



Scout Sunday and Pope Pius XII Recipients

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

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March 5, 2017 First Sunday of Lent | 5 de marzo de 2017 Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

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

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE

COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

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

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

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

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

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

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

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



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

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

THOUGHTS FROM FR. RICHARD
 PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE RICARDO

■ **WELCOME TO CHRISTINA
 HERNANDEZ SPEAKING ON BEHALF
 OF THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

Christina Hernandez speaks today on behalf of the 2017 Bishop's Appeal. Christina is an employee of the central administration of the Diocese in the Department of Faith Formation and Evangelization.

Christina works as a **resource person helping parishes to develop pro-life and pro-justice** programs in the 84 parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties).

The \$2.5-million dollar-goal of the campaign is to fill the yearly budget gap in the diocesan budget, between available income and what is actually needed. **The 2017 parish goal for St. Bonaventure parish is \$68,000.**

I encourage parishioners to make a monthly pledge which will give each parishioner the ability to help more, over a longer time span of 12 months. One-time single donations are also appreciated. Remember, our goal is \$68,000.

■ **GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS
 MAY 17, 2017, 5:30P.M.**

May 17, 2017 is the actual anniversary of my ordination as a priest, and I invite my fellow parishioners to celebrate the Eucharist with me that evening at **5:30pm.**

Yes, it is mid-week, a **Wednesday**

The theme and focus of the 50th Anniversary Mass is the Priesthood of Jesus Christ that I share with my fellow diocesan priests. I am inviting them to the Mass as well and hosting a supper with them, only after the Mass. There will be no general reception after this event.

Cardinal William Levada, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of the Faith at the Vatican, will preach the

homily. During the clergy supper after the Mass, Fr. George Crespin, both Chancellor and Vicar General Emeritus of the Diocese of Oakland, will speak about "The Joy of Being a Priest after the Second Vatican Council."

No reservations are required for the Anniversary Mass, and everyone is welcome.

■ **THE 2017 SILVER BEAVER AWARDS**

I had the wonderful pleasure recently of attending the **Annual Recognition Dinner of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts**, honoring 8 lay volunteers for their exemplary years of service to the Silverado Council.

The **Silver Beaver Award is a local Scout Council-level distinguished service award of the BSA.** Recipients are registered scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through their hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service.

I want to recognize our parishioner **Greg Gamache.** Greg is an Advisor of Crew 444, past Assistant Scout Master and Committee Member of Troop 444 and Committee Chair of Pack 445. He was awarded the Unit Scouter of the Year, District Award of merit and the St. George Award, and the list continues.

Secondly, I want to recognize the current Scout Master of Troop 444 and the 2017 National Jamboree Chair for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, **Craig Mizutani.** He is a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill.

Craig earned the Eagle Scout rank in 1985, Arrow of Light and Order of the Arrow Brotherhood member. He was honored also with the District Award of Merit and joined the James E. West Fellowship in 2012.

Congratulations Greg and Craig!

■ **POPE FRANCIS WRITES LENTEN
 LETTER TO WORLDWIDE CATHOLICS**

The call of Lent and its goal is **Conversion**, the Pope writes "to return to God with all their hearts, (Job 2:12) to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord."

The church re-offers to us the age-old practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, the Pope writes. Its basis is more than a ritual practice. The Word of God is at the basis of everything, which we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

[Now, that would be a good, simple, soul-enriching spiritual practice for Lent. It is easier to give up chocolate than it is to read the Word of God. Why? Because it takes the commitment of time. Giving up chocolate, alcohol and sex do nothing to draw one closer to God. Don't fool around with Lent. It is better to do nothing than to do nothing meaningful.]

Pope Francis invites us to read the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16: 19-31) in a slow and thoughtful way. The first lesson to learn from this story is that **the other person is a gift.** The name, Lazarus, means "God helps."

The rich, self-sufficient man does not need anyone's help, including God's. He has everything and **gives no notice to Lazarus as a person who needs help.** The Pope writes: "Lazarus teaches us that 'other persons are a gift' and a right relationship with people consists in recognizing their value." Are people nuisances in our life?

"Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, **but a summon to conversion and to change.**" The Pope reminds us that **"each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love...** The Word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable."

[A simple Lenten practice is to see the face of Jesus in each member of my family. We need to look into each other's eyes. The eye is the lamp of the body, the scriptures write. How do we look into someone else's eyes - with prayer for them asking God to bless and love that other person. Is everyone a nuisance?]

Are you a nuisance? Take the time of Lent to be a more loving person. Notice, affirm, help. Accompany!]

Pope Francis' second point is that **sin blinds us**. In a rich man the Pope writes "we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the **corruption of sin**, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride."

[Until next week, let us begin to delve inside our heart of hearts. How deep is our depth? Where is our soul? Am I any more than me? Where is your "Rich man"?)]

**PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD**



■ THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

Commitment Weekend is here! To successfully achieve both our parish goal and the overall diocesan goal of \$2.5 million, we need your help! A pledge to the Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs and services.

Participation is the Key Ingredient

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pew and place it in the collection basket today. **YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

The Benefits of a Monthly Pledge

Bishop Barber asks you to help support vital diocesan ministries and services by considering a pledge payable monthly through December 31, 2017. If you can give \$15, \$20, or \$30 each month through December, it equals \$150, \$200 or \$300 when spread out over the year. Everyone's financial situation is different, so everyone is asked to consider making a sacrificial gift

at a level that is appropriate for him or her. Every pledge of every size is needed and appreciated. Please keep in mind:

- A pledge allows you to make payments at your convenience (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually).
- The decision on a specific amount is a decision each family is asked to make after prayerful consideration. While no gift or pledge is too small or too large, please consider a gift proportional to your means.

