

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 25

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP Food Giveaway Parish Hall

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

Thursday, September 29

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

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

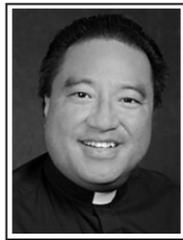
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



The rich man in today's Gospel must of been extremely wealthy because he dressed in purple and fine linen. Purple dye, which ancient civilizations made from a gland secretion of a certain mollusk, was so rare and expensive that only royalty and very rich could afford it. Fine linen was also a luxury item.

The Gospel tells us the rich man feasted lavishly every day. People in Jesus' day ate their meals with their fingers because tableware didn't exist. They usually wiped their hands clean with pieces of bread which they then tossed on the ground for the dogs to consume. These pieces of bread are the scraps Lazarus, the beggar, would have been happy to eat.

The rich man died and went to the abode of the dead, a three-layer place under the earth the Jews sometimes called Hades, She'ol, or Gehenna. All who died went to the top layer and waited there for eleven or thirteen months until their judgment was complete. If God determined they had led evil and sinful lives, he sent them to one of the two bottom layers (the layer depended on the nature of their crimes) where the flames surrounded them and worms ate them. Because the rich man asked for a drop of water to quench the flames, we can conclude he ended up in one of the two bottom layers.

Those God judged as having lived righteously stayed in the top layer to await their reward. The rabbis argued whether this reward would come at the end of the world or immediately after death. The latter seems to be the case in today's parable because it tells us Lazarus was with Abraham, the father of the Jewish people. Some Jews believed God would honor the righteous by inviting them to a banquet with Abraham in the heavenly kingdom.

The fact that God punished the rich man and rewarded the beggar surprised the people in Jesus' audience because many of them believed wealth was a sign of God's favor and suffering was a punishment for sin. With this parable, Jesus teaches that earthly wealth does not guarantee status in God's kingdom if the rich individual uses the wealth selfishly and ignores the needs of the poor.

How do we share what we have? How much in need of our wealth do we share with those who are in need?

Thanks to all of you who helped with our Voter Registration Drive this past weekend, particularly to those who walked the neighborhood on Saturday morning. Special word of gratitude to

Janet Hall for coordinating this effort yesterday!

As many of you have heard by now, St. Elizabeth High School in the Fruitvale will be closing at the end of this academic year. The Diocese of Oakland made the determination that with an enrollment of 149 students and the diocese providing an annual subsidy that runs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, St. Elizabeth High, in its current configuration, was not fiscally viable. From what I have come to understand, the school will cease operations for a year, and will reopen as a "Cristo Rey" school. This model, developed by the Jesuits in Chicago, uses a work-study format that has students attend classes four days a week, with the extra day used at a white-collar, professional work site. The work site employing the student would then contribute financially to the school, thereby helping to defray the educational costs of their worker, the student. This "Cristo Rey" model has been successful in assisting struggling, mostly inner-city Catholic schools to be transformed into viable institutions dedicated to the education of socio-economically marginalized communities.

For those of us who have had a long connection to St. Elizabeth's, this will not be easy. My younger brother taught there for many years, and I was their unofficial chaplain for the same amount of time. Many of you are alumni. I pray that the spirit of St. Liz will continue in this new model, and that the school's work will provide quality Catholic education for years to come.

I will be away from Monday morning to Wednesday afternoon for a meeting of the Region Eleven Conference of Priests' Senates (RECOPS), the leadership group representing the Catholic priests of California, Nevada and Hawai'i. I've been a part of this group for 16 years.

From Sunday evening, October 2nd to Friday, October 7, the priests of the Diocese of Oakland will be on its semi-annual convocation. Held every three years, it's an opportunity for priests to connect with each other for spiritual and educational enrichment. This year's focus is on Parish Administration, with noted business guru and local East Bay Catholic Patrick Lencioni leading the five-day gathering.

A reminder about the Annual Blue Mass, honoring the East Bay's First Responders. Friday morning, October 14th, at 10:00 AM. Cathedral of Christ the Light, downtown Oakland. Please see the bulletin for more details.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of October, we will pray the rosary at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 a.m. Mass).

ATTENTION LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedule for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers has been sent by e mail. Please check your e mail folders, including spam. Mark your calendar. If you are unable to serve, find a replacement and notify Divina Cabrera, Jo Soublet and Ron Tutson.

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.

BLUE MASS

The Blue Mass honors law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who live and/or serve in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, as well as their families. This interfaith gathering includes prayers, blessings, Mass, memorial and fellowship. For details, please visit oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016.

Friday, October 14, 2016, 10:00 am.
Luncheon following, RSVP required.
The Cathedral of Christ the Light

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

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 25	8:30 a.m.	Alexander Noriega†
	11:00 a.m.	Alvin Guillory Birthday
Monday, September 26	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 28	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 30	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, October 1	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	September 18, 2016	\$3,314.51
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$5.00

"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

OCTOBER 1/2, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	L. Noriega	J. Smithson-Bell
G. Green	C. Ologbosele	Lucia Watson
		C. Hadnot *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
SELENER ORDOGNE
(The Mother of Jacqueline LaFitte-Tutson)
Please remember her family in your prayers.

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