

Program Archive 2016

THE INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECT

PRIVATE HOME-BASED PROGRAM

ANTIOCH, CA

SIX SUNDAYS

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

YEAR OF MERCY

JANUARY 3, 2016

REVISITING THE FIRST AXIAL PERIOD

THE RISE OF THE GOLDEN RULE

A Reflection on The Golden Rule as the Source of Mercy

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

A BIBLICAL SURVEY OF MERCY (PART ONE)

INSIGHTS FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Reflection on Exodus, Hosea, and Micah

MARCH 6, 2016

A BIBLICAL SURVEY OF MERCY (PART TWO)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection on the “Prodigal” Father

APRIL 10, 2016

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REVISITING THE “PALM SUNDAY” EVENT IN LUKE

Reflections on Lament and the Gospel of Luke

MAY 15, 2016

JESUS AS BODHISATTVA

NIRVANA DELAYED IS COMPASSION GIVEN

Reflections from the Buddhist Traditions

JUNE 12, 2016

THE GAZE OF JESUS AS MERCY

INSIGHTS FROM LAUDATO SI

Reflections on the Doctrine of the Incarnation

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Fremont Pax Christi

Holy Family Motherhouse

159 Washington Blvd.

Fremont, CA

Laudato Si

January 4 & 25, 2016

GO AND LEARN THE MEANING OF THE WORD “MERCY”!

Matthew 9: 13

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

43326 Mission Blvd

Fremont, CA 94539

Four Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

January 4, 2016

The Rise of the Golden Rule and the Birth of the Virtue of Mercy

(Confucius and Jesus point to the dynamic relationship

based on harmony, love and respect)

January 11, 2016

The God of the Hebrew Scripture is motivated by the oppression of the slaves

to show forth and reveal mercy and compassion

(Moses and Jesus demand the defense of the stranger and alien)

January 18, 2016

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

AYAT al-Fatihah 1:1

(Insights concerning merciful compassion based on the Holy Qur'an

(Muhammad and Jesus welcome the outcast and the sinner to the mercy of God)

January 25, 2016

The Year of Mercy

You Shall be Compassionate as your God is Compassionate

Luke 6: 36

A Survey of the Scriptures of the New Testament concerning Mercy:

Luke 19: 1-10, Matthew 9: 9-13, Luke 15: 1-32

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RENO PROGRAM

JANUARY 8-9, 2016

RICH IN MERCY

In light of the Holy Year of Mercy, our three presentations will explore the Biblical perspectives of God's compassion as we consider what practical steps we can take to practice God's mercy in every dimension of life.

The Reno Diocesan Synod, the writings of Pope Francis, The Holy Year documentation, and related materials will provide the sources for these considerations.

Three Sessions

(Independent of One Another)

Session One

Rich in Mercy

As we reconsider the Adam and Eve story, we discover a story of God's compassionate heart which becomes the basis for our exploration of God's Mercy in the Hebrew Bible.

Session Two

We Had to Celebrate

As we ponder and study Matthew 9: 9-13 and Luke 15: 1-32, we are challenged by Jesus to be no less than the mercy of God to everyone we meet.

Session Three

Be Merciful As Your God Is Merciful.

As we are confronted by the practicality of mercy in our violent World, we explore the rise of the Golden Rule as a way of life for humankind.

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An Interfaith Connections Program

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

9961 Elk Grove-Florin Road

Elk Grove, California, 95624

I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Three – The Protestant Reform to the Reforms of Pope Francis)

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 stunning rise of Pope Francis confronts the Church and the World with an evangelization of Dialogue and Mercy based on the person, practice, and belief of Jesus.

Reflection One – January 15, 2016

The Rise of the Modern World – The Scientific Worldview

The Fundamentalist Reaction

The Major Contributions of Vatican II

Reflection Two – February 19, 2016

World Violence and the Tragedy of the Shoah

The Jewish Jesus Emerges

The December 10, 2015 Document Concerning Jews and Catholics

Reflection Three – March 11, 2016

The Quest for the Historical Jesus

The Discovery of the Human Jesus

The Celebration of the Interfaith Jesus

Reflection Four – April 15, 2016

The Rise of Pope Francis and the Future of the Church

Evangelization as Dialogue and Mercy

Images of Jesus from Laudato Si

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

Part Two – The Creed to The Protestant Reformation

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AUGUST 9, 2016

MERCY IN THE RELIGIONS

Reflections on Islam

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

NEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING JUDAISM

The Catholic Church Formally Teaches Judaism Is Our Foundational Religion

OCTOBER 11, 2016

THE BIRTH STORY ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (PART ONE)

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

THE BIRTH STORY ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (PART TWO)

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San Ramon Valley

United Methodist Church

The Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemakers

Annual MLK Celebration

The Justice That Makes Peace – Let It Begin With Me

January 18, 2016

4:00 – 5:00 pm

San Damiano Retreat Center

Danville, California

Ecumenism Retreat

January 19 & 20

The Impact of Pope Frances on Catholic Charities and

Other Christian Organizations

Chaplaincy Institute

Berkeley, California

Introduction to Christianity & Catholicism

January 20, 2016

2:30 – 5:30 pm

Chaplaincy Institute

Berkeley, California

Women Christian Mystics

Spiritual Care of Roman Catholics

January 21, 2016

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

St. John of God

Two Reflections on Laudato Si

Two Reflections on Laudato Si from the Perspective of the Year of Mercy

January 21, 2016

Laudato Si and the Continuing Rise of the World Church

Laudato Si reflects the universal worldview of the Second Vatican Council in two essential aspects: first, the Catholic Church as a whole reflects the movement of the Holy Spirit in the worldwide People of God; second, the Church Catholic in a real and substantial way has a dynamic relationship with every creature and person in the created order. We will also consider Laudato Si from the perspectives of the important 1991 Vatican Document “Dialogue and Proclamation” which established the interfaith principles found in Pope’s Francis’ Encyclical. More importantly, we will survey the opening sections of Laudato Si through the lens of the Year of Mercy. Mercy implies respect, recognizing of the dignity of others. Pope Francis gleans the wisdom of the World in his call for a universal dialogue by which we might be merciful to our common home.

January 28, 2016

An Ecological Spirituality

After a brief review of the important teachings found in Laudato Si, we will explore Jesus’ experience of the created order as found in Laudato Si (Chapter Two, Section Seven). This will serve as a basis for constructing a responsible Ecological Spirituality that is both meaning and realistic. Our reflections will emphasize the subtitle of this important Encyclical – The Care of Our Common Home. Pope Francis redefines “service” in terms of “care” as we take up the cause of being merciful to all aspects of creation. The merciful love Jesus had for creation becomes the standard of our care for the Earth and the life it gives to

all who dwell upon it. In this sense care, service, and compassion become vital aspects of mercy.

MERCY CENTER AUBURN

AUBURN, CA

RECOVERING THE FEMININE IN OUR TIME

DAYS OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND TEACHING

WITH THOMAS P. BONACCI, C.P.

These four Days of Reflection are independent of one another. Open to both men and women, these four programs will reconsider the feminine spiritual traditions that are essential for realizing a robust appreciation of what it means to be truly human and humane. A healthy masculine spirituality requires a recovery of the feminine. These four programs consider this most important issue from differing perspectives challenging the prejudice and stereotypes that have injured women and prevented men from a more holistic understanding of masculinity.

JANUARY 23, 2016

THE APOLOGY TO EVE

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN

APRIL 2, 2016

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. PAUL

WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES CONCERNING WOMEN

MAY 21, 2016

THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS

WOMEN AS EXEMPLARS OF FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

JULY 16, 2016

THE RISE OF THE GODDESS

IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, GOD CREATED THEM

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St. Isadore Catholic Church RCIA

Danville, California

How to Read the Bible

January 26, 2016

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

February 2, 9, 16, 23

St. Anne Catholic Church

Byron, California

Islam & Muslims

February 4, 2016

Women of Wisdom

Dublin, California

At the Interfaith Peace Project Center

February 8, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Divine Savior

Orangeville, CA

Laudato Si

On Care for Our Common Home

The Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis

Listening to the World Church, gleaning the best scientific evidence, appealing to the Tradition of born of Scripture, St Francis, and St. Bonaventure, inspired by the example and teachings of believers, Pope Francis responds to the ecological crisis threatening our common home. This important and timely encyclical challenges the peoples of the World to realize our interdependency and responsibilities to care for the Earth in this age of globalization. Our progress must not result in our destruction. The encyclical explores the moral and ethical implications and responsibilities we all incur in light of the growing ecological crisis.

Four Monday Nights

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

February 8, 2016

Our Common Home

February 15, 2016

The Gospel of Creation

February 22, 2016

The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

February 29, 2016

Ecological Conversion

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No World Peace Without Religious Peace

GO AND LEARN THE MEANING OF THE WORD “MERCY”!

Matthew 9: 13

St. John of God

San Francisco, CA

Two Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Our two part series on the Year of Mercy explores the core Biblical Narrative of God’s Mercy revealed in the Exodus experience. Mercy as the core “definition” of God is something more than forgiveness and compassion. Mercy points to the identity of God as the God who everyday shows us a mother’s love and a father’s care. We will ponder and explore Luke 15 as the signature Gospel of Luke 15 for the Year of Mercy.

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to show forth and reveal mercy and compassion**

(Moses and Jesus demand the defense of the stranger and alien)

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Transfiguration Catholic Church

Castro Valley, California

Wings

February 18, 2016

9:30 – 11:00 am

A Mother's Love...A Father's Care

Mercy in the Gospel of Luke

St. John Vianney Church

Walnut Creek, CA

THE PASSOVER SEDER

THE MYSTERY OF HOLY THURSDAY

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER NIGHTS?

Inspired by the latest documentation regarding the unique relationship Jews and Christians enjoy, we will explore the splendor and significance of the Passover Seder in the Jewish Tradition. We now believe that we cannot fully appreciate the person of Jesus without reference to the religion of Jesus. While the Seder has develop over the years, a basic understanding of the elements of the Passover will foster a powerful appreciation and respect for Judaism and a renewed appreciation for the Christian celebration of Eucharist.

Two Wednesdays and a Thursday

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday

February 24, 2016

Introducing the Essential Elements of the Seder

Four Questions, Four Children, Four Cups

Wednesday

March 2, 2016

A Seder Inspired Celebration

Why is this Night different from all other nights?

Thursday

March 10, 2016

Reflections from the Gospel of Luke and John concerning the Passover of Jesus

Jesus celebrates his Passover

Jesus becomes the Passover we celebrate

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St. Theresa Church

Oakland, California

WINGS

March 2, 2016

9:00 am – 10:30 am

All Are Welcome

Christ the King Catholic Church

Pleasant Hill, California

Year of Mercy

Biblical Reflections on Gospel Mercy

March 7, 2016

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

A TIME FOR MERCY

THE ROSEVILLE LENTEN MISSION

St. Rose of Lima Church

March 14-17, 2016

Our four day Lenten Mission in this the Jubilee year of Mercy will ponder the gift of Mercy as we seek to be people of compassionate self-giving. We are, of course, inspired by the words and example of Pope Francis. Our Morning Program is inspired by his address to the US Congress in which he marked out four Americans for special notice. Each in their own way contribute to our contemporary understanding of Mercy. The Evening Program will probe the Biblical dimensions of Mercy as the very “definition” of God. The entire Mission is motivated by the stunning challenge of Jesus found in Luke 6: 36:

Be Merciful as your God In Heaven is Merciful!

THE MORNING PROGRAM

(Different from the Evening Program)

8:00 am

Liturgy

(Coffee and Refreshments after the Liturgy)

8:45 am – 9:45 am

Sessions with Tom

THE AMERICAN FACE OF MERCY

REFLECTIONS BASED ON POPE FRANCIS

AND HIS ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

MONDAY – Abraham Lincoln and the Freeing of the Slaves

TUESDAY – Martin Luther King and the Call to End Slavery

WEDNESDAY – Dorothy Day and the Rights and Dignity of the Poor

THURSDAY – Thomas Merton and the Contemplative Call to Peace-Making

THE EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

MONDAY

March 14, 2016

A TIME FOR MERCY

FIRST REFLECTION

In the Midst of Conflict and Division

When else would mercy be needed?

FIRST READING

There Is a Time

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

SECOND REFLECTION

The Broken Heart of the Lord

Luke 7: 11-17

TUESDAY

March 15, 2016

I HAVE HEARD THE CRY OF MY PEOPLE

AND HAVE COME DOWN

FIRST REFLECTION

Walking Humbly with Your God

THE FIRST READING

Micah 6: 6-8

SECOND REFLECTION

The Women Bent

Luke 13: 10-17

WEDNESDAY

March 16, 2016

Evening Lenten Penance Service

7:00pm-8:30pm

BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR GOD IS MERCIFUL!

FIRST REFLECTION

The Perfection That Is Mercy

Matthew 5: 48 and Luke 6: 36

READING

Be Compassionate

Luke 6: 27-36

SECOND REFLECTION

Examination of Conscience Based on the Works of Mercy

THURSDAY

March 17, 2016

TOUCHING THE WOUNDS

FIRST REFLECTION

The Wounded and Crucified Risen One

READING

Touch My Wounds

John 20: 19-30

SECOND REFLECTION

Just a Little Walk with Thee

Reflections on the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13-35

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St. Vincent De Paul

All Saints Parish

Hayward, CA

Vincentians Live Mercy

Day of Reflection

March 19, 2016

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

REFLECTIONS IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

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AN INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

St. Joseph's Church

43148 Mission Blvd

Fremont, CA 94539

THE GIFTS AND THE CALLING OF GOD ARE IRREVOCABLE

Reflections on the Vatican Document

Concerning Jews and Catholics (Christians)

December 10, 2015

This powerful and important Vatican Document marks a decisive turning point in the Church's self-understanding. The Dialogue with Judaism has resulted in a recognition that Judaism, the Religion of Jesus, is the Mother Faith of all Christians. We will explore this Document as we strive to make its wisdom a vital part of our life as disciples of Jesus.

Four Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

MARCH 28, 2016

Nostra Aetate #4

Vatican II and the more recent Documents

Establishing the Context of the present Document

APRIL 4, 2016

The Relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament

Between of Old Covenant and the New Covenant

APRIL 11, 2016

God has never revoked the Covenant with the People of Israel

APRIL 18, 2016

One can only come to love

What one has gradually come to know

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St. Joseph Morello Church RCIA

Granite Bay, California

RCIA Retreat

March 20, 2016

School of Applied Theology

Oakland, California

World Religions

March 29, 2016

April 4, 2016

April 6, 2016

STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

Rocklin, CA

Laudato Si and the Year of Mercy

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Four Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

March 30, 2016

The Earth as Our Common Home

Developing an Interconnected, Independent, and Interrelated Spirituality

April 6, 2016

The Gospel of Creation

Seeing Our World Through the Eyes of Jesus

April 13, 2016

The Biblical Splendor of Mercy

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Private Program

Auburn, California

Interpath

April 1, 28 & May 25

6:30 – 9:00 pm

BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR GOD IN HEAVEN IS MERCIFUL