If you would like more information on the 2017 Bishop's Appeal or make a gift online, please visit www.oakdiocese.org/giving

■ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

There are a number of liturgical celebrations and events occurring this year to acknowledge the Retirement, Ordination Anniversary of our beloved Fr. Richard, and St Bonaventure's 60th Anniversary. Following is a listing for your information. Please check our

website and bulletin for more detailed information as the events occur.

■ PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Good news — the second and final proof of our 2016 Parish Directory is back in the hands of Lifetouch. Lifetouch will do their magic and produce our beautiful hardback directory. Their turnaround time is 30 business days, so the estimated shipping time will be the first part of March. With that date in mind, our plan is to have the distribution after all Masses the weekend of March 18/19 and 25/26. The directories will also be available in the church office during regular hours. For those parishioners who are interested in purchasing a directory, a limited number of directories will be available and the cost will be \$10.00.

Thanks to all of you who were able to partake in the 2016 Parish Directory; the committee hopes you will be pleased with this edition. Special thanks go out to the committee and all the angels who helped with the hosting at the portrait sessions — we couldn't have done it without you.

Parish Life Thoughts continued on page 4 ▶

Mark Your Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday, May 17	5:30pm	50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass	Parish Church
Saturday, June 10	6pm	Fil-Am Community Dinner with and for Fr. Richard *Following 5pm Mass	Parish Hall
Sunday, June 11	2pm	Hispanic Community Celebration *Following 12:45 Spanish Mass	Parish Grounds
Saturday, June 17	6pm	Parish Dinner To celebrate Fr. Richard's Ordination and Retirement	Concord Hilton
Saturday, June 24	4pm	Liturgical Celebration & Reception with Bishop Celebration of Parish Anniversary	Church

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■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING



Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Bonaventure with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Follow the link below to quickly enroll in eGiving to St. Bonaventure.

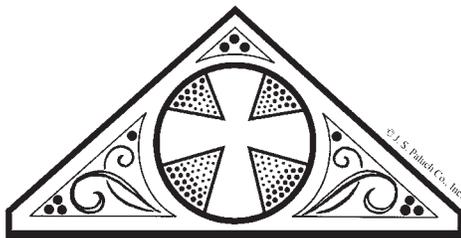
To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: CA725.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

LITURGY & MUSIC

■ 'ONE BODY' CDS AVAILABLE AT REDUCED PRICE!

If you have not purchased the 'One Body' CD, this is the time to do so. Take advantage of the reduced price. The cost is now only \$10. The CD includes performances by each of the St. Bonaventure choirs and features some of our favorite songs, including We Are One Body, In the Breaking of the Bread, and Go Make a Difference. All the proceeds go to St. Bonaventure Church.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: LV 19:1-2, 11-18; PS 19:8-10, 15; MT 25:31-46
TUESDAY: IS 55:10-11; PS 34:4-7, 16-19; MT 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY: JON 3:1-10; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; LK 11:29-32
THURSDAY: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25; PS 138:1-3, 7C-8; MT 7:7-12
FRIDAY: EZ 18:21-28; PS 130:1-8; MT 5:20-26
SATURDAY: DT 26:16-19; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; MT 5:43-48
SUNDAY: GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

■ VACATION BIBLE CAMP: JULY 17-21

What's all the *buzz* about? Well, we are *gearing* up for an amazing Bible Camp and we want you to *bee* a part of it! The excitement is *building* for the best week of the summer! So save these dates for a Bible adventure with God! Great Bible stories, delicious snacks, *creative* crafts, team-*building* games and so much more!!! You need to put all the *puzzle pieces* together, make the *connection* and stay tuned for the theme - it's going to be super *fun!* *We are all created by God and built for a purpose!*

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ PARENT ENRICHMENT

Turn off your I-Pads, your I-Phones, and your I-Tunes and come experience a new way to look at your marriage through I-Marriage. In our monthly meetings, we will learn how Andy Stanley's three key teachings help you enrich your marriage and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." We will meet, **Tuesday, March 14**, Classroom A2, 6:00-7:30pm. Free childcare is available in A4. If you have questions, please contact Eileen @925-672-5800 or elimberg@stbonaventure.net

■ CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Lent has begun. Many people "give up" things during Lent. This is OK, but what God really asks of us is to come closer to him and to make improvements in our lives that better reflect God's grace in the world. Contemplative prayer is offered in the Chapel on Tuesdays, 4:05-4:30pm. Come and add some quiet time to your life where you are present to God, and give thanks for the blessings we receive.

■ RECIPE FROM CRS TO MATCH THE WEEKLY ENCOUNTER.

Dalma with Spinach (Vegetable Stew)

Makes 4-6 servings

1 c water

1½ c pigeon peas or black eyed peas, cooked

1 c pumpkin or butternut squash, cubed

½ c potatoes, cubed

¼ t salt

1/3 t turmeric

1 t fair trade olive oil

3 dry red chilis, broken into bits

1 t cumin seeds

½ c tomatoes, chopped

3 c spinach, chopped

½ t cumin

¼ t chili powder

Mix pigeon or black eyed peas, pumpkin, potatoes, salt and turmeric in a pan with water. Cook until vegetables are soft—about 15 minutes—and set aside. In a separate pan, heat oil. To the oil, add chilis, cumin seeds and tomatoes. Fry until tomatoes are soft. Add spinach and stir until soft. Combine both mixtures, adding cumin and chili powder (if a spicy dish is desired) and simmer for 2 minutes.

Serve hot over rice.

■ ON-LINE RESOURCES

Here are some on-line alternatives for faith formation. Some of the sites offer free downloadable resources, or ask a nominal fee (usually \$0.99) to download reflections to your computer and/or smartphone. They can also offer you the opportunity to

take a couple of minutes at your computer to be with God.

www.lentreflections.com

Fr. Barron sends daily Lenten reflections right to your inbox when you subscribe to this web site.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Lenten Resource site. Includes Lectio Divina and Stations of the Cross

<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com>
Loyola Press offers different ways to incorporate Ignatian Spirituality into your daily life. This includes a “Lunchtime Examin”, “Living Lent Daily” in the form of 3+ minute prayers and longer Online Retreats.

<http://sacredspace.ie/>
Sacred Space is a Jesuit site that invites you through a 10 minute reflection that can be experienced in front of your computer with images and music.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/index.html>
Creighton University offers a daily meditation that can be downloaded to a Palm or Handheld device. There is also a guide for “Praying Lent.”

<http://wau.org/meditations/current/>
The Word Among Us has a daily meditation that can be printed

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ **ADULT ACTIVITIES:**

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$13 per person.

Come celebrate the great St. Patrick with a traditional Irish lunch provided by Ralph’s Catering. We will enjoy corned beef and cabbage with red boiled potatoes and carrots. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday March 6 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on March 4 & 5. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ **HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

Our next Hospitality Weekend is on **March 4 & 5**

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry.

After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we have wine, soda, cheese, cookies, and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

■ **ST. PATRICK’S DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus will be presenting a traditional St. Patrick’s Dinner of corned beef and cabbage on Saturday, March 11 in the Large Hall. There will be special entertainment along with the flavorful dinner. The Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses on February 18/19, February 25/26 and March 4/5. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office. Ticket price is \$20 each or two for \$35. Please join us for a festive, fun evening. Doors open at 6 PM; dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Weekend of February 25 & 26
Collection**
Goal: \$25,440
Actual: \$23,871
Deficit: (\$1,569)

Food for Family: 291 (2/28)
*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
included in above figures*

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■ BLOOD DRIVE

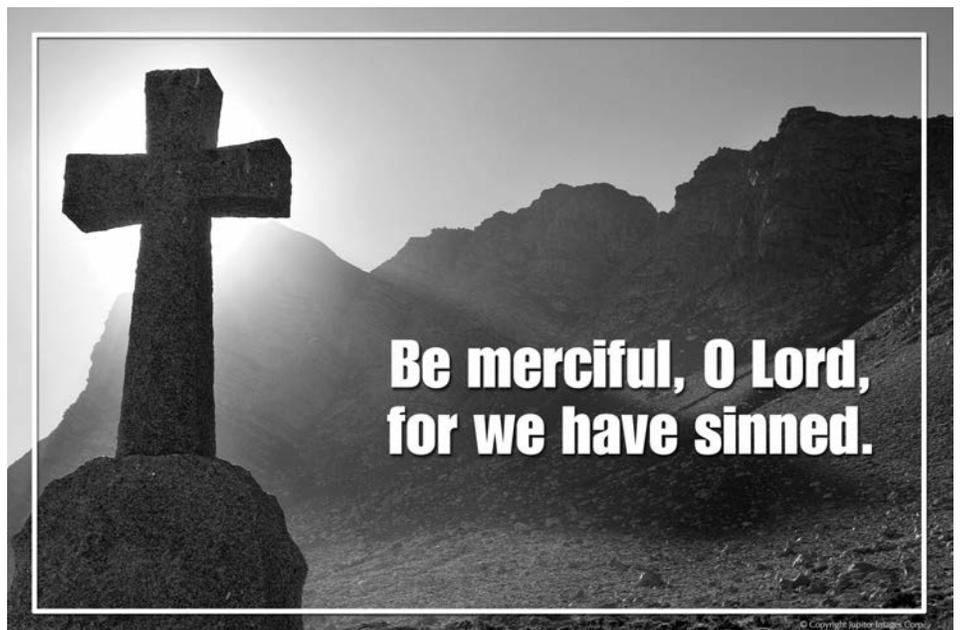
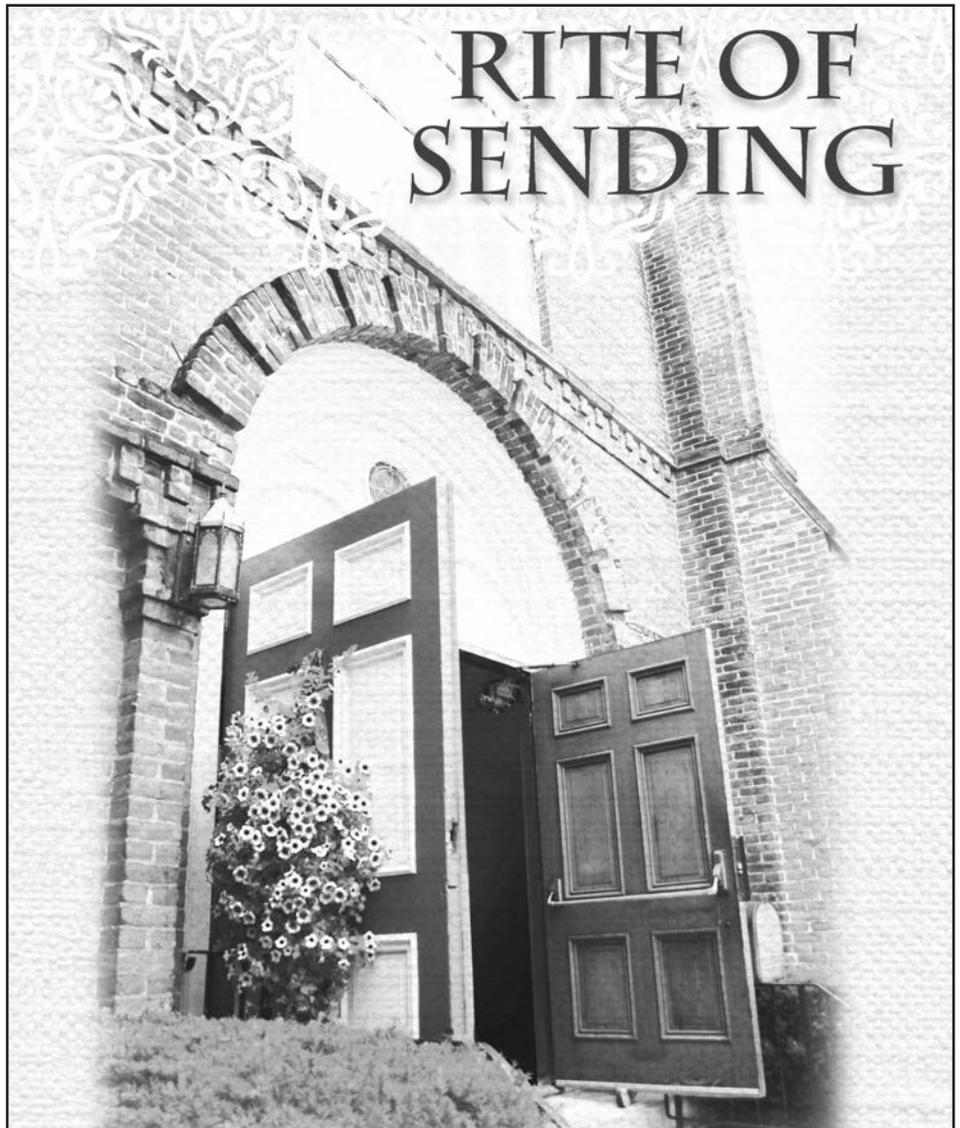
The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Saturday, April 1 in the Large Hall from 10 AM to 4 PM. In order that the process be efficient and effective, we are asking that you schedule an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled at 15-minute intervals by calling 1-800-Red Cross (800-733-2767), by logging on to the **RedCrossBlood.org** website and entering Sponsor Code: St. Bonaventure, or by calling Denis Thomson at 925-673-0720. Drop-ins will be welcome that day, but there may be a wait while clients with an appointment are handled first. Every day in the U.S. roughly 44,000 pints of blood are needed. That means nearly every two seconds someone needs blood. Every donation may help save up to three lives. Won't you be part of this life-saving journey?

