

## ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 pm, The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland Mark Hernbroth 510-273-4980 mhernbroth@oakdiocese.org Oakdiocese.org/Chrism

All parishes and members of the Diocese are invited to come celebrate the annual Chrism Mass on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm. Join with us as the chief shepherd of our Diocese, Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., blesses the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism, all of which are taken back to the parishes for the celebration of the Sacraments. This year's celebration begins with the Musical Prelude and procession of the Parishes at 6:30 pm. Also, in a sign of unity and fidelity, the priests of the diocese concelebrate the Mass with their Bishop and recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. This is the one time, each year, when the local church gathers as one family in faith to celebrate as one Church, called by Christ to know Christ and make Him better known. Parking is available for a flat rate of \$5 at the Kaiser Center parking garage across the street. Use of public transportation is encouraged; the Cathedral is a two-block walk from the 19th Street BART station. Additional transportation information can be found online.

## THE MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA PRESENTS "UNITED WE STAND"

A unity celebration of Black History Month featuring The Voices of St. Benedict (Gospel Choir), Very Rev. James V. Matthews, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Rev. Philip Garcia, OFM, Mission San Miguel, San Miguel, CA., on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at The Mission San Antonio de Padua, End of Mission Road, Jolon, CA. Donation: \$10.00. Benefit Concert featuring (The Voices of St. Benedict), 11 am. All proceeds to benefit the Mission San Antonio De Padua Preservation Project. For more information: Contact Franki Grau (831) 385-4478 or Dr. Cheryl-Bruce (310) 270-3026.

## IN CELEBRATION AND HONOR OF 2016 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A production of famous playwright Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisin In The Sun" will be featured at the Black Reparatory Theater in Berkeley, California. The dates of this local production will be Friday, February 26th through Sunday, February 28th starring a local talent and noted performer JaRed Walton as well as an amazing cast of talented Bay Area youth and performers. Ticket price are \$20.00 and group seating is available with opportunity to attend VIP reception and reserved premium seating. Please contact Regina Guillory at 510.395.5629 for more information.

## THE CHOIR'S CORNER

What's going on??

### Interested in joining any of the Choirs?

Please feel free to contact Music Director, Leonard Pete.

Phone: 510-917-2390

Email: thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com

Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.

Are you on Facebook?

Like our page! We're titled **The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA**

## CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women Invites you to our March Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM** at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA. Please join us in welcoming our speaker, Denise Bossert! Denise is a well-known author and syndicated columnist. She is the daughter of a Protestant minister and will share with us her story of conversion to the Catholic faith! **Join us for Prayer, Praise, and Inspiration!** Reservations are \$28/ \$35 after March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for info or reservations call (925)788-7762.

## 2016 MASS BOOK

If you would like to offer a Mass for the (Living) Intentions of your family/friends, or for your deceased family members/friends, stop by the Parish Office during office hours. We will be happy to assist you.

## THE CATHOLIC VOICE 2016 JUBILEE OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 20-29

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, [ctompkins@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ctompkins@oakdiocese.org). Pentecost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 [travel@pentecosttours.com](mailto:travel@pentecosttours.com). [CatholicVoiceOakland.org](http://CatholicVoiceOakland.org). The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome. Celebrate Mass at some of the most beautiful basilicas in Italy, visit the treasures of Vatican City, and see Pope Francis during the Papal Audience. Join the 10-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for \$3,999. Costs includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, and most breakfasts and dinners. **\$100 Early Bird Discount is available to those who register before December 23.** For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above.

## ARE YOU A FAN OF ST. BENEDICT?

Well if you're a Facebook member, Like our Page! You can find us under the following title:

### Fans of St. Benedict Church Oakland, CA

Make sure that you like our page as well as spread the word to many of your family and friends. This is a great way to keep up with the latest News and Updates with St. Benedict Church.

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?** To request a *registration form*, please complete and drop in the offertory basket.

Have you moved? Had an information change?

Let us know by completing and returning.

*We respect your privacy! This information is for*

*St. Benedict Parish use only.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Me A Registration Form

Change of Address  Moving out of Parish

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## MISSION STATEMENT

As the people of God who are loved by the Father, being saved by the Son, and strengthened and endowed with the gifts of the Spirit for the service of the Lord, and all here at St. Benedict, we resolve in the spirit of Christian unity and cooperation to use our gifts and talents in building up the Kingdom of God in East Oakland

## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Jayson Landeza**

PASTOR

**Mr. Ron Tutson**

DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**

CLERGY SUPPLY

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**

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**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**

CCD DIRECTOR

**Mr. Rufus Fisher**

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**Mr. Clifford Ologbosele**

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**Ms. Ariana Catherine**

YOUTH MINISTER

## MASS TIMES

SATURDAY:  
4:30 PM (VIGIL MASS)

SUNDAY:  
8:30 AM  
11:00 AM (GOSPEL MASS)

