

**THE MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA PRESENTS
"UNITED WE STAND"**

A unity celebration of Black History Month featuring The Voices of St. Benedict (Gospel Choir), Very Rev. James V. Matthews, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Rev. Philip Garcia, OFM, Mission San Miguel, San Miguel, CA., on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at The Mission San Antonio de Padua, End of Mission Road, Jolon, CA. Donation: \$10.00. Benefit Concert featuring (The Voices of St. Benedict), 11am. All proceeds to benefit the Mission San Antonio De Padua Preservation Project. For more information: Contact Franki Grau (831) 385-4478 or Dr. Cheryl-Bruce (310) 270-3026.

IN CELEBRATION AND HONOR OF 2016 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A production of famous playwright Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisin In The Sun" will be featured at the Black Reparatory Theater in Berkeley, California. The dates of this local production will be Friday, February 26th through Sunday, February 28th starring a local talent and noted performer JaRed Walton as well as an amazing cast of talented Bay Area youth and performers. Ticket price are \$20.00 and group seating is available with opportunity to attend VIP reception and reserved premium seating. Please contact Regina Guillory at 510.395.5629 for more information.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women Invites you to our March Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM** at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA. Please join us in welcoming our speaker, Denise Bossert! Denise is a well-known author and syndicated columnist. She is the daughter of a Protestant minister and will share with us her story of conversion to the Catholic faith! **Join us for Prayer, Praise, and Inspiration!** Reservations are \$28/ \$35 after March 5th. Please go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or reservations call (925)788-7762.

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**

2016 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.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE 2016 JUBILEE OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 20-29

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org. Pentacost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 travel@pentecosttours.com. CatholicVoiceOakland.org. The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome. Celebrate Mass at some of the most beautiful basilicas in Italy, visit the treasures of Vatican City, and see Pope Francis during the Papal Audience. Join the 10-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for \$3,999. Costs includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, and most breakfasts and dinners. **\$100 Early Bird Discount is available to those who register before December 23.** For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above.

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.

YOUTH MINISTER

Keeping up with the wonderful spirit and energy of our recent retreat we are looking for individuals who are interested in being mentors or volunteers with our youth and young adult activities. If interested, sign ups are available in the back of the church. For any questions see Ariana Catherine.

Any young adults 21-40 interested in participating in various young adult activities and be mentors to the youth of the parish and parish community, please sign up in the back of the church. For any questions contact Ariana Catherine or Jennifer Fernandes.

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

www.saintbenedictoakland.com

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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

Rev. Jayson Landeza

PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson

DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar

CLERGY SUPPLY

Mrs. Divina Cabrera

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo

CCD DIRECTOR

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Like many of you, I have been deeply moved and touched by our St. Benedict Black History Celebration over the past few weeks. Often times, during Black History month commemorations, churches and organizations tend rely on folks from outside their entities to provide

another perspective, with the notion that others not associated with them would bring in a fresh voice and an alternate view. This was not the case with our speakers, with each of them being familiar faces and voices from within the St. Benedict family.

As has been published in our bulletin over the past few weeks, this year three members of the CREW, our parish young adult group, met and put together the events that took place during the Sundays of Black History Month. They invited speakers, mostly young adults from our St. Benedict family, to address our worshipping assembly. The theme over the past weeks was "We Are Then And Now." I am grateful to Ariana Catherine, Denise Kees and Leonard Pete, with the help of Dionne Cola, for all their work in assuring that our Black History Month was successful.

I am also deeply grateful to all of our speakers who connected us to the Word of God as it related to our African American identity and culture. Harry Santi, Steven Egbonimali, Dorgan McDade, Brianna Morris, Arianna Catherine and Ray Leon truly blessed us in their unique way with a perspective that both reassured and challenged us. We heard the voices of our young adults and the reflections of our elder figures.

I am also grateful to our Voices of St. Benedict Choir for providing music at our 11:00 AM liturgies, as well as the music ensemble that leads our 8:30 AM liturgy. I also want to recognize our Liturgical Environment Committee, who faithfully prepares the church to reflect the liturgical season. They transformed the church's liturgical space from the blue/violet of Advent to the white of Christmas to the green of Ordinary Time to the red/green/black of Black History Month to the violet of Lent, all within a few weeks span. I also want to thank all of our liturgical ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers) for their active participation during these liturgical seasons.

Lent, the church's annual retreat for the liturgical year, began this past week with Ash Wednesday. Lent prepares us for the events of Holy Week, in which we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through our Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) and the subsequent Easter Sunday celebration and the Easter Season. Lent is the time where we focus our spiritual journey on the three traditional practices of the season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

We will be washing both feet and hands at this year's Holy Thursday liturgy. Just wanted to give folks a head's up. The liturgical rites for that evening's celebration dictates the washing of feet, nt hands. I know that the washing of hands has been the tradition here at St. Benedict, which is why, for this year, we will give folks

the option. Remember, according to Passion Narratives found in the Scriptures detailing the events leading to Jesus' death, Christ washed feet while Pontius Pilate washed his hands and wanted nothing to do with Our Lord.

As I have been mentioning, St. Benedict parish will be engaged in a Pastoral Planning Process to help determine the focus and direction that we would like for us to journey over the next few years. This process will establish a set of goals and define a vision where St. Benedict parish sees itself in the future. The Parish Council met last week to begin discussing this process, and on Saturday, March 12th, we will have an all-day session here to establish our vision and to place some fresh eyes on our current parish mission statement. This process will be led by Chuck Siebenand, formerly the Director of the Pastoral Planning Office for the Diocese of Oakland. If you are able, please join us for this important meeting to determine the future and direction of St. Benedict parish.

Like many of you, I have been following the discussion on social media related to the halftime show at last week's Super Bowl, in particular Beyonce's performance and its connection to the Black Lives Matter movement, the Black Panthers, and police violence. Much food for thought for all of us.

Have a Blessed and Prayerful Lenten Season!

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Father Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT'S DAY



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00am.

MEETINGS:

Finance Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 16th 7:00pm at the Rectory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bow, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, Operations 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.

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.

BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2016

Sunday, February 21, 2016, 1:00 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Register: <https://blackfamilyhistoryday2016.eventbrite.com>
Oakland Family Search Library
4766 Lincoln Avenue
Oakland, CA 94602

For questions and further information call AAGSNC 877-884-2843, email oande@aagsnc.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 14	8:30 a.m.	Canary Fleming†
	11:00 a.m.	Morris and Jo Soublet 47 th Wedding Anniversary
Monday, February 15	8:00 a.m.	Remedios Sesanti†
Wednesday, February 17	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 19	7:30 a.m.	Visesio Moa 62 nd Wedding Anniversary

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	February 7, 2016	\$4,258.25
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$448.53

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$8,319.09
Total Income for January 2016	\$540.20
Ending balance as of January 31, 2016	\$8,859.29

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of January 31, 2016	\$912.03
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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

FEBRUARY 20/21, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
G. Green	G. Johnson	D. Cola
L. Palmeri	L. Robertson	S. Ellis
		A. Ricks *



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **ROBERT RANGE** (Jack Morton's brother-in-law). Please pray for his family as well.