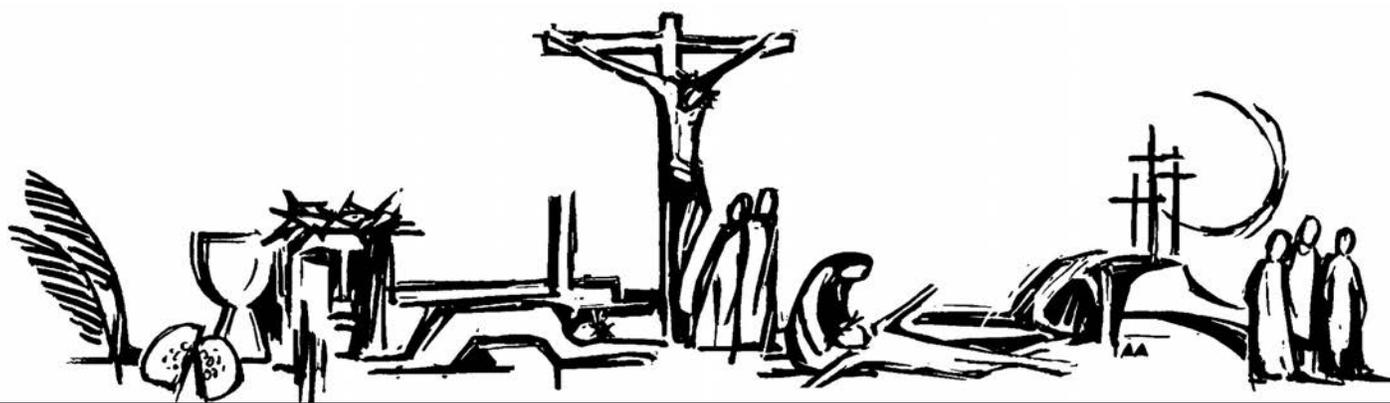
■ ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY CAMPING AT TAHOE - 2017

The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: **Sunday, August 6th through Sunday, August 13th**, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe. The cost will be **\$130** for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with the family. Call Piedad or Kathy today to hold your spot for this year's fantastic week of family fun, rafting, hiking, etc. Please call Piedad (Pie) Fracasso ☎ 864-4748 or Kathy Riso ☎ 212-3579 for more details and/or to make your reservation.

■ CLAYTON VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER (CVCC) AT YOUR SERVICE

For 15 years, CVCC has been serving the St. Bonaventure Community. The Counseling Center, with licensed therapists, serves individuals, couples and families, and prepares engaged couples for marriage using the well-established Prepare Program. ☎ 925-210-6176.





LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Why Lent? Because we forget that God loves us.

Why Lent? Because we are sometimes overwhelmed by the challenges of life.

Why Lent? Because God needs us to let the world know that Faith conquers doubt, Hope conquers despair and Love conquers hate.

Why Lent? Because we need a time to reflect, to renew and to recommit.

The Family of Saint Bonaventure invites you to join Fr. Leo Edgerly for a Parish Mission: March 13th, 14th and 15th (10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm) in the Church. Together we will answer the question: *Why Lent?*

Fr. Leo was born and raised in Oakland and is the eldest of four children. He shares the story of entering the St. Francis de Sales Grammar School in 1958, with two of his siblings. "During my first year at St. Francis (3rd grade) the good sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph introduced to me the concept of Hell. It was a place that I didn't want to experience and I don't think that it is mere coincidence that I expressed a desire to become a priest at the tender age of nine. (It seems me that if I were a priest I had a pretty good chance of avoiding Hell; I was a strange little kid.)"

His life story; which includes losing his faith while a junior in high school, but still trying to "make it work" in the seminary. Leaving and completing his degree in psychology from UC Berkeley. Attending a Cursillo in 1971. Working in the corporate world. Meeting and falling in love with a beautiful woman he met in 1975. Two years later Fr. Leo regained his faith. As he struggled with the idea of getting married, she said to him, "You need to work out this priesthood thing." How right she was. In the fall of 1980, Fr. Leo entered St. Patrick's Major Seminary in Menlo Park, CA. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Oakland on September 28, 1984. "I have heard the phrase: 'God writes straight with crooked lines.' That is an adept description of how God has guided me throughout my life."

RITE OF ELECTION

This weekend our catechumens and candidates go to the Cathedral in Oakland to meet the Bishop and participate in the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates. Last Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass, their names were entered into the Book of the Elect and they were "Sent". In the Rite, on the basis of the testimony of godparents and catechists, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation. This marks the final phase of preparation before entrance into the Church. Those who are unbaptized (Catechumens) are now called the Elect.

Please pray for our Elect and those preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church in these final days of their preparation:

Gary Boswell
Abdoul Fofana
Stewart Lehman
Christopher McFerran
Malik Rodriguez
Michael Rodriguez
Marco Sanchez
Kristen Spillner
Heather Zamora

Thank you to parishioner Mary Franceschini for writing our Lenten Reflections this year. Every week there will be a center pullout in the Bulletin with the reflections, events and other information that apply to the upcoming week and beyond. You can also sign up to receive the reflections every morning in your email. Go to the parish website: www.stbonaventure.net and sign up through the link on the front page.



March 5 First Sunday Of Lent

*"...just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all."
Rom 5: 12-19*

With the fall of Adam and Eve, as Saint Paul says, we were all condemned. Man had revolted against God, his Creator. He had put his interests ahead of everything else, completely ignoring the beauty that God lay before him to enjoy. With the passing of the ages, God realized that something had to be done; someone had to make up for the evil committed then and through time. That someone was his Beloved Son, Jesus.

Do we believe that "life came to all" through Jesus? We have entered the Lenten journey and we have numerous opportunities to have this life reach others. We can do good to people who are down-trodden - no matter how much they try to lift themselves up from a situation, it's a losing battle. Maybe we are the ones, "through one righteous act" to restore life to those people. Shall we try?



March 6 Monday Lenten Weekday

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me." Mt 25: 31-46

Here, Jesus speaks of the Judgment of the Nations, when he comes in glory. Those who have done good, or we can also say, have tried to do good, will have a share in God's kingdom forever. Others, who didn't seize the moment to do good won't be that blessed. Jesus will turn them away from him. "You did it to me."

This would be the moment to examine our conscience. Where do we stand if Jesus should come now? Are we at peace that we have tried our best to help people in some way? All it takes is even a small donation for a good cause. Perhaps it's the giving of our time. Sometimes, even a kind word can work wonders for a person, especially one who is marginalized for whatever reason. It may be the only kind word that person will hear in his or her situation,

especially in these times of hateful rhetoric. Have we welcomed Jesus in our brothers or have we shunned him?



March 7 Tuesday Lenten Weekday

"In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think they will be heard because of their many words." Matt 6: 7-15

This is a time of prayer for sure, but Jesus wants us to be mindful as to how we pray. Prayer is not to be used for showing off. Mary can teach us with her Magnificat, Zechariah with his Benedictus and Simeon with his Nunc Dimittis. The words were many, but they were prayers from the heart.

There is no need to raise the Bible in the air and quote scripture. A humorous incident, but something to think about, was witnessed many years ago when a man declared to passersby that God had made him a preacher. An elderly, homeless woman passed by and shouted that he made him a bum!



March 8 Wednesday Lenten Weekday

"...there is something greater than Jonah here." Lk 11: 29-32

Everyone knows the story of Jonah. The Scribes and the Pharisees wanted a sign from Jesus, but the only sign they would have would be that of Jonah. He was the prophet who had come from far away to preach repentance to Nineveh and the people had listened. In this passage, Jesus laments that they didn't recognize that "there was something greater than Jonah" in him.

Sometimes we can be so blind or so deaf that we are ignorant of who or what we have in front of us. It has nothing to do with a physical problem, but our hardness of heart, our being stubborn. This is the time for repentance. It is the time to let go of anything that creates a barrier between Jesus and us. He is the "greater."



March 9 Thursday Lenten Weekday

"...Help me, who am alone and have no help but you..." Est C: 14

How profound was Esther's prayer when she found out that the Jews would be destroyed in the kingdom where she reigned as queen. She had not yet revealed

that she, too, was a Jew. Her prayer to the Lord was so powerful, yet humble, that in his mysterious way, he brought good out of evil.

"Help me, who am alone and have no help but you." Couldn't this become our prayer when we find ourselves in situations that are too difficult for us? Maybe we can use this as a mantra to repeat over and over. Let's never forget that the God who came to Esther's aid is the same God who will come to ours!



March 10 Friday

"Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Says the Lord God?" Ez 18: 21-28

The words of the Lord God to Ezekiel, who was a prophet in Babylon, are food for thought in the world of today. We have to deal with violent crimes on our streets, not to mention terrorists who attack anywhere, in festive marketplaces, nightclubs, airports, creating fear. Those who commit these terrible acts can escape, but not always. The Lord God, who in Ezekiel's time would have wanted repentance from the sinner, is the same God of today.

Certainly we are upset when evil acts happen. We wouldn't be human if we weren't. But if we want to be called followers of Jesus, we need to think as he did. Finding satisfaction in the death of some-

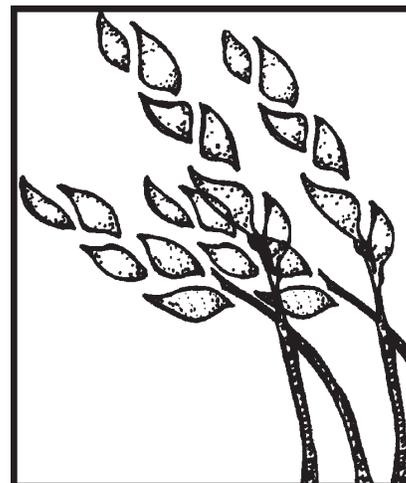
one who commits an evil deed is not what Jesus teaches us. Why not offer a prayer for that tortured soul? If the Lord God didn't feel pleasure "in the death of the wicked," neither should we.

March 11 Saturday

"...for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good..." Mt 5: 43-48

Jesus's teaching on loving our enemies is something hard to deal with, especially for people who have been betrayed or slighted, or confined to a wheelchair because of an accident that isn't their fault. Every day, at any hour, someone loses a loved one because of a senseless act of violence. Not even Saint John Paul II, when he was Pope, was immune to violence.

God works in his mysterious ways. We can't explain why "bad things happen to good people," as we always say, or good things happen to the least worthy. Sometimes I wonder if God even wants us to understand! The sun rises and sets on everyone, the good and the bad. We can only trust in God's mysterious ways.



PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR A MEAL DURING LENT

O God of mercy and compassion, with humility of heart we ask your blessing on the meal we are about to share. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may we be inspired to share our gifts with the needy. May the sharing of this meal urge us on to work tirelessly to bring your word of comfort to all who seek meaning and direction in their lives. Bless us, the food we are about to receive, those who prepared it, and the friendships we share. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) RICE BOWL



For more than 40 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been a Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Growing up, I remember the bowls that sat in the center of our kitchen table. One meal a week would be a “simpler meal”

and the money saved would be put in the bowl. On Palm Sunday, we’d bring the bowl back to church and see the pile stack up. Stewardship is more than talent and time. It also includes treasure. Together, we can make a difference in our community and in our world. **Twenty-five percent of everything collected is kept in the diocese for programs where we live. Our own St. Vincent de Paul chapter has been a recent recipient.** Give up one latte a week and put the extra change in the rice bowl – lead your children by your own good example.

Every week, CRS introduces us to a family and recipe from the different countries that benefit from Rice Bowl. March 5-11 we **Encounter** the Singh Family from India. When the Malaguni River in East India floods, Megha and Raj Singh, their two children and their extended family cannot get to the nearest market to buy and sell food. If the waters do not recede quickly, their rice fields fail, placing the family in financial danger.

CRS is helping the Singh family prepare for flooding with new farming techniques and tools. Megha grows vegetables in a kitchen garden, so her family has healthy meals even when she cannot visit the market. By planting vegetables in special sacks, she is able to raise the plants above flood lines, ensuring they have reliable access to nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to watch a video and learn more about India.

LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Ash Wednesday is forty-six days before Easter, but Lent is considered forty days long because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent. Fasting is considered inappropriate on Sunday, the day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.

Friday Lenten Prayer Offerings

On Friday evenings we are providing a variety of Prayer Opportunities; some traditional, some with a more contemporary feel. We invite you to join us to experience God’s invitation in a different manner each week.

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple Soup dinner on the Fridays in Lent (except March 17) in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 10 @ 7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross in Times of Conflict

During times of conflict our faith can be tested to the full. We share the desolation of people torn apart by suffering and wonder whether life is really stronger than death. Yet, Jesus walked through death to new life. We join together to trust in His word and look to the future with confidence that all shall be well.

March 17 @ 7:30 PM: Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

March 24 @ 7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross on the Path of Ecological Conversion

March 31 @ 7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross Against Violence

April 7 @ 7:30 PM: The Scriptural Way of the Cross w/ the Resurrection Choir & Friends

GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL: COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE Tuesday, March 21 @ 7:30 PM

We gather together because we are confident and grateful that God is merciful. We have this confidence because, in every age, God has shown his justice and his mercy. Lent is the time when the entire Church enters into the period of purification and enlightenment, as we journey along with our elect and catechumens preparing for the Easter Sacraments. You are invited and encouraged to join us and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare this Lent.

Last Opportunity for Individual Confession: Saturday, April 8 @ 3:30 PM

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ SUMMER @ CARONDELET IS BACK!

This year, we are offering a variety of co-ed middle and high school courses to help your children get an academic edge this summer. We also have programs specifically for girls, with our middle school sports clinics and a Girls Leadership program designed for 4th and 5th graders, which allows them to explore their leadership skills. Visit us at <http://www.CarondeletHS.org/summer> for more information about these exciting classes. We can't wait to see you this summer!

■ RETREAT -LIFE-SHIFT: WORK AND THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

On the weekend of March 10-12 at San Damiano Retreat Center there will be a retreat on managing changes: career, family, personal, spiritual. This retreat will be an opportunity to reflect on life and faith in a time of change. The presenters will be Dr. Tom Bachhuber, President of The Center for Life Transitions of Milwaukee, and Jim Briggs, former Executive Director of the School of Applied Theology in Berkeley. For more information and registration go to www.sandamiano.org or call San Damiano at (925) 837-9141.



Pray For
 Safety Of All Children

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 NORMA EVARISTO
 March 4 – March 10, 2017



■ DIABLO CHORAL ARTISTS

Diablo Choral Artists presents two concerts of choral music by Dvorák, Schubert and Bruckner, featuring Dvorák's beautiful "Mass in D Major." Mark Tuning, Music Director.

Performances:

- Friday, March 17, 8:00pm, WC United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave, Walnut Creek,
- Sunday, March 19, 3:00pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill.

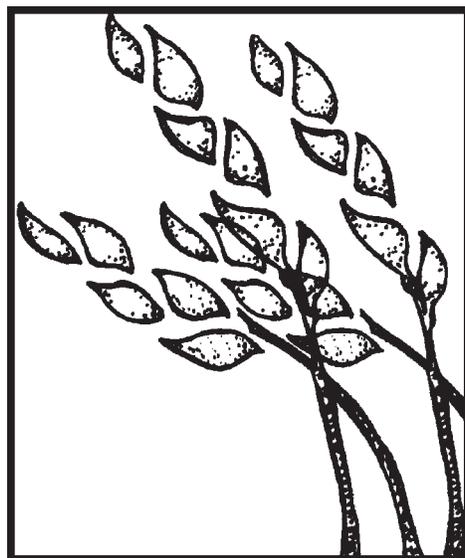
Details and ticket purchase on website: www.dcachorus.org, 925-680-7089, info@dcachorus.org. (Early adult & senior discount before 3/9)

■ JOIN US FOR PASTA DINNER NIGHTS

When: March 19, May 21, August 20, October 15, November 19, and December 17; 4:30pm – 6:30pm; San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr. Danville; \$15 (Adults); \$10 (Children 12 & under)

Menu: Spaghetti (with meat and vegetarian sauces), salad, garlic and French Bread, dessert and beverage

Purchase tickets: sandamiano.org
 ☎ (925) 837-9141



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SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 St. Bonaventure Community

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 7:30 Alfonso Family
 Jose Antonio Velasco
 Gualberto Estiva
 John Pryor
- 9:00 Mary Martinez
 Norma Evaristo
 Marcelino Domingo
 Juan Evaristo
- 11:00 Norma Evaristo
 Lita Diaz
 Fred Espaldon
 Kim Judge
- 5:00 Norma M. Evaristo & Family
 Fr. David Lawrence & Family
 Fr. Richard Mangini & Family
 Sr. Roberta Carson & Family

MONDAY, MARCH 6

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Derin Arac
 Digger Gouch
 Ben & Irene Marquez
 Alfredo Labro

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 6:30 Food Pantry Volunteers
- 9:00 Julia Alvarado

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers
- 9:00 Homeless families

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Dr. Eliuterio Acosta, Jr.
 Lily Gagan

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- 5:00 Luz de Guzman
 Eliseo Yanga
 Marcelino Domingo
 Guillermo Entredicho

■ LOS PREMIOS CASTORES DE PLATA 2017

Recientemente tuve el maravilloso placer de asistir a la **Cena Anual de Reconocimiento del Consejo Silverado de Mt. Diablo** de los Muchachos Exploradores donde fueron homenajeados 8 voluntarios laicos por sus años de servicio ejemplar al Consejo de Silverado.

El premio de Castores de Plata es un premio muy distinguido del Consejo Local de los Exploradores local de la organización. Los escogidos para este premio son exploradores registrados que han hecho un impacto en las vidas de jóvenes a través de su arduo trabajo, sacrificio, dedicación y muchos años de servicio.

Yo quiero reconocer a nuestro parroquiano **Greg Gamache**. Greg es un asesor de la tropa 444, fue Asistente del Director de Exploradores y Miembro del Comité de la tropa 444 y Presidente del Comité de la tropa 445.

Fue galardonado con Unidad Explorador del año, Premio al Mérito del Distrito y el Premio de St. Jorge y la lista continua.

En segundo lugar quiero reconocer al actual Director de Exploradores de la Tropa 444 y Presidente del Congreso de exploradores de 2017 para el Consejo Silverado de Mt. Diablo, **Craig Mizutani**. El es miembro de la iglesia Presbiteriana San Andres de Pleasant Hill.

Craig obtuvo su rango de Explorador Águila en 1985, Flecha de Luz y la orden de los miembros de la Hermandad de la Flecha. También fue honrado con el Premio de Merito del Distrito y se unió a la Sociedad de James E. West en 2012.

¡Felicitaciones Greg and Craig!

■ PAPA FRANCISCO ESCRIBE CARTA CUARESMAL A LOS CATOLICOS DEL MUNDO

La llamada de la Cuaresma y su objetivo es la **Conversión**, escribe el Papa “para volver a Dios con todo su corazón, (Job 2:12) se niegan a conformarse con mediocridad y crecer en amistad con el Señor.

La iglesia nuevamente nos ofrece las **antiguas prácticas de ayuno, oración y limosna**. El Papa escribe. En su base es más que una práctica ritual. La palabra de Dios es la base de todo, nosotros estamos invitados a escuchar y reflexionar más profundo.

Bueno, esto sería una práctica de Cuaresma muy buena, simple y el alma se enriquece espiritualmente. Es muy fácil sacrificar un chocolate que leer la palabra de Dios. ¿Por qué? Porque hay que hacer un compromiso de tiempo.

Sacrificar un chocolate, alcohol y sexo no nos lleva cerca de Dios. No bromeen con la Cuaresma. Es mejor no hacer nada que hacer algo que no tiene sentido.

Papa Francisco nos invita a leer despacio la historia del hombre rico y Lázaro (Lu 16: 19-31). La primera lección de aprender de la historia es que **la otra persona es un regalo**.

El nombre, Lázaro significa “Ayuda de Dios”.

El rico, no necesita nada de nadie incluyendo a Dios, él tiene todo y **no se fija que Lázaro es la persona que necesita ayuda**. El Papa escribe: “Lázaro nos enseña que otras personas son un regalo la relación correcta con la gente consiste en reconocer su valor”. ¿Hay personas que te fastidian en tu vida?

Incluso una persona pobre en la puerta de un rico no es una molestia, **pero para acabar la conversación y cambiar**. El Papa nos recuerda que **“cada vida que encontramos es un regalo que merece aceptación, respeto y amor...La palabra de Dios nos ayuda abrir nuestros ojos para acoger y amar la vida, especialmente cuando esta vulnerable y débil”**.

Una práctica muy sencilla de Cuaresma es ver la cara de Jesús en cada miembro de la familia. Nosotros necesitamos ver adentro de los ojos de cada uno. Los ojos son la lámpara de nuestro cuerpo, así lo escriben las escrituras. ¿Cómo nosotros vemos adentro de los ojos de alguien? Con oraciones para ellos pidiéndole a Dios que los bendiga y ame. ¿Es alguien fastidioso? ¿Es usted fastidioso? Tome el tiempo de la Cuaresma para hacerse una persona mas amorosa.

Ayude, Acompañe,

El segundo punto del Papa Francisco es que el **pecado nos ciega**. En el hombre rico el Papa escribe “nosotros podemos dar una hojeada a la **corrupción del pecado**, el cual progresa en tres etapas sucesivas: amor al dinero, vanidad y orgullo”.

Hasta la próxima semana, Empecemos a buscar adentro de nuestro corazón de corazones. ¿Qué profundo es nuestro interior? ¿Adónde esta mi alma? ¿Yo soy más que yo? ¿Adónde esta tu hombre rico?

■ VIENBENIDA A CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ QUE HABLA EN BENEFICIO DE LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO

Christina Hernandez hablo hoy en beneficio de la Campaña del Obispo del 2017. Christina es una empleada del centro administrativo de la Diócesis en el **Departamento de Formación de Fe y Evangelización**.

Christina trabaja como una persona de recursos de ayuda a las parroquias a desarrollar programas de pro-vida y pro-justicia en las 84 parroquias de la Diócesis Católica de Oakland (en los Condados de Alameda y Contra Costa.)

La meta de \$2.5 millones de dólares de la campaña es llenar la brecha presupuestaria anual en el presupuesto diocesano entre ingreso disponible y lo que realmente se necesita. **La meta del 2017 para la parroquia de San Buenaventura es de \$68,000**

Pido a los feligreses a hacer una promesa mensual así cada feligrés tendrá la capacidad para ayudar durante un tiempo más largo de 12 meses. También se aprecian donaciones hechas una vez. Recuerde que nuestro objetivo es \$68.000.

■ MISA DE JUBILO DE ORO MAYO 17, 2017, 5:30P.M.

Mayo 17, 2017 es el actual aniversario de mi Ordenación como sacerdote, e invito a mis queridos feligreses a celebrar la Eucaristía conmigo esa noche a las **5:30p.m.**

Sí, es en el medio de la semana, miércoles.

Escriba en su Calendario

FECHA	HORA	EVENTO	LUGAR
Miércoles, Mayo 17	5:30pm	Misa del 50th Aniversario de Ordenación	En la Iglesia
Sábado, Junio 10	6pm	Cena de la Comunidad Filipina Con y para el Padre Ricardo *Después de la Misa de 5pm	Salón Parroquial
Domingo, Junio 11	2pm	Celebración de la Comunidad Hispana *Después de la Misa de 12:45pm	Jardines de la Parroquia
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación Del Padre Ricardo	Concord Hilton
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia	Iglesia

El tema y el enfoque de la Misa de aniversario 50 es el sacerdocio de Jesucristo que comparto con mis compañeros sacerdotes diocesanos. Estoy invitándolos a la Misa también y anfitrión de una cena con ellos solamente después de la Misa. No habrá ninguna recepción general después de este evento.

Cardenal William Levada, Prefecto Emérito de la Congregación de Fe en el Vaticano predicará la Homilía. Durante la cena del clero después de la Misa, Padre George Crespin Canciller y Vicario General Emérito de la voluntad de la Diócesis de Oakland hablará de “La alegría de ser sacerdote después del Concilio Vaticano II.”

No es requerido hacer reservación para la Misa de Aniversario, todos están bienvenidos.

■ MARQUE SU CALENDARIO

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

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

■ CELEBRACION DEL 50TH ANIVERSARIO Y JUBILACION DEL PADRE RICARDO MANGINI: Sábado, Junio 17

Usted ha escuchado de la gran festividad que se llevara a cabo el sábado 17 de Junio y desea tener más detalles. Aquí están los detalles, el costo de la entrada es de \$75 por persona. El Cóctel se servirá a las 6:00p.m y la Cena a las 7:00p.m.

*Grupo de 10 personas que desean sentarse en la misma mesa, necesitan registrarse y comprar los tiquetes al mismo tiempo.

Donde: Hotel Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd, Concord, CA 94520.

Como y cuando puedo comprar los tiquetes? Se pueden comprar para este especial evento de la siguiente manera:

- Si desea comprar los tiquetes con tarjeta de crédito, puede hacerlo a través de “Faith Direct” en línea yendo a la página electrónica de San Buenaventura. www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents.

Este es el software en línea que utilizamos para nuestra parroquia. Le permitirá comprar boletos con tarjeta de crédito. Este es el único método que se podrá hacer con tarjeta de crédito. Incluso si usted no tiene una cuenta configurada como su método electrónico de donación a la parroquia puede aún comprar los boletos usando una tarjeta de crédito, en “Faith Direct” para este evento.

- Si usted prefiere pagar en efectivo o con cheque, esto lo podrá hacer en la oficina de la Iglesia durante las horas regulares de trabajo, también estarán disponibles después de las Misas del 23 de Abril y 21 de Mayo.

Para su comodidad, también antes de comprar los boletos usted puede llenar la forma en nuestra página electrónica: www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents.

Información necesaria para poder ordenar la compra de los boletos:

- Nombre de cada asistente
- Número de Teléfono
- Escoger un plato (Salmon, Pollo Caprese, Filet Mignon o Vegetariano)

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contactarse con Emily Molina al 925-963-3483

■ INFORMACION DEL DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Buenas noticias - la segunda y última prueba de nuestro directorio de la parroquia del 2016 está en manos de Lifetouch. Lifetouch hará su magia y producirá nuestro hermoso directorio con tapa dura. Les tomara 30 días para prepararlo, o sea que el tiempo estimado de envío será a principios de marzo. Con esa fecha en mente, nuestro plan es que la distribución será después de las Misas del fin de semana del 18/19 de marzo y 25/26 para las personas que se tomaron fotografías. Los directorios también estarán disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia durante las horas regulares. Para los feligreses que están interesados en la compra de un directorio, una cantidad limitada de directorios está disponible y el costo será de \$10.00.

Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en el Directorio Parroquial del 2016; el comité espera que este usted complacido con la edición. Especial gracias a nuestro comité y todos los ángeles que ayudaron ordenando las sesiones para tomas las fotografías-no lo podríamos haber hecho sin ellos.

