

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.



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

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. 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**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, April 9	After the 8:30 and 11 am Masses	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
Monday, April 10	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 11	9:00 am	SVDP Food Preparation	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 12	9:00 am	SVDP Food Giveaway	Parish Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study	Parish Center
Thursday, April 13	After 6:30 pm	Potluck Reception	Parish Hall
Friday, April 14	After 1:00 pm	Communion Mass	Reception (Black Nazarene) Parish Hall
Saturday, April 15			

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
- Romel Lucas
- Emma Morton
- Linda Smith
- Jaylynn St. Julian
- Tara Sykes
- Ofelia Wanzo

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:



To understand the rich meaning of the story of Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem while riding on the back of a donkey, we first need to refresh our memories about what some Jewish authorities taught about the Messiah.

The Messiah was supposed to be a political/military hero who would lead the Jews in battle and defeat their enemies. Through him, God will establish the Reign of peace and justice. Because the Messiah was also supposed to be a descendent of King David, the great warrior king of the Old Testament who ruled in God's name, the Jews sometimes called him "The Son of David" or "the one who comes in the Lord's name." In today's Gospel reading, these are the same titles the people of Jerusalem use for Jesus.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, his followers also cried out "Hosanna," a Greek word that means "save us, we pray." "Hosanna" is part of Psalm 118, a psalm associated with the Messiah that the Jews recited during the Feast of the Tabernacles.

Because he had royal blood in him, the Jews believe the Messiah deserved the red carpet treatment. The people demonstrated this belief when they spread their cloaks and branches on the ground in front of the donkey Jesus was riding. By their words and their actions, the people of Jerusalem proclaimed their belief that Jesus was the Messiah for whom they had been waiting.

Jesus accepted the title of Messiah, but he had his own idea of what the Messiah would be. A political/military leader usually travels on a horse, an animal used in battle because of its speed and power, but Jesus chose to ride into the city on a donkey, a beast of burden and a sign of humility. In this way Jesus indicated he was not going to be the expected triumphant military Messiah but a humble servant of God who would conquer sin and death by dying on the cross.

Despite being in a position of power and authority, Jesus was still humble and obedient to the Father. Each day this week we pray for a different person who has power and authority in the church, in the government,

or at our place of employment. Pray that these people, like Jesus, may except their position and responsibility in humility and obedience to God's will. Is there a moment this week we can pray for these folks?

This week we call holy is the highlight of our Catholic liturgical year as we commemorate and remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I hope that we can all find ways to connect with those moments in our lives where we have been through our own set of struggles and have come to experience our own Easter victories. Holy Week and the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) are meant to remind us of the essence of our Christian faith, that Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to new life, and that we to as believers of Christ will experience the same. These Easter mysteries also help us to endure times of struggle and pain with the hope that God reassuring presence would be with us during those difficult times.

Thank you to all of you who have assisted the victims of the San Pablo fire with themselves have been going through some very difficult times in their displacement and current homelessness. Many of you have brought toiletries, blankets, and children's books for those who have lost everything due to the fire. We invite you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Next week is Easter, a very exciting time for all Christian people, and particularly those, like yourselves, who belong to worshiping communities. As if I don't need to remind you of this, but please feel free to invite your family and friends who don't often come to church to do so certainly next week on this most important day of our Christian calendar. St. Benedict Parish is known to be very warm and welcoming place, and we would like for folks to experience that reality.

On behalf of our staff here at St. Benedict, abundant blessings to each and everyone of you in this very sacred Holy Week!

*God bless,
Father Jayson*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK

Please sign-up for the Holy Thursday Potluck. Sign-up sheets are available on the table at the back of the church.

EASTER LILLIES

Help us create a beautiful environment for the Easter Season. Your gift of Easter Lilies may be made in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or simply as a gift. Please drop off the Easter Lilies and Potted Floral Plants on Friday, April 7th and on the weekend of April 8th and April 9th. Please don't bring cut flowers until Good Friday. Thank you.

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.

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.

ATTENTION!

There will be **NO** line dancing class on Good Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 9	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Monday, April 10	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, April 11	7:30 a.m.	
Holy Thursday, April 13	6:30 p.m.	
Good Friday, April 14	1:00 p.m.	
Holy Saturday, April 15	8:00 p.m.	Susan Santi Gonzales†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	April 2, 2017	\$3,952.25
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$717.55

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,971.55
Total Income for March 2017	\$993.65
Ending balance as of March 31, 2017	\$4,965.20

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$1,195.24
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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

APRIL 13, 2017 – HOLY THURSDAY – 6:30 PM

C. McIntyre
C. Dixon

APRIL 14, 2017 – GOOD FRIDAY – 1:00 PM

H. Santi
M. Soublet

APRIL 15, 2017 – HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL – 8:00 PM

L. Dixon #	M. Nubie #
D. Cola	S. Gressel
J. Soublet	E. Morton
J. LaFitte-Tutson *	W. Sykes-Bush *
J. Matthews *	

**SECOND COLLECTION
RICE BOWL - THIS WEEKEND
HOLY LAND - GOOD FRIDAY**

Please pray for:

Yolanda Contaxis
Melanie Tervalon



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)