

areas of your live including your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20**. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org. Pentecost 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. For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above. A Question & Answer Informational Meeting will be held on March 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral at Christ the Light “Parish Hall” to answer any questions regarding the Year of Mercy Italy Pilgrimage with Pentecost Tours Inc.

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.

YOUTH MINISTER

Keeping up with the wonderful spirit and energy of our recent retreat we are looking for individuals who are interested in being mentors or volunteers with our youth and young adult activities. If interested, sign ups are available in the back of the church. For any questions see Ariana Catherine.

Any young adults 21-40 interested in participating in various young adult activities and be mentors to the youth of the parish and parish community, please sign up in the back of the church. For any questions contact Ariana Catherine or Jennifer Fernandes.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Monday, June 6 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, June 7 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, June 8 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, June 9 6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, June 10 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall

PLEASE JOIN US!

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**

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

www.saintbenedictoakland.com

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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
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 women in first-century Palestine did not work outside the home, they could never be independent. Although some women did mending and washing for others, what they earned was not enough to support themselves.

An unmarried woman lived in the house of her father who had absolute power over her. If her father passed away, she went to live with her oldest brother or an uncle who usually tried to find her a husband as soon as possible so he would not have to support her. Naturally, if a woman was married, her husband cared for her and protected her. When the husband died, the woman's eldest male child became responsible for her.

So the woman in today's Gospel had a difficult future ahead of her because both her husband and her only son who had taken care of her were dead. Not only was there no one left to support her, but because she was an older woman with no likelihood of ever getting married again, there was no certainty that a male relative would take her in and support her for the rest of her life. Under these circumstances, the woman had no choice but to rely on the goodwill of her friends and relatives until the day she died.

Burial customs in first-century Palestine differed greatly from modern Americas customs. After friends or family washed and anointed the body with special aromatic oils, they wrapped it in a linen shroud and carried it to the burial site either on a wooden bier or in a wicker basket made for that purpose. The Jewish people did not embalm their dead because they believed God created the human body in his own image and likeness, making the body holy. So embalming would have been an act of desecrating that image and likeness. This belief and the hot climate of Palestine made it necessary for burial in New Testament times to take place usually within 24 hours after death.

According to Jewish law, anyone who touched the body of the deceased or anything that was in contact with the corpse became ritually unclean and could not take part in the Temple services until they performed the necessary purifications and offered the appropriate sacrifices. Having compassion for the widow, Jesus risks becoming ritually unclean in today's Gospel by going over to the bier and touching it. When the pallbearers

stop, Jesus commands the dead man to come back to life. The widow's son immediately sits up and begins to talk.

Sometimes we say people suffer because it is God's will. Today's Gospel tells us God does not like to see people suffer. Our God is a God who has compassion on those who are in need. God does not like to see people in any kind of pain. Pray today for those who suffer in any way.

Again we want to welcome Father Sylvester Odurinde to St. Benedict parish. Currently in residence at St. Lawrence O'Toole – St. Cyril Parish in Oakland, and a recent graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga, Fr. Sylvestre will be in residence here at St. Benedict beginning this August, after returning from his native Nigeria for the summer. He has moved into Fr. Bert's old room this past week. Please extend a warm St. Benedict welcome to him as he continues his education for the next year. Father Paul Vassar will continue to assist us here in the parish as well.

Fr. Paul will be presiding at all of this weekend's liturgies. As chaplain to Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley (my alma mater), I have the Baccalaureate Mass on campus on Saturday afternoon and the Graduation Ceremony on Sunday Morning at the Zellerbach Auditorium on the UC Berkeley campus.

I will be gone this entire week - I am away for an annual meeting and training session at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Over the next few years, I will be going to Quantico at least twice a year as part of my responsibilities as an FBI Chaplain for the San Francisco Division.

Blessings to our local teams, the Warriors and the Sharks, on their championship runs!

*God Bless,
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center

Committee Meeting – Monday, June 20th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

ATTENTION LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Lector/Eucharistic Minister schedule for June, July, August and September, 2016 has been released. Please check your email and notify Jo Soublet (jcsoublet2@comcast.net) if you did not receive it.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick and homebound who would like to receive communion at their home or if you know someone who is sick and is in need of prayers, please contact Divina Cabrera at the church office (510) 632-1847 or fill out one of the request forms at the back of the church. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

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

GOD IS CALLING YOU!

A vocation – marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc. - is a call to love and every baptized person has one! But perhaps you're feeling a tug to give your heart to Jesus exclusively, sitting at His feet like Mary Magdalene, or perhaps you've wondered what life is like as a cloistered nun? If you're a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-40 years, we invite you to spend a day of discernment on July 16th with the Dominican Contemplative Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA. Catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since St. Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsmenlo.org, or visit our website at www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event. Space is limited and fills fast!

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 5	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, June 6	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 8	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 10	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 11	4:30 p.m.	Jack Alcorn†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	May 29, 2016	\$3,511.75
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$1,434.43
Total Income for April 2016		\$483.34
Ending balance as of April 30, 2016		\$1,917.67
	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2016		\$1053.21

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

JUNE 11/12, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
G. Green	G. Johnson	S. Gressel
J. Garibaldi	L. Noriega	D. Cola
		C. Hadnot *

Please pray for:

Mary Adams
Estrellita Andres
Alvin Clement
Sadie Thomas
Mattie White

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)