

**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](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.

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

<b>Monday, July 4</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 5</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, July 6</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, July 7</b> 6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, July 8</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**

*Please pray for:*

Mary Brown

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**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)

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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:



Today's Gospel begins with Jesus sending seventy-two men to preach and heal "in his name." Someone who speaks or acts in someone else's name has the authority and power from that person, so the actions and words of the representative becomes the actions and the words of the person who sent him. That's why Jesus tells his disciples in verse 16 (a verse not in today's reading) that whoever hears them also hears him and whoever rejects them also rejects him.

Exaggeration was a teaching technique rabbis often used in Jesus' day to stress an important point. We find an example of an exaggeration in today's Gospel story when Jesus tells the seventy-two they should not greet anyone on the way.

Most Jewish people readily entertained strangers because there are many instances in the Bible in which angels disguised as travelers from distant lands blessed those who showed them hospitality. So the Jews routinely offered strangers something to eat because there was always a possibility a stranger was really an angel who would bless them for their generosity.

The host often slaughtered, skinned, and then roasted an animal like a sheep or calf over an open pit or in an earthen oven, delaying the visitors journey by several hours. When Jesus said the seventy-two should not even greet anyone, he was thinking of the delay that would result if someone wanted to show them hospitality. Jesus was telling the disciples their mission to preach the gospel was so urgent, they were not to postpone it.

The number of men Jesus sends on this mission is also significant. In Genesis, Chapter 10, we find a list of the nations of the earth. Since there are seventy-two nations on this list, the number seventy-two became symbolic of all the nations of the world. So Jesus chose seventy-two men to symbolically say his followers had to preach the Gospel to all people.

When Jesus tells the seventy-two he is sending them out like lambs among wolves he is warning them that this task is not going to be easy. This means that they are going to experience hostility because of the Gospel and that they will even be threatened with physical harm.

Religious types, like sisters, brothers, deacons, lay ecclesial ministers, priests and ministers, are not the only ones responsible for preaching the Gospel. Because

Jesus also needs you to bring his word to others, your mission is just as urgent as that of the seventy-two. Make up your mind to share with someone about your experience with Jesus this week.

I am writing this from my room at Villa Maria Del Mar, the Sisters of the Holy Names Retreat and Conference Center in Santa Cruz. Situated right on the beach, it has long been one of my favorite retreat locations. I generally do my annual required priest retreat here, along with 30 others priests from throughout the Diocese of Oakland. This year the retreat is being led by Bishop Larry Silva of the Diocese of Honolulu, the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii. We lived together at Sacred Heart Church in North Oakland while he was pastor at St. Andrews/St. Joseph and I was pastor at St. Columba. Whenever I am tempted to become a priest in Hawaii, I know that I can call upon him and I'm sure that because of my Hawaii roots, I would be welcomed to minister there.

Like many of you, I am saddened to hear of the terrorist attack in Istanbul that killed 41 people earlier this week. Media reports say that ISIL has claimed or is responsible for the attack. We continue to keep the family and friends of those killed in our thoughts and prayers, while at the same time resisting calls for limiting Muslim immigration to the U.S.

A reminder about National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2nd, here on the parish grounds. We join hundreds of other block parties in the City of Oakland as we get to know our neighbors better and to work collectively in improving our East Oakland community, one block at a time.

Please don't forget that we have combined Sunday liturgies next week in celebration of the Feast of St. Benedict. We will have one Mass at 10:00 AM - there will be NO 8:30 AM Mass. We will still have a Saturday afternoon Mass at 4:30 PM. There will be a potluck gathering after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass.

Blessings and best wishes to you as you enjoy this 4th of July weekend! Happy Birthday America!

God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.

MASS SCHEDULE ON THE FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT

Saturday, July 9, 2016 – 4:30 pm  
Sunday July 10, 2016 – 10:00 am only (combined 8:30 and 11:00am Mass) 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, July 3	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Jose Luis Flores†
Monday, July 4	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 6	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 8	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 9	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>June 26, 2016</b>	\$2,590.38
Other Collection	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$799.77

“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 9/10, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
G. Green	Lucia Watson
L. Palmeri	J. Smithson-Bell



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Sister Eileen Ahern, O.P.**  
Please remember her family in your prayers.  
(Her funeral was on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>).

SECOND COLLECTION  
“100” CLUB