

2014 Program Archive

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

9961 Elk Grove-Florin Road

Elk Grove, California, 95624

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Our Four Week program introduces a new study in the vision, theology, and work of St. Paul the Apostle. St. Paul argued for a new approach to the Gospel of Jesus which transcended the limits usually imposed by class, race, ethnicity, and culture. Paul's understanding of the message of Jesus inspired him to think in terms of God's love, work, and compassion in, with, and through all peoples. Our Four Session study will seek to appreciate Paul vision in light of our own situation.

The Ecumenical / Interfaith St. Paul

Insights into the Emerging Global Spirituality

Four Friday Mornings

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

December 6, 2013

Paul's unique experience takes him beyond the particular

Paul's self-understanding as Apostle to the Nations

January 3, 2014

The implications of the Galatian conflict

The Rise of the Antiochian Community

Insights from Matthew 18 – The Community Rule

February 14, 2014

Universal salvation through universal damnation

Insights into Romans 8, 9, 10

April 11, 2014

Revisiting the “Doctrine of Kenosis”

Jesus as [Bodhisattva](#)

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Rocklin, California

Private Program

The Ecumenical and Interfaith St. Paul

Saturday, January 4, 2014

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

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Diocese of Reno Annual Conference

January 10 & 11, 2014

John Ascuaga's Nugget

Sparks, Nevada

Friday, January 10, 2014

6:45 PM

Keynote: Come into the Light: by Fr. Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

Light is a universal interfaith phenomena. We may speak of the enlightenment that is the consequence of living life with all its challenges and struggles. Light, by nature, shines all the more brightly in direct proportion to the darkness that cannot overcome it. That light is you!

Fr. Tom's Sessions:

Session 3: The People Who Sat in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

The Five Discourses of Jesus found in the Gospel of Matthew provides deep insights into the nature of a community transformed by the Divine Light which is no less than the presence and Action of God in the World. Of course, that gift is no less than our authentic and deepest self.

Session 5: You are the light of the world!

The journey of the Magi, the Home-coming in Capernaum, the Call of Matthew, the Prophetic Citations, the Life-giving Death, and the powerful Witness of Mary Magdalene and her companions provide a robust overview of Matthew's uncompromising proclamation. We journey with Jesus in this Gospel, as we are called to become the light we seek.

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CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

6520 Van Maren Lane

Citrus Heights, CA 95621

(916) 725-4720

The Institute for the Study of the Passion

A Three Part Series Exploring the Gospel of St. Matthew

Eleven Tuesday Evenings – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The Community of St. Matthew

September 24, 2013

The Galatians Problem and the Community of St. Matthew

Insights from the Acts of the Apostles 15

October 15, 2013

The Structure and Identity of Matthew – Matthew 9: 9-13

The Meaning of “fulfillment” – Matthew 8: 14-17

October 29, 2013

The Genealogy of Jesus – Matthew 1: 1-17

Comments on the Birth of Jesus

The Five Teachings of Jesus

January 14, 2014

The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-6-7

January 28, 2014

The Missionary Sermon – Matthew 10

The Parables of the Kingdom (Part I) – Matthew 13

February 4, 2014

The Parables of the Kingdom (Part II) – Matthew 13

The Ecclesial Sermon – Matthew 18

February 11, 2014

The Eschatological Sermon – Matthew 24-25

The Days Before He was Taken Up

April 29, 2014

The Passion in the Gospel

May 6, 2014

The Jerusalem Uproar – Matthew 21: 1 – 23: 39

May 13, 2014

The Trial and Death of Jesus – Matthew 26-27

May 20, 2014

Mission in the Midst of Doubt – Matthew 28

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Peace in Every Step

An Interfaith Peace Project Program

For St. Joseph's Community

Fremont, CA

Many are tempted to believe that the quest for peace is illusionary. Our three part exploration of peace in every breath and step will reflectively examine the contributions the world religious traditions have made to the quest for peace. Our goal is to provide practical suggestions as to how we as individuals, citizens of country and world can be and contribute the peace for which we long.

Three Tuesdays Mornings

9:30 am – 11:30 am

January 14, 2014

Personal Peace

You will have a peace no one can take from you.

Insights from the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism

February 4, 2014

Community Peace

We live in more than one community.

Insights from the Jains

February 18, 2014

World Peace

We pray and hope that all may be one.

