



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)



**Happy 97th Birthday to
Mrs. Adelaide Williams**

**Mrs. Williams celebrated her birthday on
Christmas Day.**

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



ST. BENEDICT

CATHOLIC CHURCH, OAKLAND CALIFORNIA

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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

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Fr. Sylvester Odurinde
IN RESIDENCE

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

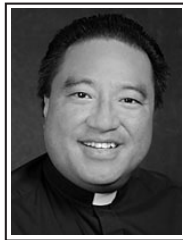
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265

NEW YEAR 2017



We sometimes call New Year's Day the Octave of Christmas. Octave means "eight"; we use it to describe this feast because it occurs eight days after Jesus' birth. Some people can also call this the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord because that is what today's Gospel is about.

Some ancient peoples practiced circumcision for hygienic reasons and other superstitiously believed circumcision warded off evil spirits. Although the Jews at first may have practiced circumcision for the same reasons, they later gave it a spiritual meaning.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Jews were conscious of the unique relationship they had with God as his chosen people. In the Book of Genesis, God commands circumcision as a sign of this special covenant relationship, a sign that cannot be erased.

In obedience to God's command, the Jews circumcised their male children eight days after birth. Although we do not know if there's any religious significance to waiting eight days (as opposed to seven or some other number), we do know that it is the safest time to perform circumcision is because by then the body produces vitamin K (needed for the blood to coagulate) and since ten percent more prothrombin (chemical needed for clotting) than normal is present in the body on that day. These two chemicals minimize the risk of uncontrollable bleeding resulting from the circumcision.

According to Jewish custom, the mother gave the male child his name on the day of his circumcision, a name that often described the child or an events surrounding his birth. So Mary named her son Jesus, which properly meant "God saves" or simply "salvation."

Today's Gospel says Mary treasured and reflected all that was happening to her. This means she probably prayed about all the events in her life because she wanted God to be a part of them. Perhaps Jesus got his habit of praying from his mother. Ask Mary today to help you learn to pray like she did.

As with many people, this time of the year is spent that only reflecting upon the year gone by, but with hearts filled with hope about the year ahead. For many of us, 2016 was a memorable and pivotal year, not only for us personally but perhaps for us as an Oakland community and as a country.

Perhaps the most significant of these events were the results of November's presidential election. For many of us, words are unable to express the profound and deep sadness and disappointment, but also the stark reality of the many differences that exist within our own country regarding its direction and its vision of itself for the future.

I've often wondered to myself personally whether I am so out of touch with what the rest of the country thinks and feels regarding values that I hold so dear early. Many of us have enshrined as an essential part of our inclusive country that we see ourselves in solidarity with those who are marginalized, those who are oppressed, with those for a traditionally been seen and considered as outsiders in our country.

It is clear that a sizable portion of our country does not share in those values, and have elected someone who is vowed to reverse many of the societal advances made over these past many years.

I remember with much hope and optimism the election of President Obama eight years ago. Many of us cried and sobbed out of happiness when that took place. Not that I would expect anyone to feel the same emotion today as we did eight years ago, I am hard-pressed to believe that there is a great groundswell of joy emanating throughout the entire country these days. January 20, 2017 will be a very painful day for many of us.

I pray that we continue to place our hope and trust in the risen Christ with the awareness that the Lord who has walked with us this mighty long way will continue to walk with us as we journey over these next 4 to 8 years.

Happy New Year, St. Benedict!
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH/PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 1	10:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, January 2	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, January 4	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, January 6	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, January 7	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

"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
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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

JANUARY 14/15, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
H. Santi	L. Noriega	J. LaFitte-Tutson
A. Swayne	J. Grant	J. Wilson #
		W.Sykes-Bush *
		C. Dixon *

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB