



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARROQUIA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

APRIL 15, 2018

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**VISION**

Saint Francis of Assisi is a welcoming, intergenerational and multi-cultural Catholic community which embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ to foster Spiritual growth.

**MISSION**

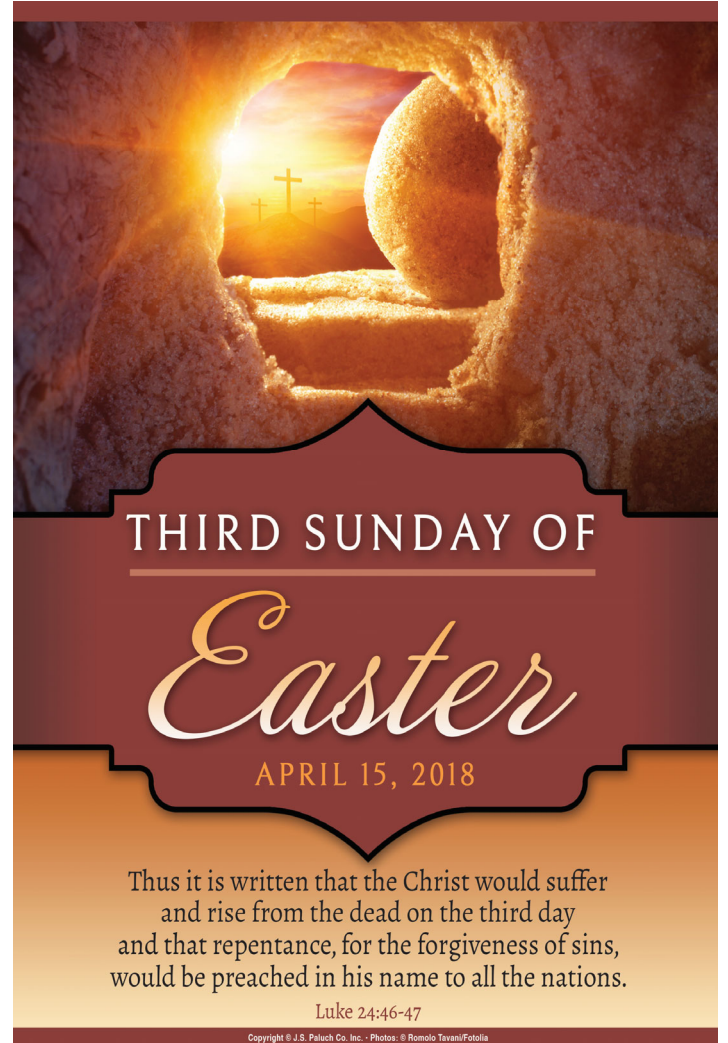
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

**LA VISIÓN**

La parroquia de St. Francis es una comunidad católica acogedora, intergeneracional, y multicultural. Toma a pecho las enseñanzas de Jesucristo para promover el crecimiento espiritual.

**LA MISIÓN**

La misión de La Iglesia de St. Francis es de desarrollar una parroquia acogedora y dinámica. Por medio de las asambleas litúrgicas, la formación de la Fe, y las gracias del Espíritu Santo, nosotros con confianza vivimos el mensaje de Evangelio en servicio a la comunidad y a la Diócesis de Oakland.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez  
*Pastor*

The Rev. Rafal Duda  
*Parochial Vicar*

The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares  
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook  
*Deacons/Diáconos*

**ADDRESS/ DIRECCION**

860 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94518  
Telephone (925) 682-5447 • Fax (925) 682-5491

**OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA**

Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
[www.sfaconcord.com](http://www.sfaconcord.com)



*Everything written  
about me  
must be fulfilled*

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:30PM (English), 7:30PM (Portuguese)

**Sunday (Domingo)**

**English** 7:00AM; 10:00AM; **Spanish** 8:00AM; 1:00PM;  
11:30AM; 5:30PM 7:00PM

**Daily Mass**

8:30AM Mon—Sat (English)  
Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

**Reconciliation/Reconciliación**

**Tuesday (Martes)** 6:00PM to 7:00PM (Español)  
**Saturdays (Sábados)** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Sacrament of the Sick/Unción de Enfermos**  
**Holy Anointing/Prayers and Pastoral Care for the Sick.**  
Call/Llamar (925) 682-5447

**Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística**  
**Mondays (Lunes)** 7:30-8:30PM in the Chapel/Capilla

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**  
**Monday to Friday, after the 8:30AM Mass.**

**St. Vincent de Paul/San Vicente de Paul**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Fridays** 9:30AM –11:30AM  
For those who need food or assistance/*Para aquellos que  
necesiten comida o asistencia*  
(925) 682-5811

**St. Francis of Assisi School**  
866 Oak Grove Rd., Concord CA 94518  
Phone:(925) 682-5414 FAX (925) 682-5480

**The Annual Bishop's Appeal has begun– The Theme this year is "Lighting the Way". This helps support vital diocesan ministries and services provided by the Bishop's Appeal. Consider a gift or pledge proportional to your means. Your gift does make a difference!**

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**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have their May Crowning of Mary following the 8:30am mass on Sat. May 5th in JPll Center.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 15, 2018**

You alone, O LORD,  
bring security to my dwelling.

• *Psalm 4:9*

**Tercer Domingo de Pascua**

**15 de abril de 2018**

Sólo tú, Señor,  
eres mi tranquilidad.

— *Salmo 4:9*

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 14th, 2018 (Vigil)  
5:30PM- + John David Bernard  
Sun. APRIL 15th, 2018—3rd Sunday Easter  
7:00 am + Clarence Dutra  
**8:00AM + Dolores Martinez**  
10:00AM + Erlinda E. de La Cruz  
11:30AM + Lee Dulac  
**1:00pm Int. Esp.– Merith & Luis Herrera Jr.**  
5:30PM + Beatriz Lounsbury  
**7:00PM + Teresa Avalos**  
Monday, APRIL 16th., 2018  
8:30am + Renato Miyamoto  
Tuesday, APRIL 17th, 2018  
8:30am + Rodel Reyes  
**7:00PM + Gregorio Pelcastre**  
Wednesday, APRIL 18th, 2018  
8:30am + Salvatore & Vincent Consul  
Thursday, APRIL 19th, 2018  
8:30am Parishioners of St. Francis  
Friday, APRIL 20th, 2018  
8:30am + Francis de la Reza  
Saturday, APRIL 21st, 2018  
8:30AM + Rosalio H. Remo  
Sat., Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- + Connie Israel  
Sunday, APRIL 22nd, 2018– 4th Sunday of Easter  
7:00am + Margaret Soares  
**8:00 AM + Rafael Alvarez**  
10:00am + Thomas E. Conley  
11:30AM + Lee Dulac  
**1:00PM + Garriela Cantu**  
5:30pm Sp. Int.– David Fabillaran  
**7:00PM + Ana Gabriela Galindo Nunez**

NO EVENING MASSES

**Bold masses in Spanish**

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**ATTENTION– Invitation for Altar Servers– Sat. May 12 at 12 Noon!!**

*Did you ever watch the young people on the altar assisting at Mass and think you would like to do the very same thing?*

*What is stopping you? The only qualification is that you have received your First Communion. You do not need to be a student at St. Francis School.*

*Come to a training session on May 12 and be ready to take your place assisting the priest and deacon at Mass.*

*Call the Parish Office (925.682.5447) with your name, home telephone number, and an email address we can use to send out the monthly schedule. We should finish by 2:30 and will have pizza. We'll see you then!*

## YOUTH GROUPS

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, **Apr. 15th** from 3- 6:30pm in Church  
Sunday, **May 6th** from 3-6:30pm in JPll Center

### TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Teen Mass is the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30pm  
Sunday, **Apr. 15th**— Potluck Dinner and Games in JPll

### Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Group for Gr. 7th –12th meets on  
Monday Nights from 7-9PM in the Gym and Y/R.

### Teen Sacraments of First Rec. and First Communion for all 7th –12 Graders:

**Year I** —Meets Tues.— 4-5:30pm in the POC  
**Year II** —Meets Wed. — 4-5:30pm in the POC

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES—

Every **Sunday** from 8 –10am and 1-3pm  
Help K of C distribute food outside the JPll Center.

If you have any questions, you can contact our Youth Minister & Teen Sacrament Coordinator, Kathy De Lemos at her direct line (925) 375-1057 ior office (925) 682-5447 Ext 29, or at [Youth@SFAconcord.org](mailto:Youth@SFAconcord.org).

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BIRTHRIGHT of Concord Pregnancy Support Center would like to invite you to our “Spring into Action” Luncheon on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at The Clubhouse Ballroom at beautiful Boundary Oak Golf Course, 3800 Valley Vista Rd., Walnut Creek. Guest speaker will be Clare Caputi, an inspiring young leader, formerly President of Students for Life at UNLV. She is currently a Co-Coordinator for Gabriel Project. Cost is \$40 per person. Menu choices available when making reservations thru contacting Pat or Libby at Office at 925-789-7227 or on-line at [birthrightlunch2018.eventbrite.com](http://birthrightlunch2018.eventbrite.com)

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### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ’s dying and rising in an inspiring way.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Summer @Carondelet:** *Whether your child is looking for educational, enrichment or sports programs this summer, Carondelet High School has it all!! Our co-ed programs for students age 7-17 include: Middle School classes; High School Advancement and Remediation; Sports Clinics for Girls; iD Tech Courses; and a Girls Leadership camp. Visit: [www.CarondeletHS.org/Summer](http://www.CarondeletHS.org/Summer) for more details and to register today!*

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Community Outreach Staff from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland will be here on Saturday April 21 and Sunday, April 22 at all masses to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic funeral & Cemetery Services.

After each Mass, there will be a short presentation along with a question and answer sesión in the Hospitality Room. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

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**“Come Together” Free Thanksgiving Luncheon Committee.** *It is time to start planning for the St. Francis of Assisi’s annual Free Thanksgiving Luncheon. This event serves the St. Francis of Assisi family and reaches out to the local homeless community. Our first meeting will take place in late April. If you would like to be involved in the planning of the wonderful event, please call Janice at (510) 853-9458 or Vicky at (925) 285-2458.*

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## **PARISH FINANCE REPORT**

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Coll: April 8th	\$ 10,876.
Faith Direct e-giving: April 4th	\$ 3,980.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,856.</b>

**YTD Shortfall (\$11,872.)**

**JAN– MARCH -EXPENSES: : \$315,807.**

**Reminder: The Parish now needs \$16,000 each week just to meet expenses. Thank you to all who use envelopes and Faith Direct Contributions.**

### **PARISH OFFICE NOTICE**

ATTENTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EVERY TUESDAYS FROM 11AM TO 1:00PM. THIS IS TO ALLOW THE STAFF TO HOLDING MEETINGS AND THEIR PRAYER GROUPS AT A SET TIME AND DATE EACH WEEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

## BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, will offer summer sports and academic programs for grades 6 to 9 from June 18 through July 14. Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Flag Football, and Strength & Conditioning, as well as Math and English enrichment (grades 6, 7, and 8 only) are offered. Registration is now open on the Summer School link on Saint Mary's web site at [www.saintmaryschs.org](http://www.saintmaryschs.org).

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**Day of Retreat for Young Women:** Want to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today's culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme for the April 21<sup>st</sup> *Janua Caeli* Retreat Day is **Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God's Gifts**; our retreat master is Rev. Quan Tran, priest for the Diocese of Orange in California and founder of Fullness of Grace, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in their spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace, and how to gain an abundance of God's gifts by imitating the qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day of retreat will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.opnunsmenlo.org](http://www.opnunsmenlo.org) or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at [vocations@opnunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@opnunsmenlo.org)

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## CHURCH

God sends no churches from the skies,  
Out of our hearts they must arise.  
—Anonymous

## St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

### Food Pantry Activity:

- An emergency supply of food was given to **102** households (**410** individuals) in **January** and to **86** households (**352** individuals) in **February**.
- **Food Maxx** gift cards were given to **35** eligible families in January and to **29** families in **February**.
- **Special Assistance** (utility, rent, etc.) was provided for **two** families in **January** and for **three** families in **February**.

*For the last year our food statistics have decreased markedly, most likely due to the dire immigration and housing situations. On the other hand, "Special Assistance" requests are increasing. Among those, so far this year we have helped one client get emergency dental treatment, and two families who received shut-off notices of water or electricity service. We also partnered with SVdP at St. Agnes and others with financial help for a family with six children who were evicted from their home. We are most grateful for your continuing generosity which enables us to assist those who come to us in very desperate situations.*

**We are very happy to welcome three new SVdP volunteers:** Margarita Hernandez, Ana Daise Pineda, and Sofia Wikstrom.

**Food Pantry Hours:** 9:30am-11:30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call 682-5811 for information or to volunteer.

NOTE PLEASE: *Please do not bring clothing, etc, donations to the pantry or to Church. The SVdP Thrift Store on Contra Costa Blvd. will reopen soon.*

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**"Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?** Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **April 20-22, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at [Srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:Srllaguna@doc1633.org). Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on **[www.DaughtersOfCharity.com](http://www.DaughtersOfCharity.com)**. Register for the retreat at **[www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/)**.

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## WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.  
—St. John Climacus

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1563 el Concilio de Trento estableció que todos los católicos debían recibir la comunión por lo menos una vez al año, de preferencia, durante el Tiempo de Pascua, los 50 días desde la Pascua Florida a la Pascua de Pentecostés. En Chile los sacerdotes en siglos pasados llevaban la Eucaristía a todos aquellos que no pudieron asistir a Misa en la Pascua Florida. Comenzando con el Segundo Domingo de Pascua y acompañados de huasos (vaqueros) quienes los protegían de bandidos llevando el Sacramento en cálices de plata por toda la región. Esto llegó a llamarse Cuasimodo, en base a la frase inicial de la Misa del Segundo Domingo de Pascua: Quasi modo geniti infantes (Casi como recién nacidos).

Hoy día la fiesta también es conocida como “correr a Cristo,” por el hecho de llevar a Cristo en carretas decoradas por las calles de los pueblitos mientras los niños corren por delante gritando “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” De esta manera los niños anuncian la venida de Cristo, algo que todo cristiano debería hacer con hechos y palabras todos los días de año.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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## ACOLITOS / SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR

Nuestra parroquia necesita servidores del altar o también llamados acólitos. Tal vez haz notado a los niños que asisten al sacerdote durante las misas en el Altar, tu puedes ser uno de ellos, los requisitos de esta importante labor es que ya hayas recibido to primera comunión y que completes el entrenamiento. Pídele a tus padres que te inscriban, el próximo entrenamiento será el **sábado 12 de mayo a las 12 del mediodía.**

Padres de familia favor contactar la oficina parroquial al (925) 682-5447.

## PRIOCLAMA MATRINONIAL

Diócesis de San Juan de Los Lagos  
Parroquia de San José de Gracia  
Yo, el infrascrito párroco de San José de Gracia, Jalisco Hago saber que ante mi se han presentado con el fin de contraer matrimonio canónico.

### HUGO ACEVES Y FRANIA GONZALEZ

El primero originario de San José de Gracia Jalisco y vecino Concord, California. Soltero de 30 años de edad, hijo de (+) Carlos Aceves Navarro y Rosalba Macías Ruiz. Si tiene alguna observación favor contactar nuestra oficina parroquial.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Salmo** — Haz brillar sobre nosotros el resplandor de tu rostro (Salmo 4).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

**Evangelio** — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

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## EVENTOS DIOCESANOS MINISTERIO LATINO

- **TALLERES DE LA ESCUELA DE PADRES DE FAMILIA. RSI MONTES.**  
Tema: **AUTOESTIMA.**

**Martes 17 de abril** San Clemente, Hayward. 7-9p.m.

**Miércoles 18 de abril** San Pedro Mártir, Pittsburg 7-p.m.

**Jueves 19 de abril** Santísimo Rosario, Antioch. 7-p.m.

**Viernes 20 de abril** San Joaquín 2 talleres 5:45– 7:00p.m. y 7:30 –9:00p.m.

Para mas información contactar la oficina del Ministerio Latino llamando Héctor Medina al (510) 496-7224.