Luke 6:36

St. John of God

1290 Fifth Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94122

Two On-going Scripture Studies

Two Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

APRIL 7, 2016

THE WOMEN SAT OPPOSITE THE TOMB

THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DECEMBER 10, 2015 VATICAN DOCUMENT

CONCERNING JEWS AND CATHOLICS

MAY 5, 2016

THE PENTECOST EVENT AS ON-GOING EVENT EVEN IN OUR TIME

RECONSIDERING PENTECOST AS THE CENTRAL EVENT OF LUKE /

ACTS OF APOSTLES

INTERFAITH ECUMENISM AS SIGN OF THE SPIRIT'S

OUT-POURING IN OUR TIME

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Oakland, California

Luke's Passion Narrative

April 8, 2016

1:00 – 3:00 pm

April 25, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, California

May 2, 2016

Interfaith

San Damiano Retreat Center

Danville, California

St. Raymond's WINGS

Beatitudes

May 4, 2016

A TIME FOR MERCY

ALL SAINTS

BRIDGEPORT, WV

May 29 – June 2, 2016

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8:00 am

Liturgy

Coffee and Refreshments after the Liturgy

8:45 am – 9:45 am

Session with Tom

THE EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SUNDAY, May 29, 2016

Evening Service

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FIRST REFLECTION

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There Is a Time Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

SECOND REFLECTION

The Broken Heart of the Lord

Luke 7: 11-17

TUESDAY, May 31, 2016

Evening Service

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AND HAVE COME DOWN

FIRST REFLECTION

Walking Humbly with Your God

Micah 6: 6-8

SECOND REFLECTION

The Women Bent

Luke 13: 10-17

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2016

Evening Service

BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR GOD IS MERCIFUL!

FIRST REFLECTION

The Perfection That Is Mercy

Matthew 5: 48 and Luke 6: 36

But I Say to You

Luke 6: 27-36

SECOND REFLECTION

The Story of Luke 15: 1-32

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THURSDAY

June 2, 2016

Evening Service

TOUCHING THE WOUNDS

FIRST REFLECTION

The Wounded and Crucified Risen One

Spirit-Touched

Touch My Wounds

John 20: 19-30

SECOND REFLECTION

Just a Little Walk with Thee

Reflections on the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13-35

THE MORNING SCHEDULE

May 30 – June 2, 2016

MORNING LITURGY

COFFEE

THE AMERICAN FACE OF MERCY

REFLECTIONS BASED ON POPE FRANCIS

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St. JOHN OF GOD

IRVING ST.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

THE PASSION OF THE CHURCH

The Biblical Spirituality of Liberation

Insights Based On The Ministry Of Pope Francis

A Monthly Program

June – October 2016

Four Thursdays

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

June 9, 2016

Pope Francis visits to the Americas – The Apology and the Challenge

Hope for the Future

July 7, 2016

Liberation Theology revisited – a new way of being Church

The Wisdom and Challenge of Amoris Laetitia #3

September 1, 2016

“The Preferential Option for the Poor” revisited

The Norm of the Biblical Traditions

October 6, 2016

**The Future Church – Revisiting the history of Liberation from Jesus to the
present day**

Discerning the Future – Is it possible? If so – what do we discern?

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The Spirituality of Beauty

A Retreat Weekend at Evergreen

Volcano, CA

June 10, 11, 12, 2016

The One, the True, the Good, and the Beautiful

The Spirituality of Immanent Transcendence

Reflections Based on the Life, Work, and Wisdom of St. Bonaventure

The extraordinary times in which we live are marked by unspeakable atrocities and unbelievable advances in almost every field. How shall we make sense of this? Our calm and peaceful weekend retreat at Evergreen we seek some insight from the important but often neglected Saint Bonaventure. We find ourselves on the verge of convergence in which the darkness of everyday life finds its resolution in the “beautiful” of which our Saint is the master. We will explore the genius of Bonaventure known as the “Sephardic Doctor” as his writings may offer us a powerful new way to engage our World.

The Time and Significance of St. Bonaventure

Insights from his Journey to God

The Transcendentals

The Spirituality of Beauty

The Life of St. Francis of Assisi

The Core Experience of the Humanity of Jesus

The Five Feasts of the Child

Insights into Spiritual Motherhood

The Heart and Soul of St. Bonaventure Journey to God

The Stages of the Journey

Reading St. Bonaventure in Light of Laudato Si

Ecology and the Poor – A Radical Theology of Beauty

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Chaplaincy Institute

Nurturing Inter-Religious Relations

June 17, 2016

8:30 am- 4:30 pm

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AN INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Private Program

Brentwood, California

The Rise of the Jewish Jesus

(1945 – December 10, 2015)

June 21, 2016

PART ONE

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The Crisis and The Second Vatican Council

The Shoah and Globalization

Revisiting the Quest for The Historical Jesus

June 28, 2016

PART TWO

The Documentation of December 10, 2015

A Major Breakthrough?

A Critique of “The Gifts And The Calling

Of God Are Irrevocable” in Light of Dabru Emet

July 5, 2016

PART THREE

How Might a Christian Appreciate Judaism?

Beyond the Jewish / Christian Divide

An Introduction to Judaism

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I AM IN THE MIDST OF YOU

Reflections on the Gospel of St. Matthew

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

9961 Elk Grove-Florin Road

Elk Grove, California, 95624

(916) 685-3681

From one point of view, the Gospel of St. Matthew reads like a “catechism” of the teachings of Jesus. Our five part series will explore the five sections of St. Matthew’s Gospel known as “The Great Discourses” as we probe the proclamation of Jesus to his disciples in his own time and ours.

Five Friday Mornings

10:30 am – 12:00 Noon

June 24, 2016

EMMANUEL COMES TO GALILEE AND RELIVES THE LIFE OF HIS PEOPLE

Reflections on Matthew 3:1 – 4: 22 in Light of 1: 22-23

July 15, 2016

THE GREAT TEACHINGS OF JESUS ACCORDING MATTHEW'S PROCLAMATION

Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-6-7)

August 12, 2016

**DISCOVERING THE IDENTITY OF ST. MATTHEW IN THE CYCLE OF TEN
MIRACLES**

Reflections on Matthew 8: 14-17 and 9: 9-13

September 23, 2016

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

Reflections on Matthew 10 and 18 with reference of Matthew 13

October 21, 2016

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Reflections on Matthew 24 and 25

A reflection for the conclusion of the Holy Year of Mercy

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Order of Franciscan Seculars (OFS)

St. Boniface Catholic Church

350 Golden Gate Avenue

San Francisco, CA

Interfaith Encounters

July 3, 2016

1:30 pm

REFLECTIONS ON JOY OF LOVE

Amoris Laetitia

Pope Francis Summarizes the Synods on the Family

THE INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECT
AN INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

St. Joseph's Church

43148 Mission Blvd

Fremont, CA 94539

THE JOY OF LOVE

Reflections on Amoris Laetitia

We will consider chapter eight of this most important document on love and family life. The document establishes the basic principles for pastoral practice and the Church's self-understanding that will influence our future as a Church of Jesus for years to come.

Three Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

JULY 11, 2016

The Meaning of the Document Amoris Laetitia and the Future of the Church

An exploration of Paragraph #3 in Light of Recent History

The Church of Christ as a Community Rich in Love and Mercy

JULY 18, 2016

A detailed exploration of Chapter 8

The Practical Impact of Amoris Laetitia in the life of the People of God

A consideration of some problem areas

AUGUST 8, 2016

Reflections on Chapter 4 and 9 of Amoris Laetitia

A robust Biblical Theology of Love and Marriage

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Livermore Library

Community Room A

1188 South Livermore Avenue

Livermore, CA

Apology to Eve

July 17, 2016

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

San Damiano Retreat Center

Danville, California

Interfaith Retreat: Go Out To All The World

August 5 – 7, 2016

Our Interfaith Retreat introduces another chapter in the development of Interfaith Spirituality and Practice. As the Faith Traditions of humankind continue to engage one another in the pursuit of justice and peace, we experience the World in a new and challenging ways. As the World confronts the threats of terrorism and political and economic unrest, people of Faith strive for peace. What are the spiritual/religious/cultural sources and implications of this pursuit? This question forms the heart and soul of our Retreat.

Elements of Our Retreat:

1. What do we mean by the word “religion”?
2. What do we mean by the word “God” as we survey the “religions” of Humankind?

3. Is the Future of “Interreligious Practice” to be found in a developing “Interpath” manner? We shall explore the Mother of the Buddha and the Night Journey of Muhammad for clues. (Two Sessions)
4. We will engage in deep sharing to discern the possibility of developing the “Interpathic” perspectives.
5. We will be inspired by reflections from the Ahmadiyya Islamic Movement and the Baha’s Community followed by music, social, and shared conversations.
6. We will bless the Night with our Evening Fire Meditation.
7. A presentation exploring and proposing the “Interpath” approach to Interfaith Practice will be offered.
8. Open Discussion
9. We will engage in shared reflections to bless and conclude our Retreat experience.

COST:

\$235 for private room

\$205 per person for double occupancy.

All bedrooms are nonsmoking.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

– Online: www.sandamiano.org

– Call us at (925) 837-9141

– Send a \$50 deposit to:

San Damiano Retreat

P. O. Box 767 710 Highland Drive

Danville, California 94526-0767

Registration is from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

Social at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm.

First Session at 8:00 pm.

Concludes with lunch on Sunday

For brochure:

<http://www.sandamiano.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/2016-August-Fr.-Tom-Bonacci-2.pdf>

St. Perpetua Staff Retreat

San Damiano Retreat Center

Danville, CA

Wednesday / August 10, 2016

EVANGELIZATION: WELCOME AND OUTREACH

9:00 am

Arrival

9:15 – 10:00

First Session – The Church as a “Field Hospital”

Pondering Luke 10: 25-37 – Incarnation as Involvement

10:00 – 10:30

Break – Time for Sharing, Reflection, Prayer, Devotion, Quiet

10:30 – 11:15

Second Session – The Example, Inspiration and Challenge of Jesus

An Exploration of Matthew 9: 9-13 and 8: 14-18 – Call and Empowerment

11:30 – 11:50

Questions / Answers / Discussion

12 Noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch and Social Time

1:00 – 1:45

Third Session – “Models” of Evangelization

Insights from Matthew 13: 24- 30 – Are All Truly Welcome?

1:45 – 2:15

Break – Time for Sharing, Reflection, Prayer, Devotion, Quiet

2:15 – 3:30

Fourth Session – The Attitude is Gratitude / The Eucharistic Ethic of Welcome

Pondering Luke 22: 15-27 – From Service to Care

3:30

Prayer and Blessing

Peaceful Farewell

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St. Mary's College

Moraga, California

Mission and Ministry Day Retreat at

The Interfaith Peace Project Library and Center

Antioch, California

August 11, 2016

Interfaith Work

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, California

Lay Canossian Retreat

August 12 – 14, 2016

Private Retreat

Gathered in My Name – Reflections on the Community of Jesus

September 9 – 11, 2016

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

4450 Granite Drive

Rocklin, CA 95677

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(1945 – December 10, 2015)

Five Wednesday Evenings

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

September 14, 2016

The Modern Context for the Rise of The Jewish Jesus

The Second Vatican Council / The Shoah

Revisiting the Quest for The Historical Jesus

September 21, 2016

The Prince of Peace / The Ethics of Peace

The International Day of Peace

September 28, 2016

The Religion of Jesus (Part One)

Beyond the Jewish / Christian Divide

October 5, 2016

The Religion of Jesus (Part Two)

Jesus – The Galilean Jew

October 12, 2016

The Documentation of December 10, 2015

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St John Vianney

1650 Ygnacio Valley Road

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

The Year of Mercy


September 12: Parables of Mercy

September 19: Signs of Mercy (in the Sacraments)

Masses on September 24 & 25

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm



International Day of Peace – Speaking in Peace with Each Other

An Interfaith Weekend Speaking in Peace with Each Other

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday, September 16-17-18
San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville

Come for the day, an afternoon or the whole weekend.

- Friday night the 16th at 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Shabbat Service at Congregation Beth Chaim, 1800 Holbrook, Dr., Danville, CA. (*Lodging available at San Damiano Friday and Saturday evening.*)
- Saturday the 17th, Retreat and Programs on Compassionate Listening and Interfaith Dialogue:
 - Speaking in peace. Nonviolent Communication & Compassionate listening with Meganwind Eoyang.
 - Presentation on International Day of Peace with Father Tom Bonacci
 - Sacred Story Telling and Spiritual Practices
 - After-dinner presentation from recent refugees & Universal Dances for Peace. Review of the day and next steps.
- Sunday morning Prayer Service led by Father Tom Bonacci and Will McGarvey.

Commuters are welcome to attend the events at these different rates: Saturday meals and programs alone are \$75.00. Friday night lodging and Saturday programs with meals are \$125.00. Saturday meal and programs and night lodging and Sunday meals and programs are \$125.00. For those staying for the whole weekend retreat, Friday to Sunday with meals is \$235.00. Registration needs to be made either online at <http://www.sandamiano.org> or by mail by sending their registration form to 710 Highland Dr., Danville, CA 94526. For more information, call the office of San Damiano at 925-837-9141 or Rev. Will McGarvey, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council at 925-597-9797.

September 21, 2016

The Interfaith Peace Project Open House

4517 Buckeye Court

Antioch, CA 94531

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Interfaith Peace Project is sponsoring a simple Open House in honor of The International Day for Peace. Please feel free to visit The Interfaith Peace Center Wednesday, September 21, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. We invite you to reflect for a moment, light a candle and rededicate yourself to practicing peace in everything you do.

Tom will share a brief reflection on peace at 11:30 am.

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church

902 Danville Blvd.

Alamo, CA 94507

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THE WORLD HAS MET ITSELF
THE DYNAMICS OF INTERFAITH SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTICE
IN A WORLD GONE GLOBAL

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OCTOBER 20, 2016

Do the Faith Traditions Provide a Basis for Interfaith Love and Respect?

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School for Applied Theology

5890 Birch Court

Berkeley, California

Interfaith Spirituality

September 26, 2016

10:00 – 12:00

October 3, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

October 10, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PASSION

CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA

THE FALL 2016 SERIES

PREPARING FOR THE YEAR OF ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

Tuesday Evenings

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

September 27, 2016

The Advent / Christmas Readings of St. Matthew's Gospel

On you a light is shining

October 4, 2016

The Lenten Readings of St. Matthew's Gospel

The Dynamics of Liberation, Release, and Forgiveness

October 18, 2016

The Easter Readings of St. Matthew's Gospel

The Women sat opposite the Tomb

October 25, 2016

The Readings of St. Matthew's Gospel for Ordinary Time

I was a stranger and you welcomed me!

