

**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.

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 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 23	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Zydeco Dance	Parish Hall
Monday, October 24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, October 26	9:00 am - 12 noon	SVDP Food Give Away	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, October 27	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, October 28	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Men’s Night Out	Parish Hall
Saturday, October 29			

PLEASE JOIN US!

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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

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

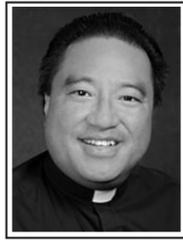
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:
510.581.2488

ST. MARY’S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



The Jews believe God was their king, and they thought their tax money should go for the upkeep of the Temple in Jerusalem (God's house), not to the Roman government for building roads, aqueducts, and pagan and temples throughout the empire. With that in mind, they treated a fellow Jew who was a tax collector as the most despised sinner because he took what rightfully belonged to God and gave it to the Roman government. To make matters worse, most people suspected tax collectors of collecting more money than they were supposed to and using the excess to bribe their way into better positions.

Thinking the Jewish laws were a way to holiness, the Pharisees follow the oral traditions, a long list of rules and regulations they believed would prevent them from accidentally breaking one of the laws. Treating these man-made laws as if they were just as important as the laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, the Pharisees labeled anyone who did not observe them as a sinner.

This strict observance of the oral traditions separated the Pharisees from everyone else ("Pharisees" means "separated ones"). Some Pharisees even refused to associate with those Jews who did not keep the oral traditions because they feared being corrupted by them. This elitist attitude is why the Pharisee in today's Gospel parable thanks God he is not a sinner like the tax collector.

As proof he is really holy, the Pharisee reminds God that he fasts twice a week and pays tithes on everything he owns. Fasting was symbolic of sorrow for one's sins and tithing (giving a certain percentage of one's belongings back to God) was an act of gratitude for all of God's blessings. The Pharisee seems to think fasting and tithing makes him better and holier than others.

The parable in today's Gospel shows the stark contrast between the attitude of the Pharisee and that of the tax collector. The Pharisee clearly believes holiness comes from performing the right actions but the tax collector acknowledges his sinfulness and turns to God for forgiveness. Unlike the Pharisee, the tax collector knows holiness is not possible without God. That's why Jesus says the tax collector, not the Pharisee, is justified.

Who do we more closely identify with, the Pharisee or with the tax collector? How much do we depend on God to help us become the person God wants us to be? How much do we depend on our own goodness? Is holiness possible without God?

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.

Words can't begin to express my deep and profound gratitude to the Moa family for their generous gift of \$2000 to the parish, and a gift of \$100 to me personally. The Moa family have been such an important part of the St. Benedict community for many years, and their continued presence and caring generosity to our parish is a tribute to the love they have and continue to share with St. Benedict Church. Heartfelt thanks again for their generous gift.

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, we are reminded that throughout the month of November we remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and are experiencing eternal life in Christ. Please don't forget to add their names into our Book of the Dead, which is located near our altar shrine in honor of our beloved dead.

Just a reminder that last 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

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.

ATTENTION LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a re-training session for (ALL) Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. The re-training will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00am in the Church and on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the Church. The 2017 Workbook for Lectors will be distributed. All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend one of this sessions. Please make every effort to attend. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this important matter.

SAINT PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and the Catholic Voice in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama on June 5 – June 12, 2017. \$3,149/pp* includes round-trip airfare from SFO (other cities available – call for pricing), 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches and welcome/farewell dinners, English-speaking tour escort, private air conditioned motor coach (*per person based on double occupancy). Book now! Limited Seating! For more information and reservations contact: Sara O'Malley Szucs, 773-527-0123 or email PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 23	8:30 a.m.	Brunella Amos†
	11:00 a.m.	Terrence Sheppard, Jr. 17 th Birthday
Monday, October 24	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, October 26	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, October 28	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Saturday, October 29	4:30 p.m.	Bertha Aubry†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	October 16, 2016	\$2,696.99
Other Collection:	World Mission	\$411.30

"100" CLUB

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

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 29/30, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
G. McCullough	G. Johnson	J. Wilson #
H. Santi	J. Outley	M. Trevigne
		L. Brown-Parker *
		R. Guillory *

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL