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## *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amen I say to you,  
until heaven and  
earth pass away,  
not the smallest  
letter or the  
smallest part of  
a letter will pass  
from the law.

*Matthew 5:18*



**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

## Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am  
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Sign Language: 1st Sun, 11:00 am  
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

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Saturday, in the Church  
9:00 am & 3:45 pm  
6:15 pm in Spanish  
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# Sunday Readings

## The New Law

We may never have given any thought as to why Jesus gave these teachings on the side of a mountain, but the time and place matter if we are to truly understand how radical Jesus's message was in his time.

In first-century Israel, the hill country of Galilee was the hotbed of revolt. Revolutionaries and radicals sometimes went to this area to plot against Herod and the Romans, who were a hated occupying force. If you saw Jesus heading to the Mount, you might have assumed he was going to give a fiery speech against the Roman oppressors. If you had followed him, what you would have heard is not a "Down with Rome!" speech, but a set of teachings about how he came not to abolish the Law of the Old Testament, but to fulfill it.

Jesus's message was radical and revisionary, but not in the way people expected. Jesus didn't come to say that he would free us from the moral standards of the Old Testament Law, but instead he "ups the ante." For instance, adultery is condemned under the Old Law; Jesus says that even thinking lustful thoughts is sinful under the New Law. He refocuses attention, not on a series of commands written in stone, but rather on a law that is written in the hearts of humanity. His is a revolutionary teaching, not against an oppressive government but against our own hardness of heart.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls us to give more than we can ever imagine, but he also promises to give us the grace and ability to fulfill that call.

## First Reading

**God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).**

The attainment of wisdom is Sirach's primary theme in this passage. The first step toward wisdom is to fear the Lord, that is, to reject sin. This passage addresses the freedom we have to adhere to that law of God which leads to true wisdom—or not. We're free to choose, but Sirach makes it clear that the choice isn't equally weighted on both sides. You might say that we're free to choose but not free to sin.

Our choice isn't an arbitrary one in which good or evil are merely neutral alternatives. Obedience to the law leads to life, and disobedience to death. Righteousness conforms to our nature, made by the all-wise God, and lawlessness causes our very nature to decay. We may be free to choose to sin, but our freedom isn't a permission to sin, as is sometimes thought today. Sirach says that freedom is only ennobling when it's exercised in pursuit of wisdom through adherence to the Law of the Covenant. The gift of freedom can't be understood apart from the Giver. Sin is exactly a violation of our freedom because it leads to the ultimate slavery—death. Our ability to choose to sin should never be misunderstood to be a "freedom to sin."

# and Meditation

## Second Reading

**God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).**

We can only imagine the flame that the realization of God's plan in Christ sparked in St. Paul. He entirely poured himself out in the service of the Gospel. We can see a glimpse of Paul's goal in the description of the Beatific Vision of Heaven he gives us: "Eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart what God has prepared for those who love him." It's somehow fitting that the mysterious plan of God should have a mysterious goal.

As we begin to draw back the curtain on the Christian mystery by our participation in the liturgy, the reading of Scripture, private prayer, and works of mercy, we find that as the mystery of Christ's life begins to take shape in our souls, the mysterious life of Heaven begins to sprout there, too. It's out of this kind of experience that St. Paul speaks in this passage. Owing to his direct participation in the plan of God, the mystery of Christ wasn't merely a

goal, but the a wisdom that Paul carried around with him. He drew from this inner wellspring when he shared the revelation of the mysterious plan of God that we call the Gospel.

## Gospel

**Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).**

Matthew shows us that Jesus understood himself to be an important instrument in God's plan for the future of Israel and the Gentiles as well. In this passage, Jesus explains that his intention isn't to abolish all that has preceded him in God's revelation to the Jewish people, particularly the laws given through Moses. Rather, he has "come not to abolish, but to fulfill" Jesus's position on the Law is perfectly in concert with both his divine nature and his human nature. He will fulfill, not abolish, all that has gone before.

He shows us just what he means by giving a list of particular references to murder, adultery, divorce, and false witness. In each case, with one

exception, he doesn't abolish what went before. On the contrary, he strengthens the requirement, placing a deeper obligation on the Christian disciple than the Mosaic Law had done on the Jew. We see Jesus not only acting as the new Moses, but correcting Moses and speaking on behalf of God's original design. In Matthew, Jesus isn't merely a new Moses but the God who spoke to Moses. It's in this capacity that he fulfills the Law by calling the disciple, not merely to obedience, but also to a deeper, more obedient love.

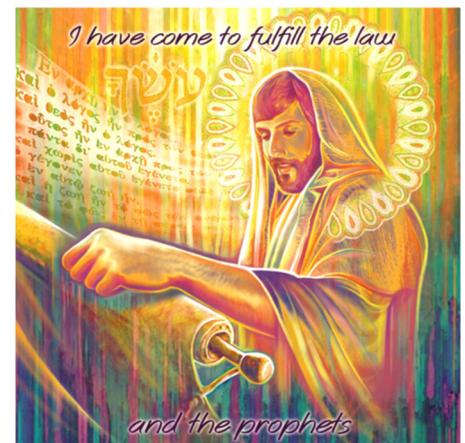
## Meditation

Jesus says, "Therefore, if you bring your gift to that altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." What goes through your mind when you hear these words? Is there someone with whom you need to reconcile? Is there something you need to do to make amends? Let Jesus bring to mind what it is he would have you do.

## DIGGING DEEPER: The Contents of the Law

The Old Testament Law is found in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It includes the Ten Commandments, moral and social laws, food laws, purity laws, feasts, offerings, priestly instructions, and other ceremonial laws.

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# Prayers & Devotion

## Prayer to Learn Obedience

Jesus, almighty King of Kings, you who obeyed your Father to the end, teach me the meaning of obedience.

My soul burns to comply to your will, striving to obey your law. While my spirit seeks to follow your way, my worldly nature another.

Bless me with the strength to obey, to always obey you until my last breath.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving!

**Newly baptized:** Georgina

**Newly married:** Scott & Cynthia

**New parishioners:** Luis & Samantha  
Allan & Marian, Carl & Holly, Eric & Loremae

## Mary, Our Model in Prayer

All praise and glory are yours, almighty Father:

You have given us your Son Jesus to save us from sin.

We praise you for choosing Mary to be his mother,  
for teaching her to believe your message,  
for helping her to accept your holy will.

Strengthen us by your Spirit to be like Mary:  
to ponder your word in our hearts,  
to obey your will,  
to love your Son,  
to sing your praises every day.

Father,  
we praise you through Jesus Christ Your Son  
in the love of your Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Rite of Sending for Adult Confirmation Candidates

This weekend at the 5:00 p.m. Mass we celebrate the Rite of Sending with our Adult Confirmation candidates. Please keep in your prayer Annette Mayne, Diana Valdovinos, Le Sousa, Manuel DeRivera, Matthew Perez, and Uriel Haro. We send them with our prayers and blessings to the Cathedral of Christ the Light to be anointed with Sacred Chrism and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, will confer the sacrament on them next Saturday.

## Special Intentions

For the repose of the souls of Maria Angelica Barnett, Marie Candaux, Roberto Gonzalez Pedro P. Ledezma

**4 REASONS TO PRAY THE ROSARY**

**IT'S BIBLICAL**  
The Rosary contemplates the great mysteries of the Christian Faith; each mystery has its source in the Holy Scriptures.

**IT HELPS US BE HOLIER**  
This prayer has been a great help to many in their path to holiness when prayed with devotion.

**THE VIRGIN HAS ASKED US TO**  
In several Marian apparitions (as Fatima), our Mother has asked us to pray the Rosary for the world's salvation.

**IT WEAKENS THE DEVIL**  
The Rosary has the effect of weakening the action of the devil in the world and in our lives.

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# Reminders



## Lifting Up Hands in Prayer at Mass is a Prayer Position Reserved Only for the Priest

Anytime the priest celebrating Mass offers prayers on behalf of the faithful, he uses the Orans Posture—extending his hands upward. This posture is reserved for the celebrant only. Deacons, priests concelebrating Mass and the laity are not to use this posture.

**The laity should not lift up hands during the Our Father, along with responding “And with your Spirit” or at any other time during the Mass.**

In 1997, Pope John Paul II delivered instructions “On Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the

Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priest: Practical Provisions” and said:

“In eucharistic celebrations deacons and non-ordained members of the faithful may not pronounce prayers — e.g. especially the eucharistic prayer, with its concluding doxology — or any other parts of the liturgy reserved to the celebrant priest. **Neither may deacons or non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the same priest celebrant.** It is a grave abuse for any member of the non-ordained faithful

to “quasi preside” at the Mass while leaving only that minimal participation to the priest which is necessary to secure validity.”

The habit of lifting up our hands during Mass may take a while to break. We are urged to be a pastoral model for others by holding our hands together in prayer during the Our Father.

## Fast from Food and Drink for One Hour Before Receiving Communion

*“One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.”* Code of Canon Law 919

The period of fast before receiving Holy Communion is reduced to “approximately one quarter of an hour” for those who are sick at home or at a medical facility, those elderly confined to home or a nursing home, and those who care for these people and who are unable conveniently to observe the fast (“*Immense Caritatis*,” 1973).

### WAYS to PARTICIPATE at MASS

- 1 Arrive early**  
It helps us prepare our hearts for the Eucharist
- 2 Turn off your cell phone**  
The only one we should be talking to is God
- 3 Pray and sing along**  
Keep a spirit of prayer during the ceremony
- 4 Pay attention to what is said**  
Listen to the readings and everything the priest says
- 5 Receive Communion with devotion**  
It is important that we pray before and after we receive Christ
- 6 Give thanks afterwards**  
After the final blessing, give thanks to God

“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE” (JN 6: 35) CatholicLink

# This Week

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 2/11

8:30am Thomas McMahon  
5:00pm Tim Sturdevant and  
Jerry Kennedy †  
7:00 pm Margarito Guzman †  
Salvador Guzman †

### Sunday 2/12

6:45am Thomas McMahon  
8:00am Pearlity & Earlinn Dixon †  
9:30am Harry & Steven Kraft †  
11:00am Angel Alpas †  
12:30pm Mass for Our Parish  
6:00 pm Jesusita Borromeo †

### Monday 2/13

7:00am Gene Dove and  
Jeff Tishner †  
8:30am Thomas McMahon

### Tuesday 2/14

7:00am Mary Ann O'Reilly †  
8:30am Marilyn McLaughlin

### Wednesday 2/15

7:00am Rae Winslow  
Asunita Greman  
& Justiliano Gonsales †  
8:30am Mclain Maher †  
7:00pm Shun Suk Bang †  
and Silva †

### Thursday 2/16

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory  
8:30 am Jerry & Violet Stratman  
and Isabel Borromeo †

### Friday 2/17

7:00am Harry & Marie McVey  
8:30am Mary Wilcox †

### Saturday 2/18

8:30am Larry Fauque  
5:00pm Lourdes Kay  
and Peter Hnatow †  
7:00 pm Maria Sandoval †

### Monday

Bilingual Mass of Remembrance  
at 7:00 pm at St Charles

### Wednesday

Confession at 2:30 pm in the  
Convent Chapel

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### Thursday

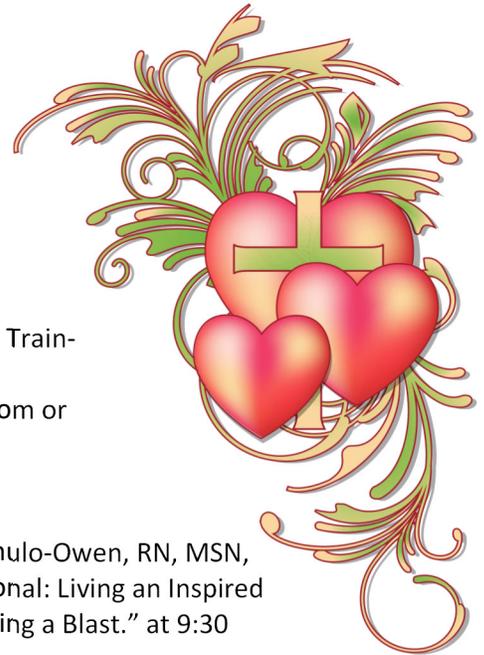
WINGS guest speaker Maria Gamulo-Owen, RN, MSN,  
FNP, to talk on "Holy InSPIRITational: Living an Inspired  
Life with the Holy Spirit, and Having a Blast." at 9:30  
am at St Charles

### Saturday

Confession at 9:00 am and 3:45 pm in English, 6:15 pm in Spanish

Mission in El Salvador Fundraising Dinner at 6:30 pm at St Francis of  
Assisi in Concord. Contact Edwin Henriquez 650-279-5175

***Come celebrate Mass Monday-Friday at 7:00 am or 8:30 am and  
Saturday at 8:30 am***



## Readings and Special Observations

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day;  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites  
Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary  
Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

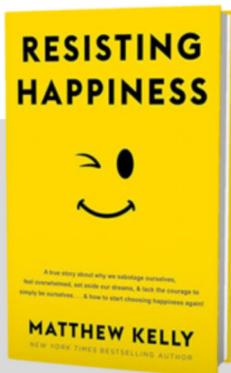
# Upcoming Events

## Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest Sat, Feb 18 at 9am-3pm St Augustine's Hall

Come help make simple dresses for girls in developing countries. We need help with sewing, ironing, cutting. We also need donations of cheerful cotton fabric. Stay for an hour or all day. We're meeting at St. Augustine's Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave. Pleasanton. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

## Charismatic Healing Mass Sun, Feb 19 3:00 - 5:30 pm

The theme of this entire mass is healing, from the celebrant to the musicians to the participants to the prayer teams. At this Mass we will provide trained people to pray for your individual needs. Join us in the church at St Michael's.



## Parish Wide Lenten Study Begins March 1

At all Masses and Ash Services on Ash Wednesday, you will receive a special gift: **Resisting Happiness** by Matthew Kelly. (One book per family, please.)

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## Consecration to Jesus through Mary Mon, Feb 20

Join us as we prepare our hearts for Consecration to Jesus through Mary. From the writings of St. Louis de Montfort, we recite simple prayers for 33 days (Feb. 20-Mar. 24) and conclude with a communal Consecration on March 25—Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Contact Jon Hamilton at [IHNmotors@gmail.com](mailto:IHNmotors@gmail.com) or Pam Hamilton at [pacatham@gmail.com](mailto:pacatham@gmail.com)

## Golden Friends Prayer and Lunch Fri, Feb 24 at 10:30 Rock House Grill

Come for an afternoon of prayer and lunch. Suggested donation is \$12 per person. Please RSVP no later than Wed. Feb. 22 at noon to Wilma at [wilma.matuska@gmail.com](mailto:wilma.matuska@gmail.com). Com or 925-447-8198.

## Adoration Sign Up Weekend Feb 25-26 & March 4-5

A perfect Lenten practice is to sign up for a regular hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Sign up at Mass on the weekends of Feb 25-26 and March 4-5

## 58th Annual Wine Tasting Gala & Auction! Saturday, February 25th



Come to St Michael School's biggest fundraising gala at Robert Livermore Community Center on Feb 25. Purchase tickets online at [www.smsliv.org](http://www.smsliv.org) or at St. Michael School or parish offices. Contact: Vanessa Gallo at 925-963-7958

## Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 1

The penitential season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

Mass with ashes at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am (School), 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Service with ashes only (no mass) at 12:15 pm and 3:15 pm



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# Noticias Parroquiales

## Misa del Recuerdo en St. Charles Borromeo 13 de Febrero

Nos reuniremos a recordar nuestros amados difuntos a las 7:00 p.m. Nuestra Misa bilingüe nos da la oportunidad de traer fotos de nuestros seres amados difuntos y ponerlos junto al altar durante la Misa. Es un Ritual para recordar. Nos da la oportunidad venir hacia delante con una rosa (será dada), encender una vela, y si lo desean, hablar sobre la persona que recuerdan.

Esta misa trimestral esta ofrecida por medio del ministerio de Apoyo del Dolor de San Michael y St. Charles. Todos son bienvenidos.

## Levantar Manos en Oración en la Misa está Reservado Sólo para el Sacerdote

Cada vez que el sacerdote celebra la misa ofrece oraciones en nombre de los fieles, usa la postura de Orán extendiendo sus manos hacia arriba. Esta postura está reservada para el celebrante solamente. Los diáconos, los sacerdotes concelebrando la misa y los laicos no deben usar esta postura.

**Los laicos no deben levantar las manos durante el Padre Nuestro, junto con responder "Y con tu Es-**

## Ayunar Una Hora Antes de Recibir la Comunión

"Quien debe recibir la Santísima Eucaristía es abstenerse de cualquier alimento o bebida, con excepción del agua y la medicina, por lo menos el período de una hora antes de la Sagrada Comunión". Código de Derecho Canónico 707

## Consagración a Jesús a través de María 20 de Febrero

Únanse a nosotros mientras preparamos nuestros corazones para la consagración a Jesús a través de María. De los escritos de San Luis de Montfort recitamos oraciones sencillas por 33 días (del 20 de febrero al 24 de marzo) y concluimos con una Consagración comunal el 25 de marzo, Fiesta de la Anunciación del SEÑOR. Excelente ejercicio cuaresmal. Póngase en contacto con Jon Hamilton en IHNmotors@gmail.com o Pam Hamilton en p-catham@gmail.com

**píritu" o en cualquier otro momento durante la Misa.**

El hábito de levantar las manos durante la misa puede tomar un tiempo para romper. Se nos insta a ser un modelo pastoral para los demás al unir nuestras manos en oración durante el Padre Nuestro.



