



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

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March 19, 2017 Third Sunday of Lent | 19 de marzo de 2017 Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

MASSSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLES

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

MASSSES 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

■ **ECUMENICAL TAIZE SERVICE**

Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm, Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church

Taize music comes from the Taize community in France. This community is an ecumenical monastery that began in WWII as a refuge for orphaned youth. Today it continues to be a place dedicated to creating places where Christians of all denominations can worship and celebrate God's love and amazing grace together. The service is mostly meditative chant (meaning the simple phrases are sung repeatedly) interspersed with quiet time to allow for personal prayer and reflection. All the words to Taize pieces are taken from scripture. And the service is celebrated with only candle-light to allow for a more contemplative space. Please join Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church to experience a time of singing, quiet and prayer. The church is located at 1578 Kirker Pass Rd.

■ **ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm, Oglesby-Close Hall at Concord United Methodist Church

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■ **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 Crespín, 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.

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **CELEBRATION OF FR. RICHARD MANGINI'S 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND RETIREMENT: Saturday, June 17, 2017**

So you have heard about the great festivities taking place on Saturday, June 17 and you want more details? Here they are:

Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.; tickets are \$75/person. You may also purchase tickets for a table of 10.*

**Individuals choosing to sit together at a table will be required to register at the same time to ensure requested seating accommodations. Sorry, no exceptions.*

Where: Hilton Hotel, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord

How and when may I purchase tickets?

One can now purchase ticket(s) for this wonderful event in the following ways:

- If you want to purchase your tickets by credit card, you may do so through "Faith Direct" by going to the St. Bonaventure website: www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents

This is the online giving software used by our parish. It will enable you to purchase tickets by using a credit card. (Credit card is the only method you can use to make a purchase.) Even if you do not already have

Mark Your Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday, May 17	5:30pm	50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass	Parish Church
Saturday, June 10	6pam	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

an account set up as your electronic method of contribution to the parish, you can still purchase tickets, using a credit card, at "Faith Direct" for this event.

- If you prefer to pay by Cash or Check, these purchases may take place in the church office during regular office hours.

Tickets will also be available after all Masses, April 23 to May 7 and May 21. For your convenience, you may access and complete the required registration form at St Bonaventure website: www.stbonaventure.net/celebrationevents

Necessary Information in order to purchase tickets:

- Name of each attendee
- Contact phone number
- Choice of one dinner entre (Pan Seared Salmon, Chicken Caprese, Filet Mignon, or Vegetarian.

Any questions please contact, Stephanie Pence, (925) 672-5016 or Marie Shockley, (925) 672-4129.

■ 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.

■ FAITH DIRECT: PARISH EGIVING

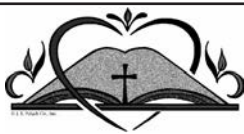


Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Bonaventure with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; PS 89:2-5, 27, 29;

ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22; **MT** 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A

TUESDAY: DN 3:25, 34-43; PS 25:4-5AB, 6, 7BC, 8-9; **MT** 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: DT 4:1, 5-9; PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; **MT** 5:17-19

THURSDAY: JER 7:23-28; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; LK 11:14-23

FRIDAY: HOS 14:2-10; PS 81:6C-11AB, 14, 17; MK 12:28-34

SATURDAY: IS 7:10-14, 8:10; PS 40:7-11; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38

SUNDAY: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23:1-6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



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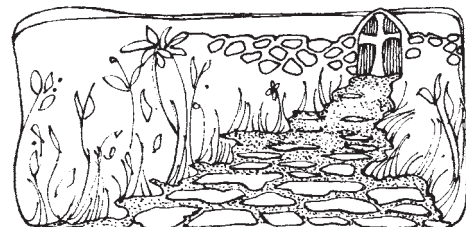
INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS

■ AN INVITATION TO SERVE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

You are invited to an informational hour presented by the St Bonaventure Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We seek your assistance helping people in our Parish area who need food, clothes, help with rent, help with utility bills, job search, and other needs. It is a rewarding and most fulfilling experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? Please come join us next Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30pm in Classroom A-2 to learn more. Contact Dan Gabe (408-5964), Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference President for more details

■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!

