

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.

KELLY MOORE PAINT COMPANY

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland looking to purchase paint for the protection and beautification of your home? Did you know that by purchasing paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to our Catholic Diocese?

The Kelly Moore Paint Company, manufacturing and selling paint in the Bay Area since 1946 is excited to offer a special KM Club Discount for your purchases of quality Kelly Moore Paint at any of our Kelly Moore stores (go to www.kellymoore.com and click on the store locator).

A unique Kelly Moore Account # 605-DI4711 has been set up to allow you to take advantage of our wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products, saving you time and money. We invite you to visit any of our stores and ask to use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese. This year our gift back to the Diocese was \$1000.

We are committed to providing you quality products and excellent service at a fair price. When you use the unique KM Club Account # 605-DI4711 for your purchases we at Kelly Moore will track the net sales dollars before tax annually and award a percentage of the sales back to the Diocese in the form of a rebate check. Your home, parish and school improvement projects can in this way to contribute to the mission of the Church in Oakland. Thank you for your support!

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

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF)** is offering an opportunity for African American students who reside or are permanent residents of **our 13th Congressional District** (Greater Bay Area); and are graduating high school students who will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college or university; **and** college students attending junior college or 4 year college/university to submit their applications for the following educational scholarship opportunities: (1) **CBCF Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship (\$3,000)**; (2) **CBCF Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship (\$3000)**; **and CBCF Spouses Education Scholarship (\$8,200)**. For more information and access to these scholarship applications, please contact Regina Guillory @ 510.395.5629.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org. Pentacost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 travel@pentecosttours.com. 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.

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.

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.

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**

www.saintbenedictoakland.com

 follow us on facebook



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

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo

CCD DIRECTOR

Mr. Rufus Fisher

PLANT MANAGER

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:



Since Easter, the Sunday Gospel readings all have had something to do with Jesus' resurrection. Today's reading seems to be an exception until we look at it more closely.

The reading begins with Jesus saying his sheep knows his voice and follow him. The Bible mentioned

sheep over 500 times but that's not so unusual when we consider how important sheep were to every day life - providing meat to eat, milk to drink, and wool to make clothing. Ancient people even used their horns as containers for oil and as musical instruments.

Because shepherds had a very close relationship with their sheep, all the shepherd had to do was call his sheep and they immediately would come to him even if several flocks had mingled together. The same sheep would not budge an inch if a stranger called them.

The sheep in today's reading represent those people who have a very close relationship with Jesus. Jesus promises to give eternal life to his sheep and he says he will never let them perish, just as he himself will never die again. In other words, Jesus vows that those who are faithful to him will share in his resurrected life, with death no longer having any permanent power over them either. This eternal life is what we mean when we say we believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

The reading ends with Jesus claiming he and the Father are one, making him equal to God. The Jews would have considered this assertion blasphemous and their law required them to stone to death the person who spoke those words. Being good Jews, the apostles also would have had problems with this statement unless Jesus had already died and been raised. Only after the resurrection would they have been able to accept what Jesus was saying. So although we find today's reading in the middle of John's Gospel as if Jesus spoke these words before he died, it's more likely that John is recalling words the resurrected Jesus spoke to his apostles.

Practice being a good cheap. Learn to recognize Jesus voice by listening to him. Find a quiet place, get comfortable, and relax. Clear our mind of all distractions and for a few minutes let Jesus speak to us. Don't say anything and don't try to imagine what Jesus would say. Just sit quietly and listen. The more often we do this, the easier it becomes.

You may have noticed that the floor of the parish hall have been beautifully waxed. The Aspire Charter School which leases the school building did that during the school's spring break. We are asking that if you are going to mop the floor, please use only cold or luke warm water and that we try not to scratch the floor, and to change the mop heads as needed.

At the end of last year, mold was discovered in what was formerly the chapel in the parish center. The Aspire Charter School uses the space as a classroom. At any rate, since the building is fairly old, there had been quite a bit of water damage and intrusion. Mold inspections amounted to \$3225; mold abatement was \$3100; roof repairs came to \$4752. The total bill for the entire project was \$11,077. We are hoping to recoup some of the expenditures through our insurance carrier, and we are exploring that option.

Last week I enclosed the results of the Parish Planning Process that took place a number of weeks ago. I hope that you had a chance to take a look at it and that it adequately expresses the hopes and dreams of St. Benedict parish for the next few years. I have asked our parish council to take the lead in implementing these goals and objectives. I'm grateful to Dr. Chiquita Tuttle for compiling these findings and I'm also grateful to Julie Hadnot for leading the process from last year's parish retreat. We will hold our retreat process committee meeting tomorrow evening April 18 at 7 PM in the parish hall.

A reminder that Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, will be joining us for a Ceasefire walk on Friday evening April 29 at 6:00 PM. Ceasefire is an effort to increase violence prevention strategies, with the hope to reduce homicides and other gun-related crimes here in Oakland. I believe that this is Bishop Barber's first visit to St. Benedict. Please feel free to walk with us every fifth Friday of the month here. Walking around our neighborhood to let folks know that we care.

God Bless,
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

First Reconciliation
Friday, April 29 at 6:00pm (Church)

First Communion Rehearsal
Saturday, April 30th at 10:00am (Church)

First Communion
Sunday, May 1st at 11:00am Mass

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10am (before the 8:30am Mass).



SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016
Please mark your calendars.

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 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

THE LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER COURT 336

Is hosting their annual scholarship fundraiser! Join us for a Luncheon & Lots of Fun at the Golden Gate Fields Race Track in Berkeley Ca. May 14th, 2016. Donation: \$45.00
Contact: Chair- Lady Audrey Ricks (510)278-5519, Chair-Lady Lottie Sonnier (510)635-3384. We hope to see you there!

KPCLA COURT #336 SCHOLARSHIP

We are offering a scholarship to a female of color who attends or will attend an Alameda County Catholic High School in Fall, 2016. Application packets are available on the tables at the rear of the church. Deadline for submission is **May 16, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact Mallory Trevigne at trevigne@sbcglobal.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 17	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, April 18	7:30 a.m.	Canary Johnsson†
Wednesday, April 20	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, April 22	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 23	4:30 p.m.	Arthur Romero

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	April 10, 2016	\$3,938.66
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$100.00
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$1,717.83
Total Income for March 2016		\$766.60
Total Expense for March 2016		\$1,050.00
Ending balance as of March 31, 2016		\$1,434.43

	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2016		\$1000.49

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

APRIL 23/24, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
L. Palmeri	L. Noriega	R. Guillory
D. Dixon	J. Grant	J. Smithson-Bell
		L. Brown-Parker *



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
CEDRIC WILLIAMS
Please remember his family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL