

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!

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:

Carl McCurtis
Theresa Warren

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, July 10

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm The Feast of St. Benedict Church/
Parish Hall

Monday, July 11

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 12

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Wednesday, July 13

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Friday, July 15

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

 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:



Samaritans were descendants of Jews who married Assyrian immigrants after the Assyrian army captured the northern half of the Jewish nation in 722 BCE. Because the Samaritans were descendants of traitors, the rest of the Jews had nothing to do with them and did not allow them to offer sacrifices in the Temple in Jerusalem. So strong were Jewish feelings towards the Samaritans that Jews who wanted to level the ultimate insult upon someone called that person a Samaritan.

In the parable today's Gospel reading, a man is on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho, a dangerous journey because thieves often waited along this road to ambush anyone who came by. As can be expected, robbers beat and rob the man and then left him to die. Because this man was coming from the city where the Jewish Temple was located, we can conclude that he was probably Jewish.

The first man who comes upon the victim is a priest, a descendent of Aaron (the brother of Moses) whose duty it was to offer sacrifices in the Temple. Because there were so many priests, they drew us to see who would function in this highly respectable (and sometimes lucrative) role. This priest may have been returning from Jerusalem after completing his term of service of the Temple.

The second man is from the tribe of Levi. Levites were attendants in the Temple and were responsible for cleaning up, filling lamps with oil, assisting the priests, and doing general maintenance work.

The priest and the Levite, both Jews, did not help the man because they were afraid of becoming ritually unclean if the victim was actually dead. According to Jewish law, anyone who touched the corpse was unclean for seven days and could not take part in the Temple services until they performed an elaborate purification ritual and sacrificed an animal to God. The priest and the Levite did not want to risk having to go through all this trouble and expense.

Finally, a despised Samaritan comes along and has compassion on the victim, dressing his wounds and making sure someone takes care of him. This Samaritan was more of a neighbor to the man than the priest and Levite because he would he went beyond laws and put aside past prejudices when a fellow human being needed him. That's what loving one's neighbor is all about.

At one time or another, most of us have not gotten involved because, like the priest and the Levite, we've said someone else will do it. Pray that we'll become more like the Samaritan and always respond with compassion regardless of who needs you.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict with a combined 10:00 AM Sunday and a pot luck to follow. This provides us the opportunity to recognize the unique and special nature of our St. Benedict family. We connect and bond with each other and are reminded of how our stories and experiences as a faith community have transcended over the years, as well as how we continue to welcome newcomers from the neighborhood and beyond. As one of only two predominantly African American Catholic parishes in the East Bay, St. Benedict has a unique responsibility to preserve and perpetuate our cultural expression of faith, and my hope is that the Feast of St. Benedict accentuates who we are and whose we are in the name of Christ!

As I am writing this bulletin on Wednesday morning, I am following the unfolding situation in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, regarding the shooting and subsequent death of Alton Sterling, an African American male, by the hands of the Baton Rouge Police Department. At this point, my understanding is that the U.S. Department of Justice is conducting its own investigation into the killing. We will see how this all transpires. Another disturbing pattern from all indications.

Thanks to the work of Dionne Cola, St. Benedict parish has been approved for an Oakland Reads Summer Reading Mini Grant of \$1000.00. This grant enables the parish to implement a summer reading project. According to their literature, Oakland Reads is a multi-sector, collaborative effort spearheaded by the Oakland Literacy Coalition that combines the strength of the Oakland Unified School District, the City of Oakland, city and county agencies, community-based organizations and all others committed to the progress of early learners.

Congratulations to our Friday afternoon Line Dance group who recently celebrated with an anniversary party. Wonderful activity which brings folks from all over for fun and fellowship.

Don't forget about National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on the parish grounds.

I will be away from the parish from Sunday, July 10th to Wednesday, July 20th - Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Annual Training Session of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, and I'll remain in Albuquerque for an addition five days for vacation.

God Bless,
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINE DANCE

The recently celebrated four year anniversary of the St. Benedict line dancing class netted \$1005, which has been donated to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is our special cause. Every week our dancers voluntarily toss a few bucks into our "Because We Care" jar. Once a month we donate the jar's contents to SVdP. Through June of 2016 our voluntary contribution for the year totals \$779.

Class is on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00. If you would like to pray, socialize and exercise your mind and body while simultaneously giving aid and comfort to the less fortunate in our neighborhood, you are strongly urged to "give dance a chance".

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 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 10	10:00 a.m.	Beemon Fleming +
Monday, July 11	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 13	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 15	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 16	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	July 3, 2016	\$3,647.00
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$633.25

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,406.04
Total Income for June 2016	\$517.95
Ending balance as of June 30, 2016	\$3,923.99

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$1053.21
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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 16/17, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	J. Grant	M. Trevigne
J. Moore	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	Leon Watson #
	J. Matthews *	O. Wanzo *
		S. Gressel *