We need help at the 9AM Mass serving coffee and/ or juice and refilling food trays for the 11AM Mass. If you like to serve and at the same time meet our parishioners, this is the ministry for you. If interested, please call Stan 925-889-9229. Thank you.



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!*

■ CREW OPEN HOUSE

Come and experience Venture Crew 444's Open House.

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Room B5

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord.

Venturing is a coed program for youth 13 who have completed the 8th grade, or ages 14 to 21. For more information contact crew444@astound.net. You can also go to www.scouting.org/venturing.

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.

LIFE AND JUSTICE

■ ASH WEDNESDAY STATEMENT FROM CA BISHOPS ON IMMIGRATION

(Sacramento, CA) Today marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time when Christian people devote ourselves more intentionally to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in an earnest effort to reform our lives in the image of Jesus Christ. We use this occasion to call upon Catholics and all people of good will in California and throughout the United States to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable and excluded in our society. Urgent attention needs to be given to our neighbors who are migrants and refugees, especially those immigrants who are undocumented. They are being unjustly targeted and vilified.

We are deeply concerned about the possibility of widespread deportations that will break up families and break down our communities. Fear is now growing in our neighborhoods and schools. The work of businesses and farms is being disrupted. We seem to be turning away from our nation's long history of renewal and innovation inspired by successive generations of immigrants and refugees. We are a nation of immigrants. We have a long history of welcoming those fleeing violence in other countries. We should not turn our back on this proud legacy, especially in this current moment in our history.

As pastors, we witness firsthand every day the fear in our communities. We call upon the new Administration and Congress in Washington to do everything in their power to ease the climate of fear that is now gripping our communities. It is long past time for our leaders to stop allowing this issue to be used for political advantage and set themselves to the task of fixing our broken immigration system. The principles and priorities for immigration reform are well-known and they are reasonable. We urgently need reforms in our visa and guest worker programs. We need reforms that keep families together and recognize that those who are detained

already have the legal right of due process. We need to provide those who are here and contribute to our economy and society, but without documentation, an immediate path to regularize their status, with an eye to one day becoming citizens.

Some concrete measures are already under consideration. In Congress, the Federal BRIDGE Act, S.128/H.R. 496, for instance, will protect DACA students (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). In Sacramento, the California Values Act, SB 54, would protect the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to assist in deportations that would separate families. It would also do so by having the effect of reducing crime, since undocumented persons would not fear approaching a law enforcement office to report a crime. We support these proposals as well as other reasonable steps to address immigration in a compassionate, thoughtful manner, and we encourage our political leaders to find bi-partisan solutions.

The Catholic bishops of California and the United States support the federal government's obligation to protect our borders and to uphold our immigration laws. We also hold that these legal principles should always be at the service of human dignity and the common good of society. The current immigration system is gravely flawed. And because it is gravely flawed, the current push to increase enforcement and deportations — without first reforming the underlying system — can only lead to further violations of human rights and human dignity.

Just as the Church works to protect the life of the unborn and to support the unemployed, the homeless and the hungry, so we pledge our continued support to migration and refugee programs. Our parishes and social services, such as Catholic Charities, must remain in solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters.

We ask all people of faith to work with their neighbors to welcome and accompany those who are afraid and uncertain. We need to try to better understand and empathize with one another. Recognizing that we all share the same human hopes and desires will help us bravely respond to the anxious uncertainty in ourselves and the nation.

During this Lenten Season, we will hear the familiar refrain from Psalm 95, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." The Lord God always hears the cry of the poor. God is all merciful and we are judged by how we see, hear, and act in accordance with that mercy. May our fasting, penance, charity and solidarity help us to live as one people under God's merciful gaze.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

■ WHAT DOES SANCTUARY LOOK LIKE TODAY?

Pope Francis calls upon us to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are forced to leave their homes to survive the dangers they face. Come and join us to learn why we need sanctuary and understand the root causes of migration. Presented by Rev. Deborah Lee, Director of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and Suzanne Llewellyn, MDUUC on **Friday, March 31 at Christ the King Parish Hall** (199 Brandon Rd, Pleasant Hill) **7:30-9:00pm**.

■ 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.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ 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

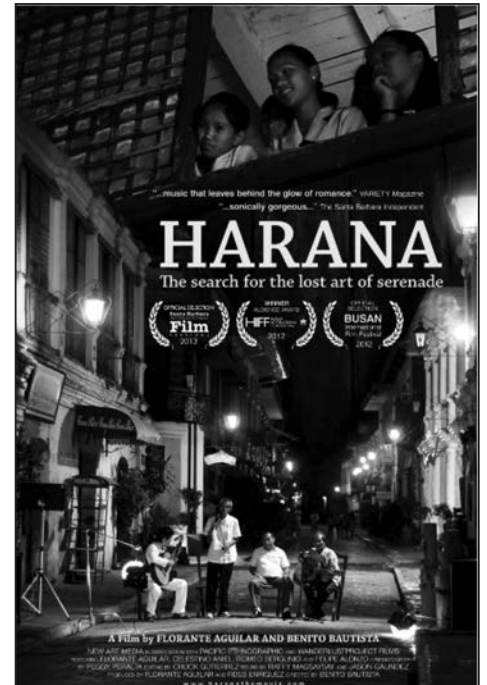
The dates are set for the annual family camping trip: **Sunday, August 6th through Sunday, August 13th**, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Lake Tahoe. The cost will be **\$130** for the week – same as last year. Plan your vacation week and come join us. Come for a few days or the entire week and relax with 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.

■ "HARANA", THE MOVIE (The Search for the Lost Art of Serenade); Saturday, April 22, 7:30pm

The Filipino-American Ministries of St. Bonaventure Catholic Community and St. Francis of Assisi Church proudly present "Harana."

At: St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord. Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 for ages 7-17; free for ages 6 & under. Ticket info: 925-207-1608, 925-682-5447, 925-585-2613

Net proceeds benefit St. Bonaventure & St. Francis of Assisi Church.



■ 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.

■ PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ CARONDELET'S 'NOTHING BUT NET'

Carondelet's newest event is Nothing but Net, a dad's night out for some March Madness fun. Join us on Friday, March 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. for an NCAA Sweet-16 viewing party and fundraiser at Artie's Sports Bar and Lounge, 2068 Treat Blvd., Walnut Creek. All of the proceeds from the event will benefit our championship athletics program. For tickets visit: www.carondeleth.org/annual-events/nothing-but-net

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■ CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Women invites you to join them at a Prayer Breakfast; April 1, 9:30-12:30, Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord

**Please note that we are returning to the Crowne Plaza!*

Please join us in welcoming **Sonja Corbitt** as our speaker! Sonia, the well-known talk show host of the Bible Study Evangelista, is a Southern girl with the gift of storytelling! She is also the best-selling author of *Unleashed* and many bible study materials that "give you a bite of spinach that tastes like cake"!

Bring your bibles and come join us as Sonja shares her message to "love and lift all you've been given."

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after March 25. Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.



People
Suffering From
Addictions

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR

JUANA CUENCO
 March 18 – March 24, 2017



Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 Marcelino Domingo
 Norma Evaristo
 Luz de Guzman
 Lillian Le

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
 9:00 Rachel Faires
 Ramon & Mary Martinez
 Juan Bondoc, Jr.
 Dodie Jones
 11:00 Bridget Farrell Morgan
 Angie Monson
 Brittney Gatt
 Gene Conroy
 5:00 Michael Devlin
 Neil Mitchell
 Maureen Singh
 Mike Folley & Family

MONDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 J.O. Nichols
 Imelda Medina
 Jo Ann Leiseiture
 Glenn Michael Skipper

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 St. Vincent de Paul families
 9:00 Mariyam Kunjipali
 Dakila Baltazar
 Emilio and Rodrigo Raymundo
 Conde Raymundo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

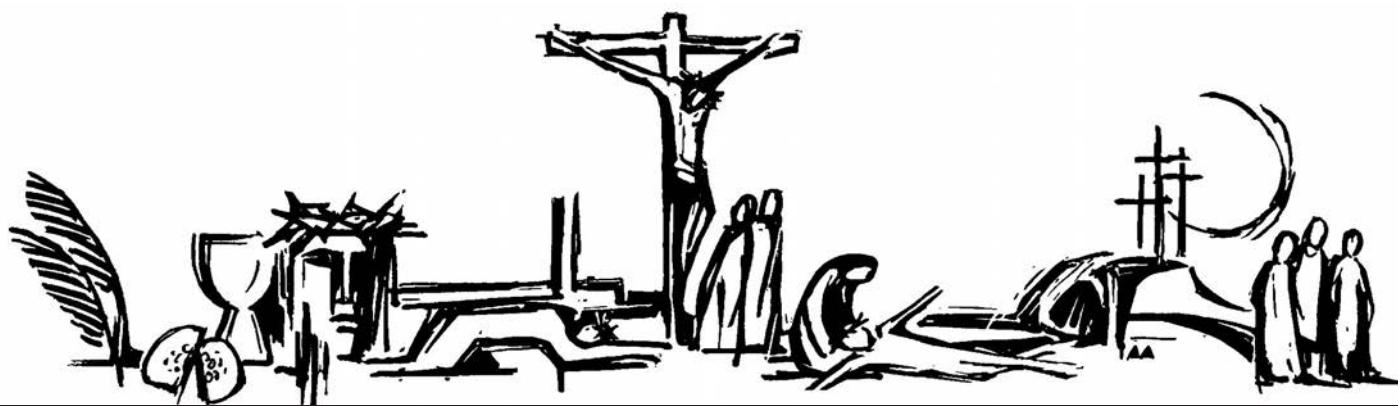
6:30 All priests & seminarians
 9:00 Bernardo Ganvo

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 Communion Service
 9:00 Piedad Fracasso & Family
 Juan R. Evaristo
 Norma Evaristo
 Lawrence Judge

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

5:00 Tom & Pat O'Brien
 Marcelino Domingo
 Coulter Claeys
 Norma Evaristo



The First *Scrutiny*



The Scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. Although those preparing for Baptism participate in the Scrutiny, the questions and prayers could apply to all of us. The first Scrutiny refers to the Gospel of the "Samaritan Woman at the Well" and will be celebrated at the 11:00am Mass this Sunday.

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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 19 Sunday
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.” Jn 4: 5-42

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. They talk, and to her astonishment and embarrassment, he reveals certain things about her life. She immediately runs to town to tell the people about this man. When his apostles want him to eat something, Jesus answers that he has his food in having done the will of the Father. He had redeemed the woman.

Redemption is for everyone. Jesus’s mission didn’t end with his earthly life. He still works for his father. He speaks to us in varied ways-maybe with a passage from the Scriptures, or through our spiritual directors. By whatever means, and especially through the sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus still continues his work. How blessed we are!



March 20 Monday
SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity

“Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.” 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a

The message of the Lord to Nathan to give to King David was full of promise. Among them, he would raise up his heir after him; he would make his kingdom firm. To Joseph, also, could be applied these promises. He was the adopted father of Jesus, but nonetheless he raised him as his own. When Joseph died, little did he know that his adopted son would establish a kingdom that would “stand firm forever.”

Joseph took upon himself a responsibility that not many other men would. Anyone can adopt a son as their own, but the Son of God? Is it any wonder that this man is the patron of the universal church? It is only fitting that he protects that which Jesus has founded. May all men look to Joseph and imitate his virtues!



March 21 Tuesday

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how many times must I forgive him?” Mt 18: 21-35

Peter’s question draws an answer from Jesus that for the people of his day wasn’t easy to deal with. Should Peter forgive his brother seven times? No. He should forgive him seventy-seven times. We can find this number in Genesis, at the conclusion of Chapter Four. What matters is that just as God is unlimited in forgiveness towards us, so must we be with our brothers.

