

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!

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

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

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:



Some groups have secret handshakes to distinguish members from nonmembers and other groups have emblems or distinctive uniforms. The followers of Jesus also have something to set them apart from the crowd Dash their love for each other. Today's gospel reading and with Jesus tell me the apostles that their love for one another will be the way of the people know that they are his disciples. Love is supposed to be what separates them from those who do not believe in Jesus.

A problem arises because the English language uses the one word, love, to describe a variety of experiences. We sometimes think of love as a feeling, but we can also use this word to describe many different types of relationships (e.g. the relationship between a parent and child, the relationship between two friends, or the relationship between a husband and wife). This little four letter word can have several different definitions depending on the context within which we use it. With so many possible meanings, how can we know for certain what she's had in mind when he spoke the words in today's Gospel?

Although Jesus did not speak English, he may have known three different languages: Hebrew (the official language of the Jewish people); Aramaic (the everyday language of the people of Palestine); and Greek (the language of the Roman Empire). Of the three languages, Greek will be the most helpful in determining the type of love of Jesus was talking about because it is the language of the New Testament.

There are several different Greek words for our one word "love", including philia, a love that describes the relationship between two friends; eros, sexual love; and agape, a self-giving love. Of the three different word for love, agape is the one we most frequently find on the lips of Jesus. It's also the word for love in today's Gospel.

Agape is a love that focuses on the needs of the other person. It is freely given without counting the cost and without thinking of getting anything in return. Agape looks beyond physical beauty, color of skin, political beliefs, and status. It means reaching out to all people even if they are repulsive or society considers them worthless. It is a love that should be the hallmark of every Christian.

"See how they love each other!" Was the way the non-Christians describe the early followers of Jesus. Would not Christians today say that about our parish community here at St. Benedict?

I want to remind folks about the recent release of a new Mobile App for St. Benedict parish. This app is available for download in the Android and Apple Stores. The App is a new and effective way for our St. Benedict family to communicate with you and for you to stay connected with the parish. The App is PACKED with prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, African American Catholic resources and website links, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, event sign up forms, liturgy schedules, photo capture tools, discussion boards and more. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system. You can download the app in the following ways: Search for it in the app store; use the flyers we are making available in the bulletin; look for the app link in the bulletin insert. We will have people available after Mass to help you download the app. This is in addition to the renewed parish website and our occasional Constant Contact email newsletter blast that we send out.

Please don't forget about our Ceasefire Walk this Friday evening at 6:30 PM here at St. Benedict. There will be a potluck gathering at 5:00 PM in the parish hall, with folks coming to the church around 6:00 PM for prayer and instructions. Bishop Michael Barber, Mayor Libby Shaaf and Vice Mayor Anne Campbell Washington will also be joining us for the walk this Friday.

I understand that the Liturgical Environment Committee is looking for more members to work on transforming our sanctuary space in the church throughout the liturgical year and seasons. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. Training and resources will be provided. We can use your helping hands!

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

REMINDER

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. Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, will be joining us. Please feel free to walk with us every fifth Friday of the month. Walking around our neighborhood to let folks know that we care.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 24	8:30 a.m.	Naimah Percival 5 th Birthday
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, April 25	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, April 27	7:30 a.m.	Florencio Torres†
Friday, April 29	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 30	4:30 p.m.	Arthur Romero

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	April 17, 2016	\$2,465.91
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$13.00

"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
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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

APRIL 30/MAY 1, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Garibaldi	J. Outley	M. Trevigne
A. Swayne	G. Johnson	Lucia Watson
		W. Sykes-Bush *

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.

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL