

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 2 – 4 pm at St. Louis Bertrand, 1410 - 100th Avenue, Oakland, CA. Tickets are 5.00 per person or 10 or more \$45.00. Proceeds will be benefit St. Louis Bertrand Church. Contact Joi for more information at 510-205-4062. Tickets can be purchased at the church office (510) 568-1080.

HOLIDAY TRADITION - LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: MUSIC FROM THE ERA OF THE BLACK PANTHERS

Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 4:00 pm - Paramount Theater, Oakland

2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panthers, an important time in Oakland's history. Oakland Symphony will pay homage by performing music from the time, including Motown classics, gospel, and protest music of the 60's and 70's. This non-traditional holiday tradition will feature Oakland Symphony Chorus, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, alongside other guest choruses, and more! This concert is always a sellout. Get your tickets early for the best seat choices..Groups of 10 or more will receive a group discount. **Two ways to order tickets:** 1. Order By Phone - 510-444-0802 (Box Office Hours : Mon-Fri, 9:00am-4:00pm). 2. Order Online: oaklandsymphony.org

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 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.

Please pray for:

Yolanda Griffin
Roy Griffin
Regina Guillory
Patricia Melim
Geraldine Walker

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, October 16

Monday, October 17
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 18
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 19
9:00 am - 12 noon SVDP Food Give Away Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Thursday, October 20
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, October 21
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall

Saturday, October 22

PLEASE JOIN US!

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**

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



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

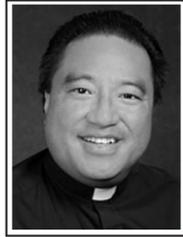
ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



The Jewish judicial system was different from our own because it did not have judges. In each city or town, the residents chose elders to serve on the town council which not only passed the laws but also tried and punish those who broke them. The Jews called the men who served on this important body elders because they were older men respected by the towns people for their wisdom and intelligence.

Elders also settled civil disputes between two or more Jews. When neighbors disagreed on property boundaries, people had difficulty paying a debt, or business partners disputed the meaning of the terms of their contract, they brought their disagreements before a panel of three elders who usually listen to both sides of the case while sitting in the town square. Because of human nature and the possibility of bribes, Jewish law did not permit a lone elder to decide a case.

The parable of today's gospel is about a woman who went to a judge to demand justice. Since there is only one judge in the story and because Jesus does not describe him as an elder, the woman probably brought her case not to the Jewish town council but to a Roman court.

Roman judges were notoriously corrupt and they often ruled in favor of the party who was most powerful and important or who gave the biggest bribe. So if she was poor and insignificant, there wasn't much chance the widow would win her case. However, when she did not give up but persisted and demanded justice, the judge eventually ruled in her favor so she would stop pestering him.

Just as the features of a champion bodybuilder are more pronounced when he stands next to 120 pound person, the mercy and justice of our God is more apparent when we compare it to the judge and today's Gospel. We can always count on our God to treat us as we deserve and that we should not give up when God does not respond to our prayers as quickly as we would like. Instead, we have to be as persistent as the poor widow. That's the lesson of this parable.

Sometimes when we ask a friend or a family member for something, their response is not always what we expected. Is it possible that God has already answered our prayers but we're not aware of it because God answered those prayers in a totally unexpected way?

As you may remember, back in the spring many of us gathered to begin a pastoral planning process to determine the vision and direction that St. Benedict parishioners would like to see over the next five to six years. Led by Chuck Siebenand, formerly the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Oakland and Pastoral Associate at St.

Columba parish under Fr. Paul Vassar, the process enabled us to determine a number of goals and objectives that will help guide the parish over the next few years.

As part of this process, we have been planning for a reconfiguration of the current St. Benedict Parish Council. Many parishes within the diocese are adopting a Pastoral Council format, where this body is charged with implementing the Parish Pastoral Plan. Such a group would also be selected by a process of discernment rather than an election, which is a change from previous years.

This process of discernment involves parishioners nominating other parishioners who they feel could be excellent candidates for serving on a Parish Pastoral Council. Such skills as the ability to listen, to dream and have vision, to compromise and build consensus, to be prophetic, to be rooted in their faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, would be characteristics that we would be looking for as valuable to membership.

