

ANNUAL LENTEN FAITH REVIVAL

Sacred Heart Parish, 4025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland is hosting their annual Lenten Faith Revival, Monday, March 27 – Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Reverend Kenneth Hamilton, S.V.D. will be preaching at all services, we will also offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Tuesday, March 28th service. All are invited to join us as we travel our Lenten journey.

A SIX WEEK LENTEN JOURNEY

All of us in the diocese are very fortunate this Lent, to have the special opportunity to experience “learning amidst laughter” in six short Monday-evening sessions with the internationally-renowned (and very humorous) speaker and retreat leader, Fr Tom Weston, SJ. He is kindly donating his time to prepare and deliver these free weekly sessions at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oakland, so we want to make sure that his efforts are valued and rewarded by a good crowd from throughout the Diocese. Please come, tell others, and bring some friends! Info: 7-8:15pm, the six Mondays of Lent: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, and April 10. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 2808 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland. For more info call 510 451 1790 or email margiewilk@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC LIFE

Everyone is invited to COME & JOIN the CHARISMATIC LIFE in the SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS) at St James the Apostle Church, 34700 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, Ca. 94555, Saturday, March 25, 2017, (9am-4pm). Contacts:

- Resty P. Capulong: 510) 396-8552
- Shirley Aldana : 510) 386-9331
- Linda Cabangangan: 510) 673-8416
- Bro. Vince Ramirez: 415) 879-5619

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office - 510) 797-0241 ext.110

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Ladies of KPC Ct. 336 are having their annual scholarship fundraiser.

- Place: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA
- Date: April 22, 2017
- Donation: \$45.00
- Contact Person: Audrey Ricks - (510) 278-5519
- Wallita Sykes-Bush - (510) 415-1873

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.

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.

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, March 19		
Monday, March 20	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Church
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 21	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 22	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study Parish Center
Thursday, March 23	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Church
Friday, March 24	12 Noon & 6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Church
	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class Parish Hall
Saturday, March 25		

PLEASE JOIN US!

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle	Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola	Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete	Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

- Ariana Catherine
- Sidney Fernandes
- Jules Garibaldi
- Linda Smith
- Jaylynn St. Julian
- Tara Sykes
- Ofelia Wanzo

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 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

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

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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:



In today's Gospel reading, a Samaritan woman is surprised when Jesus asked her to give him a drink of water from the well. The reason for her surprise needs to be explained.

After King Solomon died, the land of the Jews divided into two separate kingdoms, Israel in the north and Judah in the south, with each kingdom having its own king, its own army, and its own capital. The capital in the northern kingdom was Samaria and the capital in the southern kingdom was Jerusalem, the city where the Jewish Temple was located. Citizens of both kingdoms visited the temple because it was the only place where Jews could offer sacrifices to God.

In 721 B.C.E., the Assyrians attacked and conquered the Jews of the northern kingdom and took all able-bodied Jewish men, women, and children into exile. Assyrians immigrated to the northern kingdom and some of them converted to Judaism after marrying Jewish women. Because these Assyrian/Jewish couples lived in Samaria, we call their children Samaritans.

Since the Samaritans were only half Jewish and were descendants of the Assyrians, the Jews in the southern kingdom despised them and even called them dogs.

Because of their mutual dislike, Jews and Samaritans normally did not talk to each other and some rabbis even went so far as to teach that Jews who passed through Samaritan territory should shake the dust from their feet before entering Jewish lands so Jewish soil would not be contaminated with Samaritan dust.

Since the Jewish religious leaders did not allow them to offer sacrifices in the Temple in Jerusalem, the Samaritans built their own temple on Mount Gerizim and claimed it was the only place sacrifice it could be legitimately offered to God. Gerizim is the mountain the woman refers to in today's reading.

Finally, because first-century Palestinian Judaism was a male-dominated religion, some Jewish men thank God every morning they were not females, and the rabbis occasionally debated if women had souls. The social customs of the time even frowned on a Jewish man speaking to women in public. When you consider all of this, it's easy to understand why the Samaritan woman was surprised Jesus talked to her.

Who are the people in our society others do not want to associate with? Considering today's Gospel what do you think Jesus' attitude would've been towards these people? How do we think Jesus would want us to treat them?

That question comes to us at a very opportune time after society continues to debate around immigration issues. The Diocese of Oakland has been sponsoring various immigration workshops with the hope of informing Catholics in the East Bay about the role of the Church in welcoming immigrants, and how we as individuals and as a parish communities are invited to respond.

There has been some discussion among priests of the diocese about whether or not to declare individual parishes and/or the diocese has a whole as sanctuary; whether our churches can be considered safe places where those who are undocumented can find refuge from immigration and law enforcement personnel. I am aware that a number of parishes within the diocese have themselves as safe places and sanctuary sites for the undocumented immigrants. Bishop Barber and the Diocese of Oakland have been very strong and forthright in declaring our support for the undocumented as being consistent with Catholic Social Teaching. I am interested in hearing your opinion and thoughts about this issue, and whether or not we have a parish should follow suit. Please let me or members of the Parish Pastoral Council know your feelings on this and what we should do as a St. Benedict community.

Continued prayers and blessings as we together journey through this Lenten Season!

God bless,
Father Jayson

Please pray for:



Melanie Tervalon

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

SECOND COLLECTION
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - THIS WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

Days of Abstinence:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals) to all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday – April 13th at 6:30 pm followed by potluck

Lent ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Good Friday, April 14th at 1:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 15th – 8:00 pm

The Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Monday, April 17th, 8:00 am Mass

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL STUFFED TOY, SOCKS, AND ART SUPPLY DRIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LADIES AND KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER, COURT AND COUNCIL 336

Begin now through April 13th, 2017. Please bring **all new items** to any of the St. Benedict Mass; look for the big red bin in the rear of the church, and place your item(s) in the bin, on the table or where it will fit. We will gladly collect them all and deliver to the Children Hospital of Oakland on Good Friday, April 14th, 2017! Thanks in advance for your generous support! Contact Lady Lil Brown-Parker (lilparkerhi@gmail.com); and Lady Reese Fernandes of Ct. 336 for questions and/or additional info.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 19	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Bertha Aubry†
Monday, March 20	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 22	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, March 24	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, March 25	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	March 12, 2017	\$4,281.41
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$703.65

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,275.80
Total Income for February 2017	\$695.75
Ending balance as of February 28, 2017	\$3,971.55

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017	\$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

MARCH 25/26, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
B. Burns	A. West	S. Gressel
M. Trevigne	C. Ologbosele	D. Cola
		Brown-Parker *

THANK YOU!

Many many thanks to all volunteers who took time to attend the live training last Monday, March 13th. For those who did not attend, you must go on line for your training (www.virtusonline.org). You must complete your training by March 31, 2017. Be sure to print your certificate and send a copy to the parish office.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of
WILLEAN GULLATT
(Mother of Antonette West)
CAL JOHNSON
Please remember their families in your prayers.

Funeral Service for Willean Gullatt:
Monday, March 20th at 10:00 am.

Memorial Service for Cal Johnson:
Thursday, March 30th at 6:30 pm