We have to do some serious thinking here. We must forgive just as God forgives us. We say this every time we recite the Lord’s Prayer. But perhaps Jesus had another reason, too. When we are filled with non-forgiveness towards a person, our health pays the price. Is it worth it? Is it easy to forgive? No. But do we really have a choice?



March 22 Wednesday

“For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God...” Dt 4: 1, 5-9

In his discourses to the people, Moses exhorts, corrects, and sometimes threatens. Most of all, he reminds his people that they are the chosen of the Lord and as such they should obey, be loyal, and love the Lord. Because they are the chosen ones, their Lord is close to them. He reminds them that no other nation has this privilege.

We also are privileged because, just like Moses and the people of Israel, we have God. We may not see a pillar of cloud, the sign of God’s presence, as Moses and the people saw, but we have so much more. We have his Son Jesus, sent to us, to redeem us with his blood. Not only is our Lord present in a tabernacle, but he is present in us when we receive the Eucharist, no matter where we are. God cannot come any closer than that!

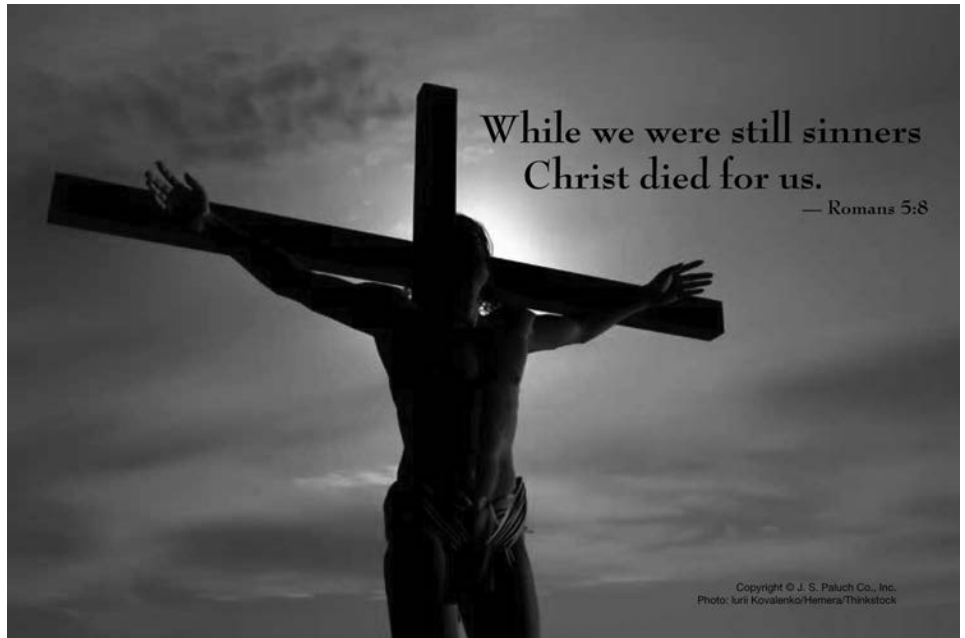


March 23 Thursday

“Faithfulness has disappeared; the word itself is banished from their speech.” Lk 11: 14-23

The Lord God gives a stinging message to Jeremiah, the prophet. We have only to read the entire passage. The people had turned away from God. Jeremiah was to call them back to him, but it was no easy thing to redirect their hearts. Not even the prophets before him were successful. Faithfulness had disappeared.

Faithfulness is a word that holds so much meaning and yet becomes nothing by our actions. More than ever at this moment, we have seen faithfulness disappear. Let alone in areas of our lives, but even in our leaders. Faithfulness is being true to what



While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

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makes a people great. Not in escalating arms, but in justice, protecting our elderly, protecting the unborn, not turning our backs on the marginalized because of their race, creed or sexual orientation. Faithfulness means protecting our planet, the beauty that God has created, not just for us but for future generations. Let us pray that faithfulness be restored. We are in sore need of it!