Over the next three weeks, we will be soliciting nominations for this Parish Pastoral Council. You are invited to submit a name of a parishioner (or yourself) you believe would make a fine Pastoral Council member. There will be 3x5 index cards in the pews over the next few weekends so that folks would be able to place names in nomination. There will be a box in the rear of the church so that you can place those names.

Nominees will receive a letter and/or a phone call inviting them to two discernment meetings (Monday, November 14th and Monday, November 21st, both at 7:00 PM), where they can decide, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and prayerful discernment, whether they want to serve St. Benedict parish in this capacity.

My hope is to have this new St. Benedict Pastoral Council in place by the beginning of the new year, and to place the implementation of the Pastoral Plan into their hands.

I know that this is a change, but I am convinced that we need to go in this direction in order to survive as a parish. We need to make it clear to ourselves and the Diocese of Oakland that we have a viable plan for the future of St. Benedict. Parishes and schools within our East Oakland Deanery are facing some very difficult decisions surrounding viability, and I want to secure the future of St. Benedict parish by proper pastoral planning.

Just a reminder that from this Thursday, October 20th to Saturday, October 29th, I will be serving as a Spiritual Director to the Diocese of Oakland's Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy. Coordinated by our own Camille Tompkins, who works for The Catholic Voice, we will be visiting sacred sites throughout Italy, beginning with Venice and ending in Rome. A number of parishioners will be on

this pilgrimage as well, including Fr. Paul Vassar. Fr. Sylvestre will be presiding at the weekend liturgies in the absence of Fr. Vassar and myself. Please keep us in your prayers.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ST. BENEDICT HALLOWEEN READ-ALoud AND TRUNK OR TREAT

Jack-O-Lanterns, Witches, and Goblins; Oh My!
Hot Dogs, Cookies, and Juice; Oh My!
Read-Along Stories, and Games; Oh My!
Halloween is coming, that's our cry!!

Join us, here at St. Benedict, for our Halloween Read-Along and Trunk or Treat. You don't want to miss this event. Stories read aloud with lots of interaction, games, costume parade, giveaways, and more.

When: Monday, October 31st
Where: St. Benedict Church Hall
Time: 6 to 8 pm

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we pray in a special way for all the deceased members of our families and parishioners. Specifically, you have an opportunity to list all those you wish to remember on all souls envelopes provided on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month and your loved ones are remembered at each Mass celebrated.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS - SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 10:00AM

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ would like to celebrate and honor all individuals involved in physical, mental, and spiritual healthcare with a multicultural Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers. The first annual Healthcare Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 am**. We will pray for you and with you—asking God's blessings upon you for your great dedication and generosity of heart as you work with our brothers and sisters who are ill or hurting. We encourage you to invite any healthcare providers you know in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to join us in celebration of these hands that heal. A catered reception in the Cathedral Event Center will follow. To watch Bishop Barber's video invitation and to **RSVP** please at oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers to help us plan accordingly.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, October 16 | 8:30 a.m. | Selener Ordogne† |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Carl Washington† |
| Monday, October 17 | 7:30 a.m. | |
| Wednesday, October 19 | 7:30 a.m. | |
| Friday, October 21 | 7:30 a.m. | For The People |
| Saturday, October 22 | 4:30 p.m. | Doralee Santi† Charlotte Santi† |

CHURCH SUPPORT

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| Collection: | October 9, 2016 | \$5,149.00 |
| Other Collection: | Catholic Voice | \$813.81 |
| | "100" Club | \$10.001 |

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| Beginning Balance | \$5,188.07 |
| Total Income for September 2016 | \$572.59 |
| Total Expense for September 2016 | \$5,225.40 |
| Ending balance as of September 30, 2016 | \$535.26 |

PENNY HARVEST

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| Ending Balance as of September 30, 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 22/23, 2016

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| 4:30 p.m. | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| J. Garibaldi | C. Ologbosele | M. Nubie # |
| G. Green | A. West | C. McIntyre |
| | Lucia Watson * | A. Ricks * |

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
REGINA MITCHELL
(mother of James Outley)
Please remember her family in your prayers.

**SECOND COLLECTION
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL
NEXT WEEKEND - SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**