



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.

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.

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:

Anita Recania



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

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



CHRISTMAS 2016

“Dear holy child, I celebrate your birth, and wonder at the bright and shining star, that leads to all the joy and peace on earth we all look for, and it is where you are. You are my bright and shining star, throughout my life, in everything I do, The gift of love is all I have, and so, I wrap my love in candlelight for you, Amen...”
 (ron wilson aka Vee Bdosa, “Christmas Mass”)



As I was looking through African American poets to give meaning to this season, it struck me that this work by Vee Bdosa seemed so appropriate for the current state of affairs of our world and our Oakland community. With many people gripped with fear and insecurity on so many different levels, as well as the pain and distrust that seems to characterize the political, social and religious dialogue, folks are deeply hurting. And yet we seek the Light of Christ to bring us healing and warmth in these uncertain times.

I know that over these past two years, St. Benedict parish has had its share of upheaval and transition. While Fr. Jay’s transfer and appointment as the Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral Parish of Christ the Light in downtown Oakland was a moment of tremendous pride and joy, I know that he continues to be deeply missed by so many of you – some of you grew up with him or grew with him during the 26 years Fr. Jay served as your Pastor here. So I know that in the midst of sadness and challenges, we continue to experience each other as blessed to be part of this wonderful, special and unique place we call our parish home.

My hope in this Christmas Season, Kwanzaa and upcoming New Year is that you will experience the joy of Christ’s presence in your life by a heart filled with gratitude for the blessings you have received, and that your heart and our world will be characterized by God’s goodness in your life.

On behalf of the parish staff, Deacon Ron and the Parish Council, I want to wish for you and your families and friends a joy-filled Christmas Season and God’s abundant blessings throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas,
 Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 24th
 11:00 pm – Christmas Caroling and Music
 12 midnight – Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

Sunday, December 25, 2016
 10:00 am Mass
 Monday, December 26, 2016
 8:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR’S DAY LITURGY

Sunday, January 1, 2017
 10:00 am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25 10:00 a.m. For The People
 Monday, December 26 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, December 28 7:30 a.m.
 Friday, December 30 7:30 a.m.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: December 18, 2016 \$3,364.17
 Other Collection: “100” Club \$10.00

“100” CLUB

Beginning Balance \$1,089.85
 Total Income for November 2016 \$600.95
Ending balance as of November 30, 2016 \$1,690.80

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of November 30, 2016 \$1,109.34

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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

JANUARY 7/8, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	L. Galloway #
L. Palmeri	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	M. Nubie #
	J. Matthews *	M. Trevigne *
		A. Ricks *
		G. McCullough *

SECOND COLLECTION

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND
 “100” CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND

2017 MASS BOOK

The parish office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2017 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.

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.