## Retiro Juvenil 18 de Marzo en Convento de Iglesia

Todos los jovenes entre las edades de 16 a 25 años estan invitados a vivir el retiro juvenil que se llevara acaba en nuestra iglesia. El encuentro comenzara a las 8 de la mañana y terminara con misa de 7pm. Los Esperamos!

Mas información llamar o mandar mensaje de texto a Brenda 1(510) 691-2864

## Retiro de Servidores 24 a 26 de Marzo

Todos los servidores de nuestra parroquia de San Miguel están cordialmente invitados a asistir a nuestro retiro de servidores. Este comenzara el viernes 24 de marzo en misa de sanción a las 7pm. El sábado, segundo día comenzara a las 8am y terminara en misa de 7pm. Por ultimo el tercer día, domingo comenzara a las 8am y terminara con misa de 12:30. Los esperamos!



cuidan de estas personas y Que no pueden observar convenientemente el ayuno ("Immensae Caritatis", 1973).



# La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como mission celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discipulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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## 12 de febrero de 2017 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### ESCONDIENDONOS DE NOSOTROS MISMOS

En el Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús parece que es muy duro con las personas religiosas. En el Sermón de la Montaña (capítulos 5 al 7), Jesús frecuentemente habla a las personas que conocen la Ley de Moisés, y aquellos que tienen alguna posición de autoridad en la comunidad judía. ¡Jesús los confrontaba! En el Evangelio de hoy, cuando él interpreta específicamente algunas partes de la Ley, él relaciona la Ley con lo más profundo del corazón de la persona. Él desafía a quienes lo están escuchando y a nosotros, a ver aquello que escondemos de nosotros mismos.

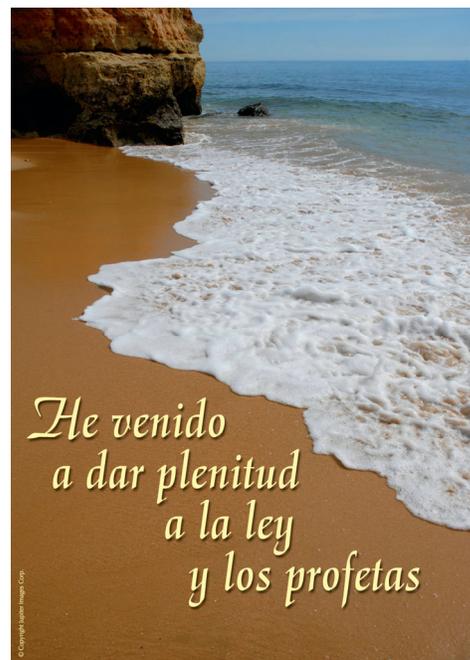
Si no somos diligentes, podemos usar un sistema de ética o de ley religiosa para asegurarnos y asegurar a los demás que estamos moralmente en lo correcto. Cuando esto pasa, podemos pensar que no hay necesidad para nosotros de reflexionar o cambiar y no tenemos necesidad de

perdón. Jesús nos recuerda que podemos algunas veces usar a la religión para distraernos de nuestras dificultades, nuestra meditación y del arrepentimiento.

### LA VIDA EN EL REINO DE DIOS

Cuando Jesús desafiaba a sus oyentes en el Evangelio de hoy, él no busca humillarlos o atraparlos en la culpa o la vergüenza. Sus desafíos son parte de su basto mensaje de la gracia de Dios. Jesús está describiendo la vida en el reino de Dios, el cual está en el corazón de sus enseñanzas y ministerio. Él está describiendo a quienes ahí prosperan: las personas que buscan la reconciliación, quienes respetan tanto a las mujeres y a los hombres, y a quienes hablan con la verdad.

Estos son los pobres, desamparados, los de corazón puro y misericordioso, así como ya lo describió en la Beatitudes. Ellos están consientes de sus faltas, pero también saben que Dios está con ellos, alentándolos y



guiándolos. Ellos pueden perdonar a los demás por que ellos ya han sido perdonados. Ellos continuamente se esfuerzan en escuchar a Dios en la oración. Ellos pueden vivir con un corazón abierto y vivir con confianza en Dios. Así como aquellos que escuchan hoy a Jesús, se nos llama a vivir de la misma manera.



Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia.

Si estan interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864