THE ADVENT SERIES

Preparing for Christmas

December 6, 2016

The Messiah is born from the heritage of his people

Insights into Matthew 1: 1-17

December 13, 2016

Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home

Insights into the Birth of the Emmanuel

December 20, 2016

Gifts from afar

The Magi Narrative as Gospel Proclamation

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

Interfaith Retreat

The Interfaith Path: Many Roads, One Way

What would interfaith spirituality look like if we practiced it faithfully? How do we engage the unique practices and teachings of our own traditions in a way that includes, rather than excludes, those of other traditions? Is there a life-giving path in each tradition that is both unique and inclusive? For instance, in the Christian scriptures, Jesus says, "I am the Way." What if Jesus meant that we are all "The Way"? The Way to the heart, The Way to peace among the human family?

Rev. Shokuchi Carrigan



Rev. Shokuchi Deirdre Carrigan is an ordained Soto Zen priest in the lineage of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, founder of San Francisco Zen Center, and has been teaching yoga since 1989. She met her teachers, Zen Master Tenshin Reb Anderson and Senior Iyengar Yoga Teacher Donald Moyer, in a Zen and Yoga retreat at Green Gulch Farm 30 years ago and has been practicing both Zen meditation and yoga in the Iyengar tradition since that time. She has been living at Green Gulch Farm since 2007 and has been co-leading Zen and Yoga retreats at Tassajara Zen Mountain Center since 2001.

Fr. Thomas Bonacci, C.P.



Rev. Thomas Bonacci, C.P., is the founder and director of the Interfaith Peace Project (IPP) which encourages interfaith peace and mutual respect through small discussion, study, prayer, ritual, and practice. Located in Antioch, California, the Project sponsors hundreds of workshops that open the door to better interfaith relations. A Roman Catholic priest, Tom is a scriptural scholar who has developed adult education and deacon formation programs throughout the nation. Along with his interfaith ministry, Tom is dedicated to serving those dealing with poverty, people dealing with HIV/AIDS, and those recovering from drugs and alcohol.



Register at www.marinifc.org

Tuesday, September 27, 10am-4pm
Green Gulch Zen Center Farm
1601 Shoreline Hwy, Muir Beach

\$80-\$60 Sliding Scale - Lunch included
Call (415) 456-6957 or email programs@marinifc.org for more info. and registration (partial scholarships available)

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, California

Interfaith Retreat

September 30 – October 2, 2016

The Fremont Series

For the St. Joseph Church Community

Fremont, CA

Mondays

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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The Interfaith Peace Project

Pittsburg, CA

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE!

The Gospel of Matthew affords us a powerful opportunity to look back into our roots as disciples of Jesus and see anew that we are a people born of strife and anguish. For Matthew, that realization is the source of compassion and justice.

As such, Matthew's Gospel challenges us to be people of justice and compassion as we cope with the issues of our day. Our continuing series will be influenced by the international scholarship that has recently emerged in Matthean Studies. The voices of wisdom from the World will bless us as we journey anew through the Parables, Teachings, and Challenges of Jesus our Emmanuel

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

October 3, 2016

Enter the Women

A Genealogy of Women from whom the Emmanuel is Born

October 10, 2016

Mary and the Cry of the Poor

Joseph as Model of Disciple / Mary as Our Sister in Solidarity with the Poor

October 17, 2016

The Work of Liberation and the Rise of the Women in the Deaconate

Recognizing what Women have always done and do

Reflections on Matthew 8: 14-17

October 24, 2016

The Identity of Matthew

Reflections on Matthew 9: 9-13

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

January 16, 2017

The Spirituality of Beatitude

Reflections on Matthew 5-6-7 in a World gone Global

January 23, 2017

What does it mean to be a Disciple of Jesus

Ecumenical and Interreligious Approaches

January 30, 2017

Matthew and the Church of Today

Moving Beyond anti-Judaism

February 6, 2017

The Church in the Global World of Faith

Beyond Redemption to Liberation in this World

Revisiting the Parables of Matthew's Gospel

May 8, 2017

Enter the Women Anew – Matthew's Resurrection Accounts

Latest report on Women in the Deaconate

May 15, 2017

The Spirit in the Gospel of Matthew

Tradition and Creativity

Appreciating the Contribution of Matthew the Evangelist

May 29, 2017

The Matthew / Paul Relationship

All are Welcome in the House of Jesus

June 5, 2017

Leadership in the Now and Future Church

All are empowered to the service of Care for one another

July 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2017

The Biblical Spirituality of Afterlife and Beyond

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

Encounter the Gospel of Mark / Global Perspectives

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BRENTWOOD ADVENT PROGRAM

Private Home-Based Program

October 19 – November 9, 2016

Four Wednesdays / 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

EXPLORING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

October 19, 2016

The Incarnation of God's Justice in the Words and Deeds of Jesus

Incarnation as Involvement

October 26, 2016

Remember the Ancestors

Claiming the Dignity of a People – Exploring Matthew 1: 1-17

The Heritage of Jesus in the Plan of Matthew

November 2, 2016

His Name Shall be Emmanuel

The Significance of the Naming of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew

Exploring Matthew 1:18 – 22

November 9, 2016

We Have Seen His Star!

Confronting Tyranny in the Pursuit of Peace

The Subversive Nature of the Matthean Epiphany Story

Exploring Matthew 2: 1-12

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No World Peace Without Religious Peace!

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center

Sierra Madre, California

CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE AND COMPASSION

REVISITING THE PASSION NARRATIVES

JESUS DIES IN THE MANNER OF HIS LIVING

October 29, 2016

PART ONE

THE PASSION IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

9:00 am – 9:45 am

Mark 1:40-45 and Luke 7:11-17 are two prime examples for appreciating the passions of Jesus. Jesus “models” compassion providing crucial strategies for becoming a person of compassion.

PART TWO

THE PASSION IN THE “DEATH” OF JESUS

10:00 am – 10:45 am

After contrasting the death of Jesus as presented in Mark 15:33-39 and John 19:28-30, we will explore the moments before the death of Jesus in Luke 23:39-43. Although Jesus is executed on the Cross, the Gospel writers portray his dying and death in the manner of his living.

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH TOM

11:00 am – 11:30 am

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1066 26th Street

Sacramento, CA

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

7:00 – 8:30

Lynwood United Methodist Church

4444 Black Ave.

Pleasanton, CA

November 28, 2016

Monday

7:30 – 9:00 pm

THE SPIRITUALITY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

BLESSED IN THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD

Our Evening Program of Reflection will survey the Gospel of Matthew as we seek to uncover the splendor and the challenges of the Advent Season. Advent not only points to a Season of the year but is the fundamental attitude of the faithful disciple of Jesus.

We will explore the First Chapter of Matthew seeking to discover and celebrate Matthew's understanding of Jesus as the Emmanuel of God who invites a reborn community to a life of transformative justice.

Our Evening will conclude with some reflections on "the Child" of Matthew Chapter Two realizing that the First Gospel presents Jesus as "one like ourselves" whose birth reflects the trials and hopes of everyone who has ever been touched by the joys and sorrows of life.

The Advent Prayers of the Church will deeply bless us as our Evening together unfold.

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School of Applied Theology

Oakland, California

Incarnation in Scripture

December 5, 2016

10:00 am 3:00 pm

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

Advent Day of Prayer

December 7, 2016

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Center for Spiritual Cultivation

Broadmoor Congregational Church

1692 Pleasant Hill Road

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

December 11, 2016

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

St. Columba's Catholic Church

6401 San Pablo Avenue

Oakland, CA

December 5 & 12, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Introduction to the New Testament

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

Interfaith Evening of Prayer

December 13, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Mercy Center

535 Sacramento Street

Auburn, CA

The Year End Retreat

December 28, 2016 – January 1, 2017

THE REIGN OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU

Crossing Boundaries

Opening Hearts

Being Jesus

Our Retreat is inspired by the proclamation of Jesus found in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Jesus always referred to God as the surprising Presence that touches every dimension of our lives. As we transition to a New Year, we seize the opportunity to hear the voice of Jesus who invites us to be the love, hope, and compassion our World longs to have.

Contact Mercy Center for more information and reservations:

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535 Sacramento Street

Auburn, CA 95603

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THE REIGN OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU



YEAR-END SILENT RETREAT

Facilitated by Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.
December 28, 2016 - January 1, 2017

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Two Retreat Options

Option 1: Five Day Silent Retreat

Begins Wednesday, December 28th with arrival and registration from 3:00 to 6:00pm (dinner at 6:15pm). Retreat closes with New Year's Day Eucharist celebration at 9:00am followed by brunch.

Cost: \$275 resident (Dec 28, 2016 to Jan 1, 2017)
(*\$75 non-refundable deposit*)

Option 2: New Years Eve Overnight

Begins Saturday, December 31st with arrival and registration from 3:00 to 5:00pm (dinner at 5:15pm). Retreat closes with New Year's Day Eucharist celebration at 9:00am followed by brunch.

Cost: \$95 (Dec 31, 2016 to Jan 1, 2017)
(*non-refundable payment due w/registration; space limited*)

Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.

has ministered in the Diocese of Oakland since 1990 and serves as a member of the Interreligious and Ecumenical Commission. Tom is the founder of the Interfaith Peace Project of Contra Costa County, a home-based educational outreach providing introductions to the world religions. He is the director of the Interfaith Center of Antioch and serves on the Board of Directors for the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. He conducts seminars in Interfaith Spirituality for the School of Applied Theology in Oakland, CA and the Interfaith Chaplaincy School in Berkeley, CA.

YEAR-END RETREAT Facilitator: Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.

Please select: OPTION 1 5-Days: Dec. 28, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017
\$275 (*\$75 non-refundable deposit*)

OPTION 2 New Years Only: Dec. 31, 2016 - Jan 1, 2017
\$95 (*non-refundable payment due in full*)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Credit Card _____

_____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Exp. Date _____



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You may also call with a credit card number or register online at www.mercycenter.org