Insights from the international practice of Jesus

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Chaplaincy Institute

1442-A Walnut Street #285

Berkeley, CA 94709

January 15, 2014

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Introduction to Christianity and Catholicism

1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Spiritual Care with Roman Catholics: The Basics

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Chaplaincy Institute

1442-A Walnut Street #285

Berkeley, CA 94709

January 16, 2014

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Teachings and Practices of the Women Christian Mystics

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St. Isadore Catholic Church

440 La Gonda Way

Danville, CA

January 21, 2014

RCIA

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Divine Savior Catholic Church

9079 Greenback Lane

Orangevale, CA

January 23, 2014

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Vatican II: Eucharist

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Catholic Community of Pleasanton Women's Retreat

San Damiano Retreat Center

Danville, CA

Journey with Jesus to the Fullness of Life

January 31 to February 2, 2014

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The Interfaith Peace Project

An Interfaith Connections Program

Holy Family Motherhouse

Four Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform)

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**Insights into the Importance of Rome as the Christian Center in Light of the Fall
of Constantinople**

(The Gnostic Influence on the Qur'an)

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The Rise of the Gospel of Atonement, Substitution, and Satisfaction

(Insights into Medieval Theology)

Reflection Three – February 17, 2014

The Demise of Medieval Christianity

Factors Leading to the Rise of the Modern Age

(Establishing the Context for the Protestant Reformation)

Reflection Four – February 24, 2014

Scripture, Faith, Grace

The Theology of Martin Luther

(Appreciating the Biblical and Traditional Sources for the Protestant Principle)

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Part Three – The Protestant Reformation to the Rise of the Global Community

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Divine Savior Catholic Church

9079 Greenback Lane

Orangevale, CA

Days of Renewal – 2014

February 6

God of Eternal Life, bless us!

John 4:4-42 The Samaritan Woman

February 13

God of Light, open our eyes and make us whole!

John 9:1-40 The Man Born Blind

February 20

God of Freedom, call us out!

John 11:1-44 The Raising of Lazarus

February 27

God of forgiveness, we celebrate your mercy and love!

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The Mercy Center

Auburn, CA

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Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part One – The Early Centuries: The New Testament to the Creed)

Six Saturdays

February 8, 2014

No One Takes My Life, I Freely Give It

Insights into the Mission, Ethics, and Person of Jesus

(The Passion Narratives as Original Proclamation)

March 1, 2014

A Great Prophet Has Appeared Among Us

The Mighty Deeds, the Gentle Heart, the Compassionate Presence of Jesus

(The Rise of the Gospel Narratives)

May 31, 2014

Were Not Our Hearts On Fire As He Opened The Scripture To Us

The Voice of Jesus Heard in the Wisdom of the Community

(Parables, Q, and Thomas)

June 21, 2014

Forth from Within Shall Living Waters Flow

The Birth of Global Discipleship

(Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, Constantinople, Rome, Nag Hammadi)

August 2, 2014

The Jesus of History – The Christ of Faith

The Rise of the Creed

(The Great Truths of Christian Faith Are Formulated)

September 6, 2014

The Prayer, Hope, and Dream of Jesus

“That All May Be One”

(The Disciples and Followers of Jesus Encounter the World)

Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform

Part Three – The Protestant Reform to the Rise of the Global Community

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Benicia, California

Interfaith Peace-Making Forum

February 18, 2014

7:00 PM

We find ourselves at the crossroads of history and civilization as we know it. The World has met itself in more ways than one. We can see ourselves as a global village made up of the family of nations. Yet, the destructive forces of war, intolerance, and injustice surround us. More aware of our plight than any other generation, we have arrived at a threshold of decision: Shall we pursue justice and peace for the sake of one another or self-preservation at the expense of one another? Our evening of reflection will encourage peace through Interfaith understanding and respect. There can be no World Peace without religious peace and mutual understanding. Tom Bonacci from the Interfaith Peace Project, will explore the possibility and reality of Interfaith Peace with suggestions as to how we might practice Interfaith Peace, Respect, and Understanding in all the affairs of our lives.

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Private Home-Based Program

Antioch, CA

The Ecumenical / Interfaith St. Paul

Apostle of the Emerging Global Spirituality

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Nine Sunday Afternoons

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

March 16, 2014

**Taking Paul Beyond the Catholic / Protestant Disputes of the Last Five-hundred
Years**

April 27, 2014

The Jesus of History / The Christ of Faith

The Contribution of St. Paul the Apostle?

May 18, 2014

The Implications of the Galatian Conflict

The Rise of the Antiochian Community

June 22, 2014

Universal Salvation Through Universal Damnation

Exploring Romans 8-9-10

September 14, 2014

The Success of the Athenian Failure

Insights into First Corinthians – The “Philosophy” of the Cross

October 19, 2014

Revisiting the “Doctrine of Kenosis”

Jesus as Bodhisattva

November 16, 2014

Cosmic Paul

Orthodox Insights

December 21, 2014

Advent Afternoon of Reflection – Born Under the Law

Revised March 2014

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School of Applied Theology

5890 Birch Ct.

Oakland, CA 94618

March 3, 2014

1:00 to 3:00 PM

March 10, 2014

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

March 24, 2014

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer:

Discovering and Exploring

the Depths of the Human Heart

Presented by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Christ The King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

Wednesday, March 5, 2014; 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lent is a season for us to listen and for God to speak. Our listening is from the depths of our hearts while God speaks words of tenderness that restore us to life. As palm branches are burned to ashes and ashes are placed upon our foreheads the ancient traditions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to turn our attention away from the smallness of our lives and open us to a new sea of grace.

Doors will open at 9:00 am. The program begins with prayer in the chapel at 9:30 am with the conference to follow. Program includes lunch and concludes with Eucharist and the receiving of Ashes at 1:15 pm. Optional Sacrament of Penance will be available immediately following.

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ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING OF SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA

MARCH 5, 2014

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Welcome to an Ash Wednesday Evening of Spirituality inspired by the biblical verse, “God formed the human person out of the soil of the Earth!” (Genesis 2: 7). Tonight we engage the shapes and forms of our lives and persons through directed meditation, mindful touching, and creative rituals to awaken the Spirit of

life within us. Finally, we will conclude the Evening by blessing one another with the transforming touch of God.

5:00 – 5:45 pm Registration

6:00 Simple Soup Supper with Bread, Cheese, and Fruit

Quiet Time

7:00 Prayer, Movement, and Teaching

7:45 Directed Meditation and Walking Meditation

8:30 Ritual with the Ashes and Concluding Blessings

9:00 Peaceful Farewell

Program Coordinators:

Barbara Lawrence is the Director of the massage program at Christ the King Retreat Center and is a yoga and MELT Method instructor. Barbara has lead one day and weekend retreats including movement, meditation and deep contemplation of our interior lives and our expression of ourselves with our human family, the world at large and Divinity.

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P. is a member of the Christ the King Passionist Retreat staff and the founder of the Interfaith Peace Project. Tom has conducted hundreds of Scripture teachings throughout the United States, Israel, and Ireland. Interfaith sensitive, he seeks to hear and celebrate the Word of God in the faiths and hearts of all peoples.

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THE INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECT

AN INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

CASTRO VALLEY

HOME-BASED PROGRAM

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

THE TWELVE STEPS OF COMPASSION

March 11, 2014

The Introduction to the Compassion Project

April 8, 2014

THE FIRST STEP

Learn About Compassion

THE SECOND STEP

Look at Your Own World

May 2, 2014

THE THIRD STEP

Compassion for Yourself

THE FOURTH STEP

Empathy

June 24, 2014

THE FIFTH STEP

Mindfulness

THE SIXTH STEP

Action

July 22, 2014

THE SEVENTH STEP

How Little We Know

THE EIGHTH STEP

**How Should We Speak to One
Another?**

September 16, 2014

THE NINTH STEP

Concern for Everybody

THE TENTH STEP

Knowledge

October 21, 2014

THE ELEVENTH STEP

THE TWELFTH STEP

Recognition

Love Your Enemies

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

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Gilroy, CA

Zealot Review

March 12, 2014

7:00 PM

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THE ROSEVILLE LENTEN RECOLLECTION

St. Rose of Lima Church

March 17-20, 2014

Our four day Lenten Recollection in preparation for the Great Feast of Easter finds its inspiration in the Gospel Traditions of the New Testament. The prayers and rituals of Holy Week and Easter inspire us as well as we seek God's encouragement in the Season of Lent. We are also extraordinarily blessed by the example and writings of

Pope Francis who Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, provides inspiration and challenge as we seek to re-commit ourselves to the following of Jesus in our time. Through prayer, ritual, teaching, and sharing we will walk with Jesus as we hear his Word anew and are touched by his merciful heart of strong and passionate love.

THE MORNING PROGRAM

(Different from the Evening Program)

Liturgy 8:00 am

Coffee and Refreshments after the Liturgy

8:45 am – 9:45 am

Session with Tom

THE EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

MONDAY

March 17, 2014

Evening Service

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

WAS IT NOT LIKE FIRE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS!

Walking with Jesus every day of our lives

Reflections based on the Gospels

FIRST REFLECTION

The Doors of the Church should be open ...

Reflections based on the Joy of the Gospel #46-47

FIRST READING

The Song of Mary

Luke 1: 46-55

SECOND REFLECTION

A People Called and Gathered

Luke 7: 1-10

The Ideal Church

THE BLESSING OF WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY

March 18, 2014

Evening Service

BY THE WORD OF THE LORD THE HEAVENS WERE FORMED

BY THE BREATH OF GOD ALL THINGS CAME TO BE

FIRST REFLECTION

He walked with them along the road opening the Scripture

Reflections from the Joy of the Gospel # 114-115 and 139

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 1-11

SECOND REFLECTION

The Mission to the Afflicted

Luke 4: 1-20

THE TOUCHING OF THE SCRIPTURE

WEDNESDAY

March 19, 2014

Evening Service

7:00pm-8:30pm

PEACE BE WITH YOU – FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER!

FIRST REFLECTION

Tenderness and Mercy

Reflections from the Joy of the Gospel #22, 44 and 270

READING

The Faithful Seed of Amazing Growth

Mark 4: 1-9

SECOND REFLECTION

All I have is yours ...

Reflections of Luke 15

THE TOUCHING OF THE CROSS – THE EMBRACING OF ONE ANOTHER

THURSDAY

March 20, 2014

Evening Service

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME TO EAT!

FIRST REFLECTION

I just want to praise you Lord!

Reflections based from the Joy of the Gospel #201-203

READING

There's a little boy here with five loaves

John 6: 1-13

SECOND REFLECTION

The greatest among you is the servant of all!

Luke 22: 24-27

THE EMBRACING OF THE ALTAR

THE MORNING SCHEDULE

Maech 17 – 20, 2014

MORNING LITURGY

JESUS – THE REVELATION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN, HUMANE, AND
FULLY ALIVE

MONDAY – WHAT GOD GIVES US FOR CHRISTMAS?

THE MANGER OF HIS TABLE

TUESDAY – HOW GOD BLESSES US IN LENT?

“FASHIONED” IN GOD’S LOVE AND HANDS

WEDNESDAY – WHAT WE RECEIVE AT EASTER

THE “VICTORY” OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY – EVERY DAY AS PENTECOST

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

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Private Retreat

San Francisco, CA

Lenten Series

March 21, 2014

6:30 PM

The Universal Call to Compassion

March 28, 2014

6:30 PM

The Principles of Dynamic Dialogue

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St. Vincent DePaul

Lenten Day of Reflection

Oakland Cathedral Parish Hall

March 22, 2014

8:15 AM

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PLEASANTON, CA

HOME-BASED PROGRAM

INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS

A Program Sponsored by

The Interfaith Peace Project

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

Pittsburg, CA

A CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD'S FAITH TRADITIONS

REJOICING IN ALL THAT IS TRUE, GOOD AND HOLY

Our five session program is designed to introduce the major faith traditions of humankind. We seek the beauty, splendor, and contribution of each faith tradition. Our series will include suggestions for exploring the possibility for developing and practicing Global Spirituality as a source for peace in the world and in our hearts.

March 27, 2014

General Introductions – The Basis for Interfaith Study

The Way Of Many Faiths

No World Peace Without Religious Peace

April 10, 2014

The Hindu Traditions

The World of the Sacred

“All Ways Are Sacred”

May 8, 2014

The Experience of the Buddha

The Four Sights

“Cause No Harm”

May 29, 2014

The Rise of Biblical Judaism

Sabbath Justice / Sabbath Liberation

“Walking in the Ways of God”

June 19, 2014

Islam

The Holy Qur’an

“The Way of Peace”

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St. Teresa of Avila Parish Mission

3000 N. Lompa Lane

Carson City, Nevada

WAS IT NOT LIKE FIRE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS?

March 31, April 1, and April 2

Morning Missions begin with Mass at 9:00 AM followed by refreshments and 45 minute
Scripture Study.

Evening Missions begin with Mass at 7:00 PM and concludes by 8:30 PM

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St. Isadore Catholic Church

440 La Gonda Way

Danville, CA

April 3, 2014

Bible Study: Salvation History

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School of Applied Theology

5890 Birch Court

Berkeley, CA

April 7, 2014

April 23, 2014

April 28, 2014

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Christ the King Retreat Center

Holy Week Retreat -2014

Behold! Your Light is Risen

Holy Thursday, April 17 to

Easter Sunday, April 20

On Holy Thursday our Lenten journey comes to an end. But another journey is about to begin. Each year we are blessed with this sacred time to renew our baptism into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus. This retreat will provide a space for us to explore and walk, both individually and with others, the path that leads from the Upper Room to the Foot of the Cross.

Come join us as we gather in sacred space, to pray the ancient traditions, listen to the stories of our ancestors in faith, engage in ritual action and keep prayerful vigil.

The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 pm on Holy Thursday and ends with brunch following Easter Sunday Mass.

Requested fee: \$250 per person single occupancy; \$200 double.

Price includes 3 nights accommodation plus all meals and programs.

To register for selected portions of the retreat or

for more information please contact:

Carol Forrest (916) 725-4720. Ext. 314 / cforrest@passionist.org

You can also register online at:

<http://www.ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org>

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St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Jackson, Ca

Retreat Mission Day

April 26, 2014

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Jesus Is That Key Who Will Unlock the Door of Your Heart

Letting Your Light Shine!

In what we hope will be a lively, engaged, and involved Day of Mission Renewal, we gather as disciples of Jesus to realize anew the privilege involved in being such disciples. Through teaching, prayer, song, study, and sharing, we will discover, ponder, and celebrate our call to be disciples of Jesus in a way consistent with our Parish Goals and Mission, and our Gospel Calling. In a word, we will walk with Jesus as he invites us anew to let our light shine so others may praise and love the God we serve in our mission one to another and all the world.

Parish Mission Statement: We, the Amador community of St. Katharine Drexel Parish, are united in our Catholic faith. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and led by the example of St. Katharine who served the marginalized, we are strengthened by the Eucharist and strive to serve all God's people while evangelizing future generations.

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The Interfaith Peace Project

An Interfaith Connections Program

Brentwood Home-Based Program

Four Thursday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform)

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Holy Family Motherhouse

Fremont, CA

Four Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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(Part Three – The Protestant Reformation to the Rise of the Global Community)

Our four part series explores the rise of the Modern Age and the dramatic transition to this post-modern period in which uncertainty is the rule of the day. Sophisticated biblical studies emerges in this period with a strong fundamentalist reaction. Finally, the violence of the Twentieth Century and the rise of global

terrorism in the Twentieth-first challenges any study of Jesus and his significance.

Reflection One – May 5, 2014

The Rise of the Modern World – The Scientific Worldview

The Fundamentalist Reaction

Reflection Two –May 12, 2014

World Violence and the Tragedy of the Shoah

The Jewish Jesus Emerges

Reflection Three – May 19, 2014

The Quest for the Historical Jesus

The Discovery of the Human Jesus

Reflection Four – May 26, 2014

The Global Age and the Cosmic Christ

The Elusive Nature of the “Real” Person

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Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform

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Most Holy Redeemer Church

100 Diamond Street

San Francisco, CA

May 17, 2014

The Lord's Prayer Revisited

Reflections on "Deep Quiet of the Heart" as found in the Gospel of Matthew

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EXPLORING THE BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY OF THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

(An Introduction to the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis)

“The Joy of The Gospel”)

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church

Antioch, CA

Liturgically, theologically, sacramentally, and devotionally, we who constitute the body of the Church are called to hear the cry of the poor in whom we experience the risen and crucified Jesus. Contrary to the powers of the day, the works and deeds of justice and charity are not optional or voluntary. Rather, such responses to those who are poor are demanded by the very nature of the Gospel and its proclamation. Inspired by the work and wisdom of Pope Francis, we will explore a few aspects of his Apostolic Exhortation, “The Joy of the Gospel.”

8:45 am – 10:00 am

June 23, 2014

THE DOORS MUST ALWAYS BE OPEN

A PASTORAL THEOLOGY OF RADICAL WELCOME

“I Am the Gate – All Who Go In and Out Are Safe!”

Reflections on The Good Shepherd – John 10

June 25, 2014

THE PROPHET’S RAGE

REVISITING THE TWO SABBATH COMMANDMENTS

“Take Injustice Out of My Sight!”

The Great “No’s”

Insights Into The Epistle of James

June 27, 2014

“LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR!”

DIALOGUE AND THE DEEP PRESENCE OF GOD

We are called to find Christ in the poor, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them, and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them. (#198 – Joy of the Gospel)

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THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

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Four Monday Nights – 7:30 pm -9:00 pm

June 30, 2014

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A PASTORAL THEOLOGY OF RADICAL WELCOME

“I Am the Gate – All Who Go In and Out Are Safe!”

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July 7, 2014

THE PROPHET’S RAGE

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Insights Into The Epistle of James

July 21, 2014

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THE SUMMER PARISH MISSION RETREAT

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Incline Village, NV

July 12 – 16, 2014

WAS IT NOT LIKE FIRE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS AS JESUS SPOKE TO US

Our three day Parish Retreat finds its inspiration in the Gospel Traditions of the New Testament. The prayers and rituals of our Church inspire us as well as we seek God's encouragement in the Seasons of Our Lives. We are also extraordinarily blessed by the example and writings of Pope Francis who Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, provides inspiration and challenge as we seek to re-commit ourselves to the following of Jesus in our time. Through prayer, ritual, teaching, and sharing we will walk with Jesus as we hear his Word anew and are touched by his merciful heart of strong and passionate love.

PREACH AT THE WEEKEND LITURGIES

THE MORNING PROGRAM

(Different from the Evening Program)

July 14, 15, 16, 2014

Liturgy 9:00 am

Coffee and Refreshments after the Liturgy

THE EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (?)

“I see clearly,” the pope continues, “that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up.

“The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And the ministers of the church must be ministers of mercy above all. The confessor, for example, is always in danger of being either too much of a rigorist or too lax. Neither is merciful, because neither of them really takes responsibility for the person. The rigorist washes his hands so that he leaves it to the commandment. The loose minister washes his hands by simply saying, ‘This is not a sin’ or something like that. In pastoral ministry we must accompany people, and we must heal their wounds.

September 30, 2013

Antonio Spadaro, S.J.

The exclusive interview with Pope Francis

America Magazine

MONDAY

July 14, 2014

Evening Service

WAS IT NOT LIKE FIRE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS!

Walking with Jesus every day of our lives

Reflections based on the Gospels

FIRST REFLECTION

The Doors of the Church should be open ...