## FUNERARIA Y CEMENTERIOS CATOLICOS

El servicio de Funeraria y Cementerios Católicos de nuestra Diócesis de Oakland, dará una breve presentación de los aspectos espirituales y prácticos de un funeral, **el sábado 21 y 22 de abril después de todas las misas en el salón de hospitalidad.**

La presentación estará a cargo del Diácono Dave Holland, Gerente de Relaciones Parroquiales y el personal del Cementerio Católico Reina del Cielo.

## BODAS COMUNITARIAS

Nuestra parroquia ofrecerá nuevamente una celebración de Boda Comunitaria, el **Sábado 4 de agosto 2018**. Esta celebración del Sacramento del Matrimonio, es para todas aquellas parejas que ya están casadas por el registro civil, o que viven juntos y deseen recibir la bendición de Dios en dicho sacramento.

Documentación que necesita traer para iniciar el proceso:

- Copia reciente de la Fe de Bautismo del novio y la novia (solicitarla a la parroquia donde fue bautizado (a)).
- Certificado de matrimonio civil
- Presentar identificación de los contrayentes.

Para más información, llamar al (925) 682-5447.

**Parejas que deseen fijar alguna otra fecha de matrimonio favor contactar la oficina parroquial lo más pronto posible.**

## MINISTERIO SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

- Abastecimiento de comida de emergencia fue proveída a **102 hogares (410 personas)** en enero y a **86 hogares (352 personas)** en el mes de **febrero**.
- Entregamos tarjetas del supermercado **Food Maxx** a **35** familias en **enero** y **29** familias en el mes de **febrero**.
- **Asistencia especial** (renta y utilidades etc.) fue dada a **dos** familias en enero y a **tres** familias en el mes de **febrero**.

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Durante el último año nuestras estadísticas de alimentos han disminuido considerablemente, probablemente debido a la inmigración grave y situaciones de la vivienda. Por otro lado, están aumentando las solicitudes de "Asistencia especial". Entre las personas, este año hemos ayudado a un cliente obtener tratamiento dental de emergencia y dos familias que recibieron avisos de cierre del servicio de agua o electricidad. También nos asociamos con SVdP en St Agnes y otros con ayuda financiera de una familia con seis hijos que fueron desalojados de su hogar. Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosidad permanente que nos permite ayudar a los que vienen a nosotros en situaciones muy desesperantes.

Muy contentos de darle la bienvenida a tres nuevas voluntarias: Margarita Hernandez, Ana Daisi Pineda y Sofia Wikstrom.

Horario de Oficina: 9:30-11:30a.m. Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes. Favor de llamar al (925) 682-5811.

## RETIRO MATRIMONIAL

*Si el Señor no edifica la casa en vano trabajan los albañiles: si el Señor no custodia la ciudad en vano cuida el centinela.*

*Salmo 127.1*

**FECHA:** Viernes 20 de abril

**LUGAR:** Gimnasio parroquial  
SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS  
860 Oak Grove Rd. Concord CA.

**HORARIO:** Viernes 20 6:30p.m a 9:00p.m.

Sábado: 21 8:00a.m. a 5:00p.m.

Sábado 21 habrá cuidado de niños

### Invitados

**Pbro. JORGE ARMANDO VAZQUEZ** de México con 15 años trabajando con matrimonios y autor de libros en este tema.

### **CRISTIAN VALDEZ**

*Cantante y predicador católico de Bakersfield CA.*

*Donación: \$40 por pareja*

*Mas información:*

*Margarita E. 925 323-3654*

*Cesar O. 562-505-3639*

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### **LA IGLESIA**

Dios no envía las iglesias del cielo, deberán surgir de nuestros corazones.

—Anónimo