

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Saturday, February 11, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from throughout the diocese. Please join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population. This World Day of the Sick in Oakland will include:

- Mass
- Sacrament of anointing the sick
- Blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers
- Distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France
- Reception to follow mass

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope Saint John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. No RSVP is necessary. For more information please visit oakdiocese.org/WDS.

SAINT PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE

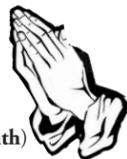
Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and the Catholic Voice in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama on June 5 – June 12, 2017. \$3,149/pp* includes round-trip airfare from SFO (other cities available – call for pricing), 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches 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.

BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2017

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and the Oakland Family Search Library present **BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2017**. The event is free. 4766 Lincoln Ave. Oakland, CA 94602, Feb. 12, 2017, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Information (877) 884-2843.

Please pray for:

Sally McDade



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, February 5

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

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

7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Parish Center

Wednesday, February 8

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

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Bible Study Parish Center

Thursday, February 9

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, February 10

1:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

Saturday, February 11

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**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:

Ruth Ann Griffin

Corinna Guerrero

Tevita and Dawn Tapavalu



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

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PASTOR

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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

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Jesus was a successful teacher because he always grab the attention of his audience by talking about something that was a big part of their lives. Many of Jesus' parables for stories about fishing, farming, and hunting because those who were the three main occupations in his day. Jesus knew people were bound to listen a little more attentively when he began talking about something they knew very well.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about salt and light because he is probably trying to get the attention of the women in his audience. The salt Jesus talks about was much like rock salt. Jewish women wrap salt in a clean cloth and dangle it in a boiling pot of soup. When the soup is ready they took the salt that didn't dissolved and save it for the next time they needed it. After the cook did this on several occasions, the salt lost its flavor and was only good for throwing on the wet cobblestone walks after a rainstorm. This made the cobblestones less slick.

Salt was also a preservative. Freshly slaughtered meet sold in the open air markets did not last long of the Palestinian heat unless it was salted. Like refrigeration today, salt prevent it food from spoiling.

In ancient Palestine, the ordinary family lived in a one room house illuminated in the evening by a single oil lamp on a stand. Making sure there was a Knouff well for the lamp was the woman's responsibility. This was very important because without this light, family members who would not have been able to see what they were doing and would have to retire to bed much earlier than planned.

As the salt of the earth, Jesus' followers not only make the world better (just as salt makes food taste better) but they also preserve what is good and holy (just as salt was a preservative). As the light of the world, they help others see God. Just as both salt and light were important in the days when there were no refrigerators and electricity, Christians are important to the world today.

If Jesus were to appear today, what images would he use in his parables to get people's attention? How are we salt and light to our family, our neighbors, and our friends? Is St. Benedict parish salt and light to the Oakland community? If St. Benedict parish closed today, would anyone miss it?

I am actually writing this bulletin article as I am sitting at an empty table at the Annual 65th Prayer Breakfast. I arrived pretty early from the other side of D.C. (actually Crystal City, Virginia) in order to get here in time - I hate going through security, but since the president is the keynote speaker, I guess that's necessary.

Wednesday was phenomenal - I spent the day at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. I have never been so moved and impressed by a museum such as the NMAAHC. If you begin as most folks do, it's on the fourth floor, with the enormous cultural contributions made by the African American community. As you make your way down the floors, the life and history of African Americans are explored with much detail - most of which we have taken for granted but gently, and most times powerfully, reminded in a powerful fashion.

Perhaps the most painful part of the museum takes place in the lower sections, below the concourse level. Beginning four levels below the main concourse, the visitor is confronted with the origins and horrors of the slave trade, and aspects of the everyday life of slaves in the "New World." As you gradually make your way to the upper levels, you are informed about the struggles and the painful, slow and steady progress made by African Americans, which culminates at the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

The museum is a must-see for anyone interested in American history, and for anyone who has a passion for the journey of the African American community in this country.

I am also writing this a few hours after hearing the president. Remember - this is a prayer breakfast, but he began by talking about his show, "The Apprentice", and how disastrous Arnold Schwarznagger's ratings are relative to his.

When he stuck to a script, his remarks weren't as bad as I anticipated. It took him sometime before he mentioned God's name in the speech, but he spoke about caring for the poor and needy, and that wealth doesn't buy you happiness.

What made this event for me was to sit next to Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and to have been invited, along with Rabbi David Cooper and Rev. Ken Chambers, to share a table with her. I think that I am the only Catholic priest here (among 3000 invited guests, mostly ministers). I saw at least one nun, but that was about it.

I was with some members of the California delegation for dinner last night, and will join some for lunch after the breakfast. Again, not a diverse bunch.

I pray for this new president and for all those affected by his decisions.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.

SAINT BENEDICT MARDI GRAS DANCE

Our annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the parish hall. For tickets and more details, please call Dolores Millet at 510-638-7263.



ATTENTION ALL CURILLISTAS

(Those who have gone through the Cursillo weekend). We need to know who you are. It doesn't matter where you celebrated your weekend. Please register your name on the sheet found on the table at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

COME WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE.

February is **Black History Month** and we will honor and celebrate our history on each Sunday in that month. **The theme for the month: WAKE UP!** Come and fellowship with us and represent the culture with your dress and cultural methods of energetic song and praise. Joined by our African and Tongan communities within our Church we will remember and bring forth Spirits of our heritage. The final Sunday will end the month with a cultural luncheon. We ask that you join us and bring a dish to share which represents your culture, (Your best recipe passed down from Grandma, Nana, Auntie or whoever, pull out those St. Benedict Cooks recipe books). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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.

A WELLNESS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Resolve to get well and be well this year. Join the St. Benedict Wellness Group on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm to make lifestyle changes that will help to improve your overall wellness. It's about preventative changes to insure quality of life. Feel better, look better, perform better everyday. Adding this year, Saturday morning walks. Join the wellness movement!

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.

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 5	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Eyvest J. James, Sr.†
Monday, February 6	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 8	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 10	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, February 11	4:30 p.m.	David Moa† Maria Moa† Rachel Moa† George Moa†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	January 29, 2017	\$3,969.55
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$10.00
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$1,690.80
Total Income for December 2016		\$775.00
Ending balance as of December 31, 2016		\$2,465.80
	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of December 31, 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 11/12, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
K. Webster	C. Ologbosele	J. Wilson #
L. Palmeri	J. Outley	Lucia Watson
		A. Ricks *
		W. Sykes-Bush *

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.

RETRouvaille

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 24, 25, & 26, 2017, call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site www.HelpOurMarriage.com