Reflections based on the Joy of the Gospel #46-47 and 49

FIRST READING

The Song of Mary

Luke 1: 46-55

SECOND REFLECTION

A People Called and Gathered

Luke 7: 1-10

The Ideal Church

THE BLESSING OF ONE ANOTHER WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY

July 15, 2014

Evening Service

BY THE WORD OF THE LORD THE HEAVENS WERE FORMED

BY THE BREATH OF GOD ALL THINGS CAME TO BE

FIRST REFLECTION

He walked with them along the road opening the Scripture

Reflections from the Joy of the Gospel #24, 35 and 180-181

THE FIRST READING

The Mission to the Afflicted

Luke 4: 1-20

SECOND REFLECTION

Luke 10: 29-37

THE TOUCHING OF THE SCRIPTURE

WEDNESDAY

July 16, 2014

Evening Service

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME TO EAT!

FIRST REFLECTION

I just want to praise you Lord!

Reflections based from the Joy of the Gospel #114 and 201-203

READING

There's a little boy here with five loaves

John 6: 1-13

SECOND REFLECTION

The greatest among you is the servant of all!

Luke 22: 24-27

THE EMBRACING OF THE ALTAR

THE MORNING SCHEDULE

July 14 – July 16, 2014

MORNING LITURGY

COFFEE

SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

(DIFFERENT FROM THE EVENING SERVICE)

JESUS – THE REVELATION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN, HUMANE,

AND FULLY ALIVE

MONDAY – JESUS EMERGES IN GALILEE AS THE PROPHET OF THE KINGDOM
OF GOD

THE SPLENDOR OF COMPASSION

(INSIGHTS INTO THE BAPTISM OF JESUS)

TUESDAY – THE PASSION OF CHAPTER FIVE

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE TOUCH

(THE PASSION IN THE GOSPEL)

WEDNESDAY – WE RISE WITH HIM

THE “VICTORY” OF THE CROSS

(INSIGHTS INTO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN MARK’S
GOSPEL)

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A Retreat Celebrating Compassion

Located on a lovely five-acre wooded property in

Volcano, CA

August 29, 30 and 31, 2014

Presenters:

Barbara Lawrence

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

Skillful Compassion

Based on Karen Armstrong's work, as reflected in her Compassion Project, this weekend retreat will explore the dynamics of compassion from an interfaith perspective. We will have ample opportunities to explore the spirituality of compassion as we become aware of our own personal need for compassion. In fact, the more compassionate we are to ourselves, the compassionate we become in the presence of others. Through directed meditation, deep study, honest reflection, and the practice of mindfulness, we will rejoice together in the development of our personal practice of skillful compassion. Karen Armstrong's book, The Twelve Steps of Compassion, will serve as a major guide for our weekend retreat.

Accommodations for ten participants

(Double occupancy)

(\$250)

Healthy Vegetarian Meals

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THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PASSION

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

INSIGHTS FROM THE COMPASSION PROJECT

A STUDY IN BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY

Now more than ever we need to develop a lifestyle based on the ethic of practical compassion. Our four part study will explore the Biblical roots of compassion as the virtue by which humans become truly humane and God becomes truly divine.

Each study is designed to stand alone so participants may enjoy flexibility of study and participation.

Four Tuesday Evenings

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

September 23, 2014

The Birth of the First Axial Ethic of Compassion

(The Rise of Divine Compassion – A Study of Exodus 33)

September 30, 2014

The Wounding of God in the Hebrew Scripture

(God as Mother's Uncompromising Love – A Study of Isaiah)

October 7, 2014

Revisiting the "Doctrine" of Kenosis

A Study of Philippians 2: 1-11

October 14, 2014

A Case Study in Radical Compassion

The Crucifixion from a Buddhist Perspective

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EXPLORING THE BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY OF THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

With Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

4450 Granite Drive

Rocklin, CA 95677

(916) 624-5827

Contrary to the powers of the day, the works and deeds of justice and charity are not optional or voluntary. Rather, such responses to those who are poor are

demanded by the very nature of the Gospel and its proclamation. Inspired by the work and wisdom of Pope Francis, we will explore a few aspects of his Apostolic Exhortation, “The Joy of the Gospel” emphasizing the Biblical aspects by which the poor are favored.

Five Wednesday Nights – 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

October 1, 2014

THE DOORS MUST ALWAYS BE OPEN – “I AM THE DOOR!”

A PASTORAL THEOLOGY OF RADICAL WELCOME

Reflections on The Good Shepherd – John 10

October 8, 2014

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October 22, 2014

THE FRIENDSHIP OF CHRIST AS THE HEART OF EVANGELIZATION

“I CALL YOU FRIEND!”

