

THE LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER COURT 336

Is hosting their annual scholarship fundraiser! Join us for a Luncheon & Lots of Fun at the Golden Gate Fields Race Track in Berkeley Ca. May 14th, 2016. Donation: \$45.00
Contact: Chair- Lady Audrey Ricks (510)278-5519, Chair-Lady Lottie Sonnier (510)635-3384. We hope to see you there!

KPCLA COURT #336 SCHOLARSHIP

We are offering a scholarship to a female of color who attends or will attend an Alameda County Catholic High School in Fall, 2016. Application packets are available on the tables at the rear of the church. Deadline for submission is **May 16, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact Mallory Trevigne at trevigne@sbcglobal.net.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF)** is offering an opportunity for African American students who reside or are permanent residents of **our 13th Congressional District** (Greater Bay Area); and are graduating high school students who will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college or university; **and** college students attending junior college or 4 year college/university to submit their applications for the following educational scholarship opportunities: **(1) CBCF Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship (\$3,000); (2) CBCF Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship (\$3000); and CBCF Spouses Education Scholarship (\$8,200).** For more information and access to these scholarship applications, please contact Regina Guillory @ 510.395.5629.2016

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. Pentecost 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. For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above. A Question & Answer Informational Meeting will be held on March 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral at Christ the Light “Parish Hall” to answer any questions regarding the Year of Mercy Italy Pilgrimage with Pentecost Tours Inc.

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.

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**



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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

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



The early Christians originally passed on the Gospel stories orally and did not write them down until several years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Whenever they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, they recalled some of the things Jesus said, repeating the stories about Jesus for those who were not fortunate enough to have heard them themselves.

First-century Christians sometimes recalled and retold stories to help them solve a problem. The story about the Pharisees asking Jesus if they should pay taxes to the Emperor is a good example. This same question came up in one of the Christian communities and the apostles settled the dispute by recalling Jesus' his own response in a similar situation.

Sometimes, the Christians use stories about Jesus to convince others he really was the Messiah. And in the Acts of the Apostles, we find that they used a short synopsis of Jesus' life to persuade nonbelievers to repent of their sins, accept Jesus as Lord, and be baptized. Those who did become Christian then studied Jesus' life and teaching in more detail.

Early Christians also repeated certain stories when they celebrated the sacraments. For example, they told the story of the wedding at Cana out whenever Christians married. They sometimes recalled accounts of miraculous healings when the Christian community anointed and prayed for someone who was sick, especially when that person have the same sickness as someone Jesus healed.

There are two likely reasons why the early Christians preserved the story in today's Gospel. In this reading, Jesus commands the apostles to recruit and baptize disciples from throughout the world. The early church recalled the story at baptisms but also used it to settle heated debates.

We know from the Acts of the Apostles and from some Epistles that the early Christians originally preached only to the Jews. As Paul began preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles, some of the Jews objected

to his efforts. When Paul brought this matter to the attention of the Apostles, they recalled that Jesus commanded them to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. This helped to settle the dispute and the early Christians eventually excepted the Gentiles into the church.

Today's Gospel ends with Jesus promising to be with us always. Find a quiet spot and for a few minutes try to relax and block out all that is in your mind. Focus on Jesus' presence. Make this a daily habit and you'll soon be more where of Jesus working in your life.



A Blessed and Happy Mother's Day to all of you who are mothers, mothers-to-be, and mother figures within our St. Benedict parish family. We pray for the happy memory of those mothers who watch over us from heaven as well! We honor and cherish all of them on this special day!

Again, much blessings and prayerful congratulations to Ofelia Wanzo for being named as the "Lady of the Year" at the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Western States District Conference in Las Vegas. Heartfelt gratitude for all that she

does to serve Our Lord and the people of St. Benedict. Thank you again to Mr. Rufus Fisher for the beautiful display of our parish council! Please take the time to see who the council is and perhaps in a rack with them when you have the chance.

Our liturgical environment committee is still looking for more members to work on transforming our sanctuary space in the church throughout the liturgical year at seasons. Please contact the parish office if you're interested.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, a day in which we honor the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own midst. This formally ends our Easter liturgical season. The traditional color for the celebration of this feast is red, so please come dressed in your red attire!

*God Bless,
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

To The Following Students Who Received Their First Holy Communion Last Weekend:



*Trenton Xavier Barnes
Briann Hatcher
Laisha Palafox*

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10am (before the 8:30am Mass).

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

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all areas of your live including your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20**. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 8	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	To Honor All Mothers
Monday, May 9	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, May 11	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 13	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, May 14	4:30 p.m.	Arthur Romero

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	May 1, 2016	\$4,182.02
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$663.37
"100" CLUB		
Beginning Balance		\$1,434.43
Total Income for April 2016		\$483.34
Ending balance as of April 30, 2016		\$1,917.67
PENNY HARVEST		
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2016		\$1046.17

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

MAY 14/15, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Moore	L. Robertson	S. Ellis
K. Webster	J. Grant	J. Wilson #
		A. Ricks *
		L. Hall-Ervin

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.

SECOND COLLECTION
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION - THIS WEEKEND
CATHOLIC CHARITIES - NEXT WEEKEND