March 24 Friday

“Return, O Israel, to the Lord, your God;” Hos 14: 2-10

Hosea was believed to be a prophet or a priest; no one knows for sure. What is known was his marriage to an unfaithful woman. Between anger and tenderness, Hosea’s personal tragedy influenced his vocation to bring an unfaithful Israel back to her Lord.

The book of Hosea speaks of fidelity, of love even under the most painful circumstances. Maybe in reading this scripture passage, we too can learn from it. Our infidelity to God lies in our actions towards one another. As Christians, we are called to fight against everything that separates us from God’s love and that of our neighbor.



March 25 Saturday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” Lk 1: 26-38

Today we return to the Infancy Narrative where the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High God. Because of her “yes”, we have become partakers in eternal life. We have the gates of heaven open before us where before, because of man’s infidelity, they were closed. The reason for the incarnation and the birth of our Lord lies in these forty days of Lent.

Mary was a humble, young teenager in Nazareth. Her only desire was to be totally faithful to God, and for this, she was rewarded. Her reward opened the doors of salvation for everyone. This Lent, may we be more aware of this precious gift of salvation!

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



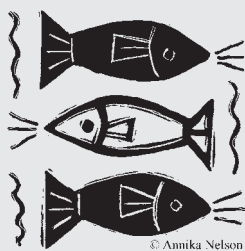
For more than 40 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been a Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Growing up, I remember the bowls that sat in the center of our kitchen table.

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 19-25 we **Encounter** Fernando from El Salvador. Fernando dreams of becoming a businessman. He also dreams of a better future for his family and this motivates him to sell cookbooks on San Salvador buses. It is dangerous work for \$10/day, as gangs frequently stop and harass drivers and passengers.

Fernando is a graduate of *YouthBuild*, a CRS sponsored program that trains young people in business. There, he found a positive community to help him pursue his passion, despite the challenges of life in El Salvador. Training for 6 months wasn’t easy on Fernando or his family. Without his wife’s support and care for their two young daughters, the early mornings and long days might have been impossible. “*YouthBuild* is a family because families help you realize your dreams,” Fernando says.

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.

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

Throughout his pontificate, Pope John Paul II consistently emphasized the gravity of the environmental crisis and the urgent need for the Church to respond to its moral and spiritual dimensions. This is also a clear concern of our current Holy Father, Pope Francis, as evident in his encyclical *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*. Pope John Paul II once said that “the penitential season of Lent offers a profound lesson to respect the environment.” It is in this spirit that we will present to you these Stations of the Cross.

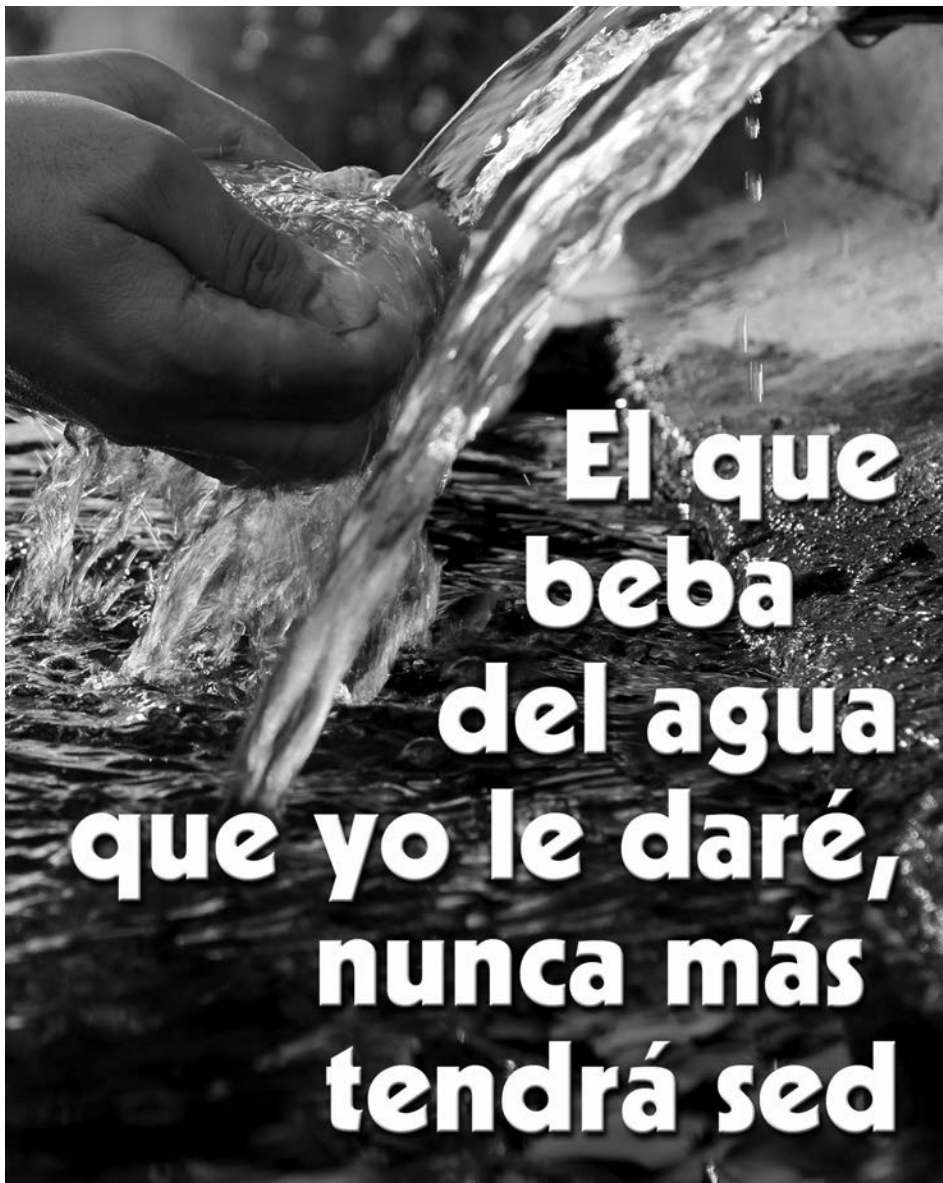
March 31 @ 7:30 PM: *Stations of the Cross Against Violence*

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 who are 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



¿Por qué? Porque ellos están siendo ofendidos con lenguaje negativo y son llamados criminales.

¿Por qué? La gente tiene miedo de ir de compras, salir de sus casas y cuando lo hacen encuentran empleados de (ICE) Departamento de Inmigración en el vecindario.

¿Por qué? Porque un niño no se concentra en la escuela por el miedo de que cuando regrese a casa sus padres no estén. La gente está refugiada en sus propias comunidades.

Las familias de los Inmigrantes han sido invitadas por medio de las escuelas y las parroquias a tres reuniones informales. Son tres reuniones de apoyo para que compartan las historias de lo que está pasando en sus vidas. Abogados de inmigración darán información acerca de sus derechos como inmigrante. Todas las escuelas del Distrito Unificado de Monte Diablo van hacer zonas seguras para los niños, no se permitirá que entren sin permiso personal del Departamento de Inmigración (ICE). Tampoco el Departamento de Policía participará en ninguna forma con ICE.

Los organizadores de estas reuniones desean expresar cuidado y solidaridad al ofrecer la información que ayudará a cualquier persona que se encuentre en ésta situación de inmigración.

Las reuniones serán así:

Martes, 28 de Marzo, 2017 de 6:30-8:00 pm, Cafetería-Cambridge Elementary School, 1135 Lacey Lane, Concord

Miercoles, 19 de Abril, 2017 de 6:30-8:00 pm, Cafetería-Meadow Home Elementary School, 1371 Detroit Ave., Concord

Habrà cuidado de niños de 4-10 años de edad. Las reuniones serán en español. El Distrito Escolar proveerá artefactos para traducir.

■ CONOCIENDO EL CAMINO DE DIOS

La misión de la Iglesia de San Buenaventura es dar a su comunidad el alimento de la palabra, Jesús dijo: *“Yo he venido a que tengan vida y vida en abundancia, porque Yo Soy el Camino, La Verdad y la Vida, nadie conoce al Padre sino aquel que ha bajado del cielo y también me conocen aquellos que mi Padre lo dé a conocer a través de mi Palabra.”* Los invitamos a que en esta Cuaresma reserven un tiempo los lunes a las 7:00 pm, para reflexionar sobre la necesidad que tiene nuestra alma del conocimiento y el amor de Dios. Meditando y aprendiendo el misterio de la venida de Cristo a la tierra. *“Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida”.*

Día: Lunes 20 y 27 de Marzo
Hora: 7:00 PM
Lugar: Iglesia de San Buenaventura.
Salón: B-1

■ LA CURESMA NOS LLAMA A QUE APOYEMOS A LOS INMIGRANTES DE CONCORD

Los Católicos Unidos por la Justicia. Un grupo católico representante de las seis parroquias de Concord, El Departamento de Policía, Caridades Católicas del Este de la Bahía y El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Monte Diablo están llamando a las familias del Condado de Contra Costa, especialmente a las personas que hablan español.

■ **PAPA FRANCISCO ESCRIBE UNA MISA DE JUBILO DE ORO: Mayo 17, 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.

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 Crespín 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

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 <i>*Después de la Misa de 5pm</i>	Salón Parroquial
Domingo, Junio 11	2pm	Celebración de la Comunidad Hispana <i>*Después de la Misa de 12:45pm</i>	Jardines de la Parroquia
Sábado, Junio 17	6pm	Cena de la Parroquia <i>Celebración de la Ordenación y Jubilación Del Padre Ricardo</i>	Concord Hilton
Sábado, Junio 24	4pm	Celebración Litúrgica y Recepción <i>Celebración con el Obispo Celebración del Aniversario de la Parroquia</i>	Iglesia

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 tickets al mismo tiempo.

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

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

- Si desea comprar los tickets 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.

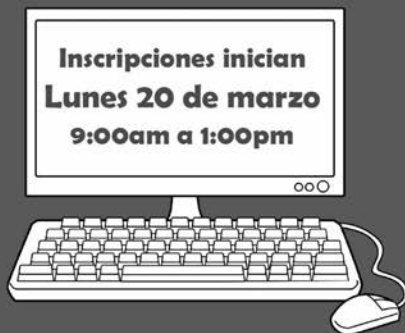
Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en el Directorio Parroquial del 2016; el comité espera que este usted complacido con la edición. Especial gracias a nuestro comité y todos los ángeles que ayudaron ordenando las sesiones para tomar las fotografías- no lo podríamos haber hecho sin ellos.



Si entre tus metas está...

- ⇒ Un nuevo empleo
- ⇒ Una promoción
- ⇒ Manejar mejor tu negocio

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CURSOS DE PRIMAVERA 2017

CURSO BÁSICO

Si tiene mínimo o nada de conocimiento, durante este curso de 10 semanas aprenderá conceptos básicos como navegar el internet, correo electrónico, uso de librería, copiar, pegar, teclear correctamente y mucho más.

lunes y viernes	9:00am a 11:00am	abril 3 a junio 9
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CURSO INTERMEDIO

Curso de 10 semanas con introducciones a Microsoft Office 2013. Aprende a crear tu presupuesto familiar usando Excel, documentos profesionales usando Word, presentaciones visuales en PowerPoint y volantes con tácticas profesionales en Publisher. Todas las bases necesarias para el próximo curso.

lunes y viernes	12:00pm a 2:00pm	abril 3 a junio 9
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PRE- AVANZADO

Gana confianza, habilidad y rapidez a través de este curso. Practicando todas las habilidades aprendidas en básico e intermedio. Es una intensa preparación para estudiantes interesados en nivel Avanzado.

jueves	12:00pm a 2:00pm	abril 13 a junio 1
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