Insights Inspired by John 15: 15

October 29, 2014

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Home-Based Program

Brentwood, CA

Four Thursday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Three – The Protestant Reformation to the Rise of the Global Community)

Our four part series explores the rise of the Modern Age and the dramatic transition to this post-modern period in which uncertainty is the rule of the day. Sophisticated biblical studies emerge in this period with a strong fundamentalist reaction. Finally, the violence of the Twentieth Century and the rise of global terrorism in the Twentieth-first challenges any study of Jesus and his significance.

Reflection One – October 2, 2014

The Rise of the Modern World – The Scientific Worldview

The Fundamentalist Reaction

Reflection Two – October 9, 2014

World Violence and the Tragedy of the Shoah

The Jewish Jesus Emerges

Reflection Three – October 16, 2014

The Quest for the Historical Jesus

The Discovery of the Human Jesus

Reflection Four – October 23, 2014

The Global Age and the Cosmic Christ

The Elusive Nature of the “Real” Person

Part One – The Early Centuries: The New Testament to the Creed

Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform

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An Interfaith Connections Program

Holy Family Motherhouse

Fremont, CA

THE EMERGING GLOBAL SPIRITUALITY

Forging Hope in the midst of Conflict and Division

Four Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

October 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2014

Our four session program proposes a bold and challenging vision for the future of religious practice and understanding. We will explore our theme through the lenses of the emerging Christian Global Pentecostal movement. This renewed “theology” of the Holy Spirit will explore the Spirit’s work in the World forging a global and, therefore, renewed ecclesial perspective.

October 6, 2014

THE CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY THAT IS PENTECOSTALISM

(The Out-Pouring Of the Spirit in Our World)

October 13, 2014

SCRIPTURE ANEW FROM THE PENTECOSTAL PERSPECTIVES

(Global Insights into “Seeing” and “Hearing”)

October 20, 2014

THE EMERGING “NATURAL” NATURE OF HUMAN SELF-GIVING

(Insights from the Evolution of Mind and Brain)

October 27, 2014

PENTECOSTALISM MEETS THE GODDESS

(An Experiment in Creative Theology)

(The Rise of The Feminine Voice and the Sounding of the Global Holy Spirit)

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SPECIAL PROGRAM

MAKING SENSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICTS

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

9961 Elk Grove-Florin Road

Elk Grove, California, 95624

(916) 685-3681

Friday

October 10, 2014

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

We will explore the root causes of terrorism and its relationship to the “fundamentalist” worldview. This study will explore the factors and motivation by which people are radicalized. Finally, we will consider some broad outlines of the history of the Middle East and how that history is dramatically influencing the region today.

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“THAT ALL MAY BE CHERISHED”

Interfaith Spirituality Retreat: An Experiment in Theory and Practice

To Register Contact

San Damiano Retreat Center

<http://sandamiano.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/2014-Oct.-Tom-Bonacci-Retreat.pdf>

Interfaith Spirituality empowers us to become aware of the dignity and beauty of the other person precisely as a person in their own religious and cultural context not to mention their political and economic circumstances. Individual persons stand uniquely within the traditions from which they come. A person, then, is appreciated “within” the context from which they arise. The practice of Interfaith Spirituality appreciates, celebrates, and delights in this discovery of the other person precisely as a person of beauty, dignity, and mystery. One should never conclude another person has been fully discovered or appreciated. Such a search belongs to the enterprise we call life and it is a lifelong journey. Finally, the religious “other” becomes companion on the road of life. We need not and cannot become the same. Our difference reveals the splendor of what it means to be alive, rich, and varied. Our weekend Retreat is a humble attempt to discover and practice the principles that might constitute Interfaith Spiritual practice and love.

First Consideration: First Axial Consciousness: The Golden Rule

The Attraction of Seeking Commonality

Second Consideration: Appreciation, Celebration, Delight

A Buddhist/Christian Exploration

Third Consideration: Beauty, Dignity, and Mystery of the “Other”

The “Other” As Person

Fourth Consideration: Companionship

The Journey from Tolerance to Respect and Love

(Delight Revisited)

Fifth Consideration: Alive, Rich and Varied

The Dignity of Difference (Revisited) – Summary Thoughts

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All Saints' Parish

Bridgeport, West Virginia

Parish Mission

The Joy of Living The Gospel

November 1-6, 2014

“47. The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door. There are other doors that should not be closed either. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason.

(Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis, November 2014)

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Parish Council Day of Recollection

A Review of Joy of Gospel

Evening Programs

Monday, November 3, 2014

Who does Jesus say I am?

