

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.

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.

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.

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**

Please pray for:

Yolanda Griffin
Regina Guillory
Geraldine Walker

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, September 18

Monday, September 19

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

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP Food Giveaway Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Thursday, September 22

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, September 23

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall

Saturday, September 24

PLEASE JOIN US!



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:



In today's Gospel, two men owe a debt to a rich landowner. Although Jesus does not specify the reason for each landowner's obligation, some biblical scholars suggest the oil and wheat were probably rent payments. A person who owned land sometimes did not plant crops on it themselves but allowed other farmers to work the field in exchange for a percentage of their harvest. If the landowner had vast property holdings or if they did not live near their land, they usually hired a manager to take care of it and collect the rent. A person who did not own the land on which they worked was a tenant farmer.

One of the tenant farmers in today's Gospel grew olives that he later pressed into oil for cooking and for lighting. The other farmer grew wheat, a very import a grain because bread was part of every meal is Jesus' day. Knowing he is about to be fired, the wily manager writes off part of each man's debt, hoping they will remember this when he asks them for help in the future.

The meaning of most of Jesus' parables is clear because each character represents a readily recognizable figure like God, the leaders of the Jewish people, or even the Gentiles. But it's more difficult to interpret the parable in today's Gospel not only because we can't easily identify the characters but also because the landowner actually the dishonest manager for being clever. So it's obvious that this parable requires different treatment from other parables because it's so unusual.

Jesus gives us a clue about what he wants to teach when he compares those who immerse themselves in this world to those concerned with other-worldly matters. People put more effort into making money and acquiring possessions than they do in strengthening their relationship with God. Many of us call all of the banks in the area to find the best interest or mortgage rate but remain reluctant to search for the time and location of a faith enrichment class. We end up spending months planning a vacation but can't find the time to connect with a prayer group, scripture study or mediation class. If all of us took our relationship with God as seriously as we take everything else, we'd all be saints!

Time management experts claim we will always find time for something important to us. How much time do we spend on spiritual matters during the week in addition to the time we spend at Mass? How much time do we spend with God throughout the day? What does that tell us about how much we value our relationship with God?

Seven years ago, after I had served as Pastor of St. Columba parish in North Oakland for 10 years, I was granted a year-long sabbatical. The first four months of that sabbatical was spent at the Washington Theological Union (WTU) in Washington, DC. From August to December of 2009, I had a chance to live in DC while taking a class at WTU on American Catholic History, a favorite subject of mine. During that time I also indulged in the countless cultural opportunities that living in DC afforded those blessed to visit or reside there.

I wished that the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) was around when I lived there. This repository of African American history will have its Grand Opening ceremony and will officially be dedicated by President Obama this coming Saturday, September 24.

As the website reads, the museum will provide an opportunity to showcase and honor the work of all institutions and individuals preserving, honoring and sharing the many stories of African American and African Diaspora people and their contributions to the American story.

According to the NMAAHC website, is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. The museum has collected more than 36,000 artifacts, and nearly 100,000 individuals have become charter members of the museum. When the NMAAHC opens this Saturday, September 24, it will be the 19th and newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

Please keep your eyes and ears out for news stories and accounts of its dedication, and hopefully we'll get a chance to see the NMAAHC for ourselves in the future.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Committee Meeting – Monday, September 19th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

CCD CLASSES

Registration forms for students in grades 1-8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes started on September 11, 2016 at 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 2, 2016.

THUNDER VALLEY CASINO BUS TRIP

The Knights of St. Peter Claver Council 336 presents Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip, our annual **SCHOLARSHIP** Fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Departure: 8:00 AM at St. Benedict Parking Lot. Donation: \$35.00 includes \$15 Free Play & \$5 Food Credit. Checks payable to KPC Council 336. Deadline, Friday, September 30, 2016. Donation is non-refundable after deadline. For more information: Marvin Millet, 510-638-7263; Clayton Foster, 510-333-1403; Herb Houston, 510-387-7673; Leonard Pete, 510-917-2390

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 16, 17, & 18, 2016, call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SISTER?

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, October 7-9, 2016, **Los Altos Hills, CA**. For reservations and more information contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.**, 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email srllaguna@doc1633.org www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 18	8:30 a.m.	Iola Larry†
	11:00 a.m.	Brenisha Wilkinson†
Monday, September 19	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 21	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 23	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Saturday, September 24	4:30 p.m.	Jack Morton - Birthday

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	September 11, 2016	\$4,018.89
Other Collection:	Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$964.71
	"100" Club	\$70.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$4,562.24
Total Income for August 2016	\$625.83
Ending balance as of August 31, 2016	\$5,188.07

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$1109.34
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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

SEPTEMBER 24/25, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	M. Nubie
B. Burns	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	S. Ellis
	J. Matthews *	W. Sykes-Bush *

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL