

## 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](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit our website at [www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event](http://www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event). Space is limited and fills fast!

## 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 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.

## Please pray for:

Mary Adams  
Estrellita Andres  
Mary Brown  
Alvin Clement  
Sadie Thomas  
Mattie White

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

## St. Benedict's Weekly Events

<b>Monday, June 27</b> 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 28</b> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 29</b> 9:00 am - 12 Noon 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	SVDP - Food Giveaway Wellness Group	Parish Hall Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, June 30</b> 6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, July 1</b> 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](mailto: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](http://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:



After the death of King Solomon, the Jewish nation divided into two kingdoms with Israel in the north and Judah in the south. In 722 B.C., the Assyrians attack and captured Israel and sent most but not all of the people into exile. Some Jews who remain behind married Assyrian immigrants. Because these people settled in Samaria, we call their descendants Samaritans.

Since the Samaritans were part-Jewish and part-Assyrian, the Jews despised them and would not allow them to worship in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans responded by declaring their own temple on Mount Gerizim, the only place where they could legitimately offer sacrifices to God. This Samaritans also used their own version of the Sacred Scriptures during their religious services.

The animosity between Jews and Samaritans was evident in other ways. Because Samaritans were hostile towards Jews who traveled through Samaria, most Jews would not pass through Samaritan territory even if doing so would have saved them several days of travel. Jews who did not take a shortcut usually shook the dust from their feet before entering Jewish land so they wouldn't contaminate Jewish soil with Samaritan dirt. This tension between these two people explains why the Samaritans did not welcome Jesus in today's Gospel.

The Gospel ends with the story about three potential followers. Jesus reminds one man that foxes have lairs and birds have nests but he and his apostles have nowhere to live. Being wandering preachers, Jesus and the apostles must have spent many nights sleeping under the stars instead of a warm comfortable house. Jesus asked the man if he is willing to give up the security of having a roof over his head in order to be a disciple.

The second man wants to bury his father first, father who some biblical scholars think was not dead or even close to death. They suggest the man's excuse most likely means something like, "I can't follow you while my father is still alive, but someday he'll be dead and then I'll join you." Jesus rejects this response and challenges the man to put discipleship before everything else, even family.

The third man wants to return home to put his affairs in order. This man is like a farmer who, while plowing his field, risks hitting a large rock or some other obstacle because he keeps looking back. The farmer might hurt

himself or damage his plow because he is distracted. This passage invites us to set our sights on Jesus and not let worldly successes or material possessions divert our attention from our heavenly goal.

The people in today's gospel let something get in the way of accepting Jesus. What is it that prevents us from being more committed disciples? It's a security? Family? Success?

On an entirely different note, the parish council and I have decided to postpone our annual St. Benedict parish picnic until the summer of 2017. This enables us more time to plan and select a suitable location. We had much difficulty working with the East Bay Regional Park administration in securing the Martin Luther King Shoreline last year, and so we opted to find another venue without being rushed into planning hastily for this event.

We will still celebrate St. Benedict's feast day this year, but in a more subdued fashion here at the church. We are still aiming for Sunday, July 10th. We will have ONE MASS that Sunday at 10:00 AM - there will be NO 8:30 AM Mass on July 10th. We will have a pot luck on the same lines as our Holy Thursday Dinner, formerly known as the Seder Meal. This will immediately follow the combined 10:00 AM Mass.

I will be gone on June 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup> for Priest's Retreat at Villa Maria Del Mar, Holy Names Sisters Retreat Center in Santa Cruz.

Thank you for all your prayers for my family and for my surgery.

*God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!

No Parish Council Meeting in July and August. Enjoy your vacation.

THE FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am followed by potluck in the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 2, 2016

St. Benedict Church is sponsoring National Night Out (NNO), which will be on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend along with your family and friends. Refreshments will be served, Jorge will provide music, the choir will sing a few songs, Line Dance class demonstrate dances, and raffle prizes will be given away; including sports merchandise, theater & zoo tickets, dining gift cards. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please join us at our next Committee Planning meeting on Monday, July 18, at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. The following Monday, July 25, we will meet in the Parish parking lot at 6:00 pm to distribute flyers around the neighborhood. Another way in helping is to provide a monetary donation or individually pre-packaged chips and/or cookies, which can be dropped off in the church office. The monetary donation can also be put into the collection basket at any of the Masses but please indicate NNO on the outside of the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Palmeri at (510)889-1532. Thank you from the NNO Committee.

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](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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 26	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, June 27	7:30 a.m.	Mia Sheppard 14 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Wednesday, June 29	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 1	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 2	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>June 19, 2016</b>	\$4,701.36
Other Collection	Holy Father "100" Club	\$377.81 \$10.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$2,567.67</b>
Total Income for May 2016	\$838.37
<b>Ending balance as of May 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$3,406.04</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of May 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$1053.21</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

JULY 2/3, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
K. Webster	J. Outley	L. Galloway #
B. Burns	G. Johnson	C. Dixon
		W. Sykes-Bush *
		L. Brown-Parker *

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND**  
**"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND**