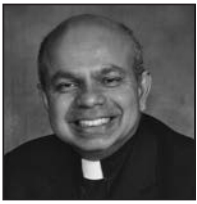
Keep connected to our parish community,

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
Father Mat

GOD'S ABUNDANT MERCY

Today's readings are all about the sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often overrides His justice and, hence, God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously by opening heaven for the gentiles and the Jews.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful than they are, and more forgiving. He is ready to pardon the infidelity which has resulted in their exile. Their merciful God will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. Hence, Isaiah exhorts them, and us, to seek the Lord and to put aside evil ways in order to receive His mercy and forgiveness. In the second reading, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission to God's grace and God's will. He is ready to live continuing his mission, if that is God's will. At the same time, he is ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us the strange parable of a landowner who hired laborers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard, but paid the same living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story of the landowner's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity to all of us. It illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible divine supply. This story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs generously and mercifully. The parable also shows the mercy and generosity of God in allowing the later-called gentiles as well as the first-called Jews, His chosen people, to enjoy the same eternal bliss of His heavenly kingdom.

We need to follow God's example and show grace to our neighbor. When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume he or she needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get caught, let us remember the many times we have done wrong and gotten off free. Envy

should have no place in our lives. We cannot control the way God blesses others.

We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. God personally calls each of us to our own ministry and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. To God, we are more than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to His vineyard is a free gift from God for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given to us by God. Hence, we should express our gratitude to God by avoiding sins, by rendering loving service to others, by sharing our blessings with the needy and by constant prayer, listening and talking to God at all times.

BACKPACK CAMPING IN PERU

There is a little backpack camping group of priests and lay persons in our Diocese, with whom I have been hiking and camping for years. One of our team members, Fr. John Prochaska, has been serving as a missionary in Peru for the past two years. He has been inviting us to visit him and hike Machu Picchu. Four of us, with Fr. Prochaska, have planned to hike the entire classical Inca trail to Machu Picchu from October 1-5. So, I will be away from the parish from September 28 to October 8.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, BOSNIA AND POLAND

You are invited to join me on a pilgrimage to Italy, Bosnia, and Poland from May 14 to 28, 2018. The highlights are visits to Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Medjugorje, Warsaw, Auschwitz, Krakow etc. For details please contact me at mvellankal@stbonaventure.net

PARISH LIFE thoughts

FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. 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

NEW REGISTRATION

On behalf of the Parish Council members we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for a successful registration weekend; the response was overwhelming. We provided over seventy forms to new and unregistered parishioners. We also corrected addresses and phone numbers in the Parish Registry.

We encourage everyone who has completed filling out the form to put it in the Offertory basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

It's never too late to register.

COVER PICTURE:

ST. BONAVENTURE CAMPING TRIP 2017

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DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING AND CAN SING?



Children from Grades 1 through 5 are welcome to join. Rehearsals are every Saturday morning from 9 to 10am at the St. Bonaventure Music Room, behind the church. To join the Choir, send us a form by going to www.stbonaventure.net/heavenly-harmony-choir and click on the form.

Contact Barbara Wolpman at bjwolpman@gmail.com 925-465-4468 or Arlene Cerda at arlene.cerda@gmail.com if you have questions.



LITURGY & PRAYER

CLOSING CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S CENTENNIAL

YEAR: Friday, October 13 at 7:30pm in the Church

We will be closing the Centennial Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima with a Mass and procession. A **simple** reception follows in the Hospitality Room. People are welcome to bring cookies, pastries or bottled water. Please come and join us.

COME, JOIN US!

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz (first Filipino Saint)
Thursday, September 28, 2017; 7:00PM Mass in the Church.

Presider: Fr. Oscar Rojas. Followed by a reception in the Small Hall. Coordinated by the St Bonaventure Fil-Am Ministry

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 2:40PM & 7:10PM

St. Francis of Assisi is known for his affinity with animals. To honor his feast day on Wednesday, October 4, we will have two opportunities for the Blessing of the Animals at 2:40pm and 7:10pm on the lawn area behind the Ministry Center. 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.



GOOD NEWS for You

READINGS for the WEEK

MONDAY: NM 11:4B-15; PS 81:12-17; MT 14:13-21
TUESDAY: NM 12:1-13; PS 51:3-7, 12-13; MT 14:22-36 OR MT 15:1-2, 10-14
WEDNESDAY: NM 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29A, 34-35; PS 106:6-7AB, 13-14, 21-23; MT 15:21-28
THURSDAY: 2 COR 9:6-10; PS 112:1-2, 5-9; JN 12:24-26
FRIDAY: DT 4:32-40; PS 77:12-16, 21; MT 16:24-28
SATURDAY: DT 6:4-13; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; MT 17:14-20
SUNDAY: 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A; PS 85:9-14; ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:22-33

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER

LOAVES & FISHES VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Loaves and Fishes needs volunteers to help serve once a month on the second Tuesday of each month and, on certain months, the 5th Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room located at 1415 Simpson Ct. off Gladstone, Pittsburg. This is a wonderful way to live one of the corporal works of mercy. If you are interested, please call Mary Ann Kelly at 925-686-3815.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Have you ever wondered where the children go during the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

During the 9AM Sunday Mass, children in grades 1-5 are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special opportunity for the children to hear the Word of God in an engaging and inspiring way. The Presider will invite the children into the center aisle, prior to the First Reading, where they are met by a catechist. Father will invite the congregation to pray over the children so that their ears, eyes, and hearts are open to the Word of God. The catechist then directs the children into the Chapel for an engaging session of the Gospel story of the day. The Word comes alive for the children through role plays, stories, and discussions of the message that Jesus gives us and how to live that message in our daily lives. The children will then return to the Church assembly before the Presentation of Gifts. There is no cost to participate and all children in Grades 1 through 5 are welcome!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Bonaventure's religious education classes will begin the week of September 24. Our faith formation programs begin with children as young as age 4 and kindergarten and continue through high school.

We offer a Sunday morning program for pre-school age 4 and kindergarten-age children that meets during the 9am Mass. This program is

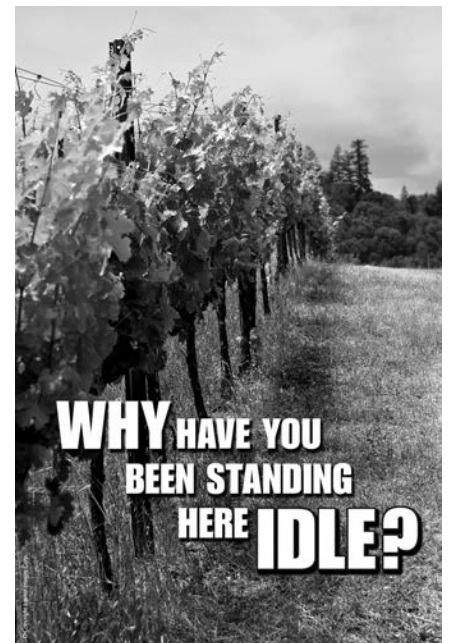
designed to share stories from the Bible and to engage the youngest of our community to grow in their faith with interactive activities.

We also offer classes after school during the week for students who are in the 1st through 5th grade. The Jr. High program meets on Thursday from 7-8:30pm. Confirmation/High School meets on Sunday. Each grade builds on the child's faith journey with Jesus. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of our faith. We will share the weekly Gospel with students to increase their awareness of Jesus' life and teachings. We will talk about the foundations of our Catholic faith, how we live it and how we build that faith to become whom Jesus wants us to be.

We will meet your child wherever they are in their faith journey with class offerings for Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. We also have Sacramental Preparation classes that are taught in Spanish.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes has begun. You are able to register in the church office from the hours of 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday (we are closed from 12:30-1:30pm daily). Registration forms are available in the church foyer, in the church office and on our website at www.stbonaventure.net. Just click on the link for Faith Formation Registration. We will also have registration on Sunday, September 10 from 9am to 6pm in classroom A-1.

We look forward to having your child in our Faith Formation Programs!





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**FAITH FORMATION
FOR ADULTS**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation will be in January/February at the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ. Parish preparation for those adults/young adults interested will **begin October 16**. We will meet Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm until December 18. Each candidate must:

- be over 18 years of age
- no longer be in high school
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received First Communion and
- attend Mass on a regular basis.

If you are interested, please contact Eileen (925)672-5800 x2217 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net. Registration requested by October 1.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

When three or more are gathered in my name, I am with them. —Mt 18:20

Free to Pray as a Child of God! Join us in an exercise in Intercessory Prayer with Fr. Joe Kim on Saturday, October 14, 9:00am-1:00pm in the Large Hall. The morning will begin with Mass in the Chapel at 9:00am. **All** (men too) are welcome to attend. Prayer is free! Refreshments will be served. Flyers can be found in the foyer and parish office.

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 4.** Come explore our Catholic faith as women and as parents, and share the joys and challenges of parenting in a casual, welcoming setting.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Our group still needs 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 home to offer for a week, 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 jennykay12@aol.com, or phone (925.693.0457). All proceeds from these events benefit St. Bonaventure's Food Pantry.

ST. MARY'S SENIOR DINNER IN OAKLAND ON OCTOBER 1

Please help us provide cakes, coffee and bingo prizes* for the low-income seniors we serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Next dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **October 1, 2017**. Cakes, cans of coffee and bingo prizes can be left in **the Hospitality Room in church**. Please bring items before the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday. Cash



donations for St. Mary's can be left in the church office. **All** items need to be marked "St. Mary's-Oakland". (*Bingo prize suggestions: socks, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, nail polish & costume jewelry). Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated! Co-chairs: Carol & Jim Riley 672-4383 & Carol & Pete Chrobak 672-7158.

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.



STEWARDSHIP
of Treasure

Weekend of September 16 & 17
Collection

Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$22,210
Deficit: (\$3,230)

2nd Collection

Hurricane Harvey Victims: \$13,010.50
Food for Family: 405

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION:
THE CATHOLIC VOICE**

Next weekend is the annual second collection for *The Catholic Voice*. Your donation helps your parish offset its payments for this important communications ministry. *The Voice* and its other operations – *El Heraldo Católica*, websites and social media – are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the diocese. Please be generous in your support. Checks should be made payable to the parish.

Get on the "Bus" !



Jackson Rancheria
Casino & Hotel

via: White Castle Tours Inc.

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Bus Pick-Up 7:30 AM @ St. Bonaventure

5562 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA

Arrive 9:30 AM @ Jackson Rancheria
Jackson, CA

Depart Jackson @ 4:30 PM

Return 6:30 PM @ St. Bonaventure

Cost \$30 per person

Includes \$20 Free Slot Play OR \$25 Table Game Coupon

Reserve a spot now! Call Sol @ 925.676.5905

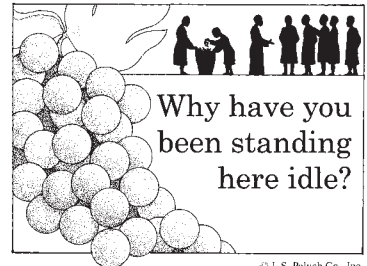
or email solemama@yahoo.com

***ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD AND UP**



Pray For

Narciso Alejandro Intal



Why have you
been standing
here idle?

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**SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
MARIA GISELA DE GUZMAN**

September 23 – September 29, 2017



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MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 Alan Sardelich
Angela Sison
Angela Anderson
Loreto & Consuelo Dulay

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
9:00 Francisco Chavez Aguilera
Maria Puertas
Grace G. Saguiped
Jonel Sangalang
11:00 Juan Merchan
Arnel Alimagno
Jake Acosta
Eneida Lugo de Diaz
5:00 Norma M. Evaristo
Calvin Fong
Nancy Ibarra
Ramon M. Evaristo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 Marcela Leon & Corey Fredman
9:00 Elpidio Guanzon
Manuel Mountinho
Guillermo Montez

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 Food Pantry Volunteers
9:00 Josephine Arcos
William M. Jordan
Helen Davidson
Leo Sands

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 St. Bonaventure Priests & Deacons
9:00 Josefina Javier

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 Earthquake victims in Mexico
9:00 Narciso Alejandro Intal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 Guidance for all world leaders
9:00 Calvin Fong

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

OUTSIDE PARISH

SECOND ANNUAL HEALTHCARE THANKSGIVING MASS

Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 am
Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St.
Oakland, CA 94612

Like last year, Bishop Barber is presiding and preaching at the Mass, and liturgy will be followed by a catered reception in the Events Center.

Like last year, **all of you are invited to join and concelebrate** that day. In my experience, people love seeing their priest and deacons present at those special Masses, so if your schedule allows, please come and pray with us in thanksgiving for all the amazing folks who work so generously in the provision of physical, mental, and spiritual healthcare.

BLUE MASS: HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS

Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St. Oakland; Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 at 10:00am; luncheon following. For details and to sign up for the luncheon, visit oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2017.

You can also contact Fr. Helmut Richter, 925-382-8186, papahelmut@yahoo.com or Fr. Jayson Landeza, 510-917-0125, OPDChaplain@aol.com.

SAN DAMIANO SPECIAL EVENTS: 710 Highland Drive, Danville

- September 28: **Labyrinth Retreat at San Damiano**; A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. Dorothy Charbonneau will be your mediation and prayer guide. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.
- "What is Yours to Do?" September 29 - October 1. San Damiano invites you to discern your soul's work during this special Franciscan spirituality retreat. Led by Anne and Terry Symens-Bucher, with music by Jesse Manibusan.
- October 1: Jesse Manibusan is a liturgical musician, beloved by young and old alike. Hear him live in concert at St. Joan of Arc Parish. Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM; \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids 12 & under. 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon.

To register or for more information please go to www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141 x315.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS, St. John Baptist de la Salle, Court 1934

Wine Tasting Fundraiser- Sunday, October 8, 2-4pm. Viano's Winery, 150 Morello Avenue, Martinez. Cost \$20 per person, includes wine-tasting, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. There will be a raffle. For tickets contact Sandra Blanco at 925-864-5280.

BIRTHRIGHT DINNER

You are invited to our **Celebrate Life Dinner & Fundraiser** for the Birthright of Walnut Creek/Concord Pregnancy Support Center

(Birthright provides counseling, maternity and baby items for those in need, free of charge. Last year we served over 300 women.)

When: **Saturday, October 14**, 5:30 pm social, 6:15 pm dinner

Where **St. Mary Church, 1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek**

Featured speaker: Josh Burger, a popular and inspiring Pro-Life speaker, whose family has been deeply involved in the Valley Pregnancy Center in Pleasanton, will share his life experience, which has included physical and medical challenges. He speaks to hundreds of people across the country with humor and insight about the incredible gift of life.

Delicious BBQ chicken dinner, silent and live auction, and live music.

Reservations: Early Bird: \$40 for adults/teens by Sep 29, \$50 after. Youth ages 5 to 12, \$20. Under 5 free. Tables of 8, \$300. To register: Call (925) 798-7227 or online at: <http://birthright-dinner.eventbrite.com>. Deadline: Oct 6. . No tickets sold at the door.

Los caminos de Dios
están por encima

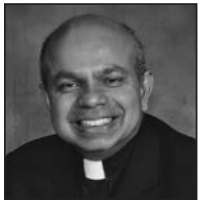


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PENSAMIENTOS



de
Padre Mat

LA ABUNDANCIA DE LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS

Las lecturas de hoy son sobre el sentido de la justicia y la gracia extravagante de un Dios misericordioso. Mientras Dios es justo y misericordioso, la misericordia de Dios a menudo predomina su justicia y por lo tanto, Dios nos perdona incondicionalmente y nos recompensa abriendo el cielo para los gentiles y los Judíos.

En la primera lectura, el profeta Isaías nos recuerda a los exiliados en Babilonia que su Dios es más misericordioso y más tolerante de lo que ellos son. Él está dispuesto a perdonar la infidelidad que ha resultado en su exilio. Su Dios misericordioso bendecirá con bendiciones materiales y espirituales. Por lo tanto, Isaías nos exhorta a buscar al Señor y dejar a un lado los malos caminos a fin de recibir su misericordia y perdón.

En la segunda lectura, Pablo se ofrece a sí mismo como un ejemplo de sumisión total a la gracia y voluntad de Dios. Él está listo para vivir y continuar su misión si esa es la voluntad de Dios. Al mismo tiempo, él está dispuesto a morir y unirse al Señor si esa es la voluntad de Dios.

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos dice la extraña parábola de un propietario que contrató obreros a trabajar en sus viñeros en cinco ocasiones diferentes durante el curso de un día completo pagándoles a todos ellos el mismo salario. Esta historia de amor y generosidad del propietario representa el amor y la generosidad de Dios para todos nosotros. Se ilustra la diferencia entre la perspectiva de Dios y la nuestra. Las provisiones de Dios para nuestra vida espiritual nunca se agotarán y cuando compartimos nuestras bendiciones con los demás, aprovechamos la oferta divina inagotable. Esta historia nos muestra cómo Dios nos mira, ve nuestras necesidades y cumple con esas necesidades con generosidad y misericordia. La parábola también muestra la misericordia y generosidad de Dios al permitir a los gentiles y los Judíos de primera clase, Su pueblo escogido para disfrutar de la misma dicha eterna de su reino celestial.

Tenemos que seguir el ejemplo de Dios y mostrar la gracia a nuestros vecinos. Cuando una persona es más exitosa que nosotros, pensemos que él o ella lo necesitan más. Cuando alguien que hace el mal y no es castigado, recordemos las muchas veces que hemos hecho el mal y no nos han castigado, quedamos libres. La envidia no debería tener lugar en nuestras vidas. No podemos controlar la forma en que Dios bendice a otros.

Debemos expresar nuestro agradecimiento a Dios en nuestras vidas diarias. Dios llama personalmente a cada uno de nosotros en nuestro propio ministerio, nos muestra Su gracia y la salvación eterna. Para Dios nosotros somos más que un simple número en la lista de salarios. Nuestro llamado a su viña es un regalo de Dios por lo que nunca podemos estar suficientemente agradecidos. Dios nos da libremente todos nuestros talentos y bendiciones. Por lo tanto, debemos expresar nuestro agradecimiento a Dios evitando el pecado, dar servicio de amor a los demás, compartiendo nuestras bendiciones con los necesitados, orando constantemente, escuchando y hablando de Dios en todo momento.

VIAJE DE MOCHILAS AL PERU

He estado campando durante varios años con un grupo pequeño de sacerdotes y laicos en nuestra Diócesis. Uno de los miembros del equipo, el Padre John Prochaska, está en el Perú sirviendo como misionero desde hace dos años. Él nos ha invitado a visitarlo y caminar a Machu Picchu. Cuatro de nosotros, con el Padre Prochaska, hemos planeado una excursión a todo el camino Inca clásico a Machu Picchu desde el 1º al 5 de octubre. Por lo tanto, voy a estar afuera de la parroquia del 28 de septiembre al 8 de octubre.

PEREGRINACION A ITALIA, BOSNIA Y POLONIA

Los invito a unirse a mí en la peregrinación a Italia, Bosnia y Polonia del 14 al 28 de mayo de 2018. Los lugares más destacados son visitas a Roma, San Giovanni Rotondo, (St. Padre Pio,) Lanciano (Milagro Eucarístico,) Medjugorje, Varsovia, Auschwitz, Krakow, etc. Para más detalles por favor llámame al: (925) 672-5800 ó email: mvellanka@stbonaventure.net



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Reflexion del Diacono Mariano Preza

VIGÉSIMO QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: MATEO 20 1-16

Dios había dicho varias veces a través de los profetas: "Los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos." Y para hacer referencia a lo que Dios mismo había dicho en las Escrituras, hoy lo escuchamos a través del profeta Isaías. Como escuchamos en la Primera Lectura: "Mis planes no son los planes de ustedes, los caminos de ustedes no son mis caminos... como el cielo es más alto que la tierra, mis caminos son más altos que los de ustedes, mis planes que los de ustedes."

Esta referencia a los designios de Dios la aplica Jesús a la acogida que El mismo les brinda a los pecadores que atienden su invitación y se convierten dejándose transformar por la acción de su Espíritu. A esto se refiere a su vez el mismo pasaje de Isaías, en el que Dios dice: "Que el malvado abandone su camino y el criminal sus planes; que regrese al Señor, y de El tendrá piedad nuestro Dios, que es rico en perdón."

A tal actitud misericordiosa corresponde precisamente la justicia propia de Dios, la misma que canta el salmo al proclamar que "El Señor es justo en todos sus caminos, es bondadoso en todas sus acciones." En otras palabras, la "justicia divina" no es la frialdad condenatoria de un juez implacable, sino la bondad infinita de un padre compasivo. Pablo nos enseña en la Segunda Lectura que lo importante es llevar una vida digna del Evangelio de Cristo.

Al meditar el Evangelio de este domingo, dispongámonos a hacer realidad en nuestras actitudes cotidianas las enseñanzas de Jesús, en quien se nos presenta personalmente Dios para mostrarnos su generosidad y su misericordia infinitas. Así como El procede, también debemos proceder nosotros con una disposición plena a la compasión, totalmente opuesta al orgullo condenador de los que se creen buenos y santos consideran a los demás como pecadores que no merecen perdón.

La finalidad de esta parábola no es darnos una lección de derecho laboral. Sino hacerles ver a quienes se creían "primeros" y consideraban que por el hecho de ser una raza elegida de Dios y por practicar unas normas rituales, les debía

pagar mucho más que a los otros, lo equivocados que estaban al criticar la acogida que recibían de Jesús aquellos a quienes ellos rechazaban como pecadores.

Estos que son los "últimos" a quienes se refiere Jesús, eran los publicanos, las prostitutas, los marginados sociales, los excluidos, y en general todas las personas que, desde distintas procedencias, se habían hecho sus discípulos. Dios les ayude. Diácono Mariano Preza.

CLAUSURA DE LA CELEBRACION DEL CENTENARIO EN HONOR DE LA VIRGEN DE FATIMA

Viernes, 13 de octubre a las 7:30pm en la Iglesia

Estamos clausurando la celebración del centenario de nuestra Virgen de Fátima con una Misa y procesión. Después de la celebración los invitamos a una sencilla recepción en el Salón de Hospitalidad. Las personas pueden traer galletas, pasteles o agua embotellada. Por favor venga y únase a nosotros.

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.

MONUMENT IMPACT APRENDE COMPUTACION HOY!

Curso Básico: Lunes y Viernes 9am a 11:00am - Octubre 2 a Diciembre 8

Curso Intermedio: Lunes y Viernes 12:00pm a 2:00pm - Octubre 2 a Diciembre 8

Pre-Avanzado: Jueves 12:00pm a 2:00pm - Octubre 12 a Noviembre 30

Inscripciones inician Lunes 18 de Septiembre Para información contactarse con Eva Chena (925)682-8248 Ext. 2250

FAITH DIRECT

Con la llegada del otoño, me gustaría invitarlos a unirse con Faith Direct, el programa de donaciones electrónicas de nuestra parroquia. Nuestras listas de que hacer pueden ser largas durante esta temporada, pero el programa de donaciones electrónicas les dará una cosa menos para recordar cada semana - no más sobres para encontrar antes de ir a misa.

Visite www.faithdirect.net y use nuestro código de la iglesia: **CA725**.

¡Gracias por su apoyo continuado de nuestra familia parroquial!

Dios los bendiga. — Fr. Mat

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.

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Fecha de Bautizo	Hora de Bautizo	Fecha de Clase	Hora de Clase
Sat 10/7	12:00 a.m.	Fri 09/29	7-9:30 p.m.
Sat 11/11	10:00 a.m.	Fri 11/03	7-9:30 p.m.
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.



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Novena: Del 22 de Setiembre al 30 de Setiembre a las 7:30 PM
Capilla Iglesia San Buenaventura.

Misa, Procesión y Almuerzo: Domingo 8 de Octubre 12:45 PM.
Iglesia de San Buenaventura,
5562 Clayton RD. Concord CA. 94521.

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Solicitamos de su participación y apoyo. Para hacer realidad nuestro Homenaje 2016.

Roxana Sánchez al 925 698 6628 delcampocal@hotmail.com.

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