Reflections on Luke 7:1-10

The people from which the Church is formed

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Exodus Revisited – We are a Pilgrim People

Never be afraid to be you

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Have the mind and heart of Christ Jesus

I am better me because I met you

Thursday, November 6, 2014

You will see him in Galilee

The trick is to live before you die

Reflections on life after death

Morning Programs

(Based on the Gospel of St. Mark)

Monday, November 3, 2014

Baptized into the life of another

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

The Kingdom of God comes in surprising and unexpected ways

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

The Psalm 23 of Mark's Gospel

Thursday, November 6, 2014

The Transformative Power of death

Baptized into the death of Christ

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AA Thanksgiving Meal Address

Jackson, CA

November 15, 2014

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School of Applied Theology

5890 Birch Court

Berkeley, CA

Incarnational Spirituality

December 1, 2014

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

December 2, 2014

10:00 AM – 12 Noon

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1924 Trinity Ave

Walnut Creek, CA

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December 3, 2014

7:00 PM

THE INCARNATION

SUMMARY OF CRUCIAL ELEMENTS FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS

... Christianity after the destruction of Jerusalem was almost exclusively a gentile religion; it needed a gentile theology. And that is precisely what Paul provided. The choice between James's vision of a Jewish religion anchored in the Law of Moses and derived from a Jewish nationalist who fought against Rome, and Paul's vision of a Roman religion that divorced itself from Jewish provincialism and required nothing for salvation save belief in Christ, was not a difficult one for the second and third generations of Jesus's followers to make. Two thousand years later, the Christ of Paul's creation has utterly subsumed the

Jesus of history. The memory of the revolutionary zealot who walked across Galilee gathering an army of disciples with the goal of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth, the magnetic preacher who defied the authority of the Temple priesthood in Jerusalem, the radical Jewish nationalist who challenged the Roman occupation and lost, has been almost completely lost to history. That is a shame. Because the one thing any comprehensive study of the historical Jesus should hopefully reveal is that Jesus of Nazareth— Jesus the man—is every bit as compelling, charismatic, and praiseworthy as Jesus the Christ. He is, in short, someone worth believing in.

Aslan, Reza (2013-07-16). Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth (Kindle Locations 3349-3358). Random House Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

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December 10, 2014

7:00 PM

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THE INCARNATION

THE MOTIVATION AND FOUNDATION OF OUR STUDY

Coping with Embodiment

Some Scriptural Reflections

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* defines "incarnation" as "a central Christian doctrine that the eternal Word of God (Logos), the Son of God, the second Person of the Trinity, became man in Jesus Christ, who was then truly God and truly man." This certainly reflects what has been the dominant meaning of the term itself within Christian thought. But it is doubtful whether the concept in such a developed sense can be found anywhere within the Bible, since clearly

presupposed therein is the full-blown Trinitarian doctrine as that came to expression in the 4th and 5th centuries of the Christian era.

The question then becomes whether the Christian concept is present in a less developed or undeveloped sense in the NT. Alternatively expressed, it becomes a question of defining the beginnings or foundations within the biblical writings of the doctrine as later formulated. To what extent can these early adumbrations or embryonic formulations be described as expressing a belief in “incarnation”?

Dunn, J. D. G. (1992). Incarnation. In D. N. Freedman (Ed.), .

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Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

Interfaith/Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for Peace

December 11, 2014

7:30 – 9:00 PM

The Passionist Catholic Community of Citrus Heights joins with the Interfaith / Ecumenical community of Greater Sacramento as together we offer prayers and blessings for peace in our world. We gather as one family realizing peace cannot be imposed by war, coercion or ongoing conflict. We must find that peace of mind and heart by which we welcome others with respect and understanding. Tonight we stand together as people of good will, offering our humble prayer to all those worldwide efforts to bring peace to those seeking justice, healing, mercy, and respect.

Welcome

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Music or Meditation

Directed Meditation

Offering of Prayers

Blessing One Another with Peace

Friendship Social Gathering

The Peace Pole in our chapel was dedicated in honor of the Interfaith / Ecumenical Community of Greater Sacramento. Every time we as a Passionist community gather in

the chapel the Peace Pole reminds us of our solidarity with the faith communities surrounding us. It is our blessing to work, study, and pray with you.

Please RSVP to Carol Forrest at (916) 725-4720 x314 or at cforrest@passionist.org

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St. Elizabeth Seton Church

4001 Stoneridge Drive

Pleasanton, CA

Bridges to Faith: World Religions

December 15, 2014

7:00 PM

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1924 Trinity Ave

Walnut Creek, CA

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An Interfaith Connections Program

December 17, 2014

7:00 PM

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AN INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

A CANONICAL SURVEY

Coping with Embodiment

Some Scriptural Reflections

There is more than one Jesus. There is the textual Jesus of antiquity, that is, the several canonical and extra-canonical presentations of him. There is the earthly Jesus of the first century, the man who spoke with Peter and Judas. There is the so-called historical Jesus, or rather the competing modern reconstructions of him. There is the Jesus of church history and tradition, or rather the numerous religious conceptions of him through the ages. And then there is Jesus as he is now, in his postmortem existence, the risen Christ, whom many claim still to encounter, in any number of ways. Jesus is not one but many.

Dale C. Allison Jr.. The Historical Christ and the Theological Jesus

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