MON, WED & FRI:  
7:30 AM (8:00AM ON HOLIDAYS)

## CONFESSION

SATURDAY:  
3:45 PM TO 4:15 PM  
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

## BAPTISM

INSTRUCTION OF PARENTS REQUIRED

## MARRIAGE

6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:  
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:  
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:  
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Jesus is at the top of a mountain, deep in prayer, when he changes in appearance. His clothes become dazzling white and Moses and Elijah suddenly appear and converse with Jesus. Half asleep, Peter offers to erect three booths (tents), one for each of the distinguished visitors and Jesus. Without warning, a cloud envelopes them, and a voice comes from it. The vision quickly ends and Jesus and the three disciples are alone again.

This Gospel story is rich in symbolism. Some Jews believed that the righteous would wear white clothing in God's kingdom and would live in tents because the Jews lived in tents when God led them out of Egypt, through the desert and into the Promised Land. All this symbolism makes it likely that Peter thought he was in the kingdom of God.

The strangest feature of today's Gospel reading from Luke is the appearance of Moses and Elijah, two important Old Testament figures who had been dead for hundreds of years. Moses represents the laws God gave him on Mt. Sinai, laws the Jews believed were a guideline to holiness. Some Jews believed following the laws was a sure way to please God and to reserve for oneself a place in the kingdom. Elijah, on the other hand, was one of the greatest prophets in the history of the Jewish people. Many Jews believed he would return to earth to prepare the way for the Messiah, God's chosen one who would usher in God's reign on earth.

Since the Jewish people called their Scriptures (what we Christians call the Old Testament) "the Law and the Prophets," we can assume that this is what Moses and Elijah represent when they appear together in today's Gospel. We can interpret their presence with Jesus to mean that just as God once worked to save the Jewish people from their physical enemies in the days

of the Old Testament, he is now working through his son, Jesus, to save the world from its spiritual enemy, Satan. All this symbolism points to Jesus being the Messiah, a conclusion the voice from the cloud supports when it identifies Jesus as the chosen one (another way of referring to the Messiah). The Old Testament sometimes uses a cloud as a symbol of God's presence (Exodus 13:21; Exodus 16:10; 1 Kings 8:10-11). The voice must belong to God.

We'll miss the point of today's Gospel if we only focus on the change in Jesus' appearance. What's more important is that God used this occasion to confirm Jesus' mission as the Messiah, the person God chose to establish the reign on earth.

Just as Jesus was at prayer when all this happened, prayer can also transfigure our lives. Identify an area in your life that needs change and ask God to transform you into a new person, pleasing to him in every way.

As I have been mentioning, St. Benedict parish will be engaged in a Pastoral Planning Process to help determine the focus and direction we would like for us to journey over the next 3 - 5 years. This process will establish a set of goals and define a vision where St. Benedict parish sees itself in the future. On Saturday, March 12th, we will have an all-day session in the parish hall to establish our vision and to reassess our parish mission statement. This process will be led by Chuck Siebenand, formerly the Director of the Pastoral Planning Office for the Diocese of Oakland. If you are able, please join us for this important meeting to determine the future and direction of St. Benedict parish. Have a continued blessed and prayerful Lenten Season.

Fr. Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The Law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, Operations Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

**Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter**  
Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to [SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com](mailto:SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com) with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STUFFED ANIMAL, SOCK, AND ART SUPPLIES DRIVE

Sponsored by KPCLA, Ct. 336 and KPC Council 336, starts immediately and ends March 20, 2016! Please bring in as many of the following new items as you can:



- Stuffed Animals
- Socks for all ages
- Art supplies, especially conducive to the older children
- Collection containers are in the rear of the church/St. Benedict Contact Co-Chairs Lil Brown-Parker (510-206-9942) and Reese Fernandes for more information. Thanks.

PLEASE JOIN US

If you have stood as a visitor to our community before, and because you enjoyed being with us you continue to come, please, seriously consider registering with St. Benedict as your faith community. We would love to have you as a part of our family. Just fill out the registration form located on the back of this bulletin and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you. God loves you and so do we.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 21	8:30 a.m.	Barbara Nevue †
	11:00 a.m.	Thelma Bryant †
Monday, February 22	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 24	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 26	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, February 27	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>February 14, 2016</b>	\$4,030.50
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$50.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$8,319.09</b>
Total Income for January 2016	\$540.20
<b>Ending balance as of January 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$8,859.29</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of January 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$912.03</b>
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Please remember to bring your pennies and drop them off by the altar before or after Mass. There's no need to wrap your pennies in a roll.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 27/28, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
G. McCullough	M. Soublet	S. Gressel
H. Santi	L. Noriega	L. Galloway #
		W. Sykes-Bush *
		O. Wanzo *



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **MCCOY VITAL** (brother of Janie Outley) Please remember his family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL