



Join us at the Oakland Coliseum to celebrate **Breast Cancer Awareness Day** Sunday, September 4, 2016. Tickets are \$25.00. Game starts at 1:05 pm. Participate in our raffle for a chance to win a blanket or scarf with A's logo or a framed collection of A's baseball cards. Raffle tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Committee members will be at the 11:00 am Mass with tickets. All proceeds will support the Scholarship Program of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Benedict Court #336.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

<b>Monday, August 1</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, August 2</b>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	National Night Out	Parking Lot
<b>Wednesday, August 3</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Friday, August 5</b>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**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](mailto: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**

**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](http://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:



In today's Gospel, a man asked Jesus to intervene in a legal dispute about how to divide his deceased father's estate. This would not have been unusual because those who disagreed on important matters often called upon rabbis like Jesus to settle their differences.

Jewish Scriptures are made up of two main parts: the Law and the Prophets. The Law, which the Jews called the Torah, corresponds to the first five books of the Christian Bible and contains the rules and regulations God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. These laws pertain not to only to religious matters but to just about every aspect of daily life as well, including such things as repaying loans, compensating for injuries, and inheriting property. Because of his knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the rabbi was more familiar with the statutes in the Torah than anyone else in the city or town, making him the most logical person to settle a disagreement about how one should interpret or apply a particular law.

A dispute over inheritance it was a serious matter in Jesus' day because money and property brought both social and religious status. It's obvious how someone would be able to climb the social ladder if he was rich, but the connection between wealth and one's religious standing needs explanation.

The Jewish people thought of the laws of the Torah as a blueprint to holiness. Following the laws guaranteed holiness but breaking them, even if one did not know what they were, made a person a sinner. So holiness was not possible for the ordinary person for two reasons. First, the poor were not educated enough to be able to read to the Torah and secondly, working long hours to support a family prevented poorer Jews from studying all the laws. A rich man, however, could be holy because he had the time to read to Torah and study the laws. The fact he was rich was proof that God favored him and was pleased with his observance of the law.

Jesus makes it clear in today's Gospel that material wealth does not necessarily translate into spiritual riches.

The truly wise person is the one who is more concerned with pleasing God than with obtaining the creature comforts of this world.

Neither money, nor clothing, nor power, nor popularity, nor anything else we value on earth will count when we stand before God's throne. How much time do we spend each day accumulating the good things of this world and how much time do we devote to strengthening our relationship with God? What does that say about our priorities?

As I am writing this bulletin article, it's Friday, July 22. I have just returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the midst of a meltdown on the Southwest Airlines computer system. It took me a couple days to get here back home to Oakland. This is also the day after the Republican National Convention concluded. From the media reports that I have been reading, the Republican nominee painted a picture of our country that was bleak and stark, playing to the fears of many of those in this country who are afraid of the changing demographics and dynamics of our populace. We must continue to fight against such forces that would negate the advances that progressive people have made over the past few decades. If you have not registered to vote, now is the time to do so!

This Tuesday, August 2, will be our annual National Night Out. It is our way of connecting with our neighborhood and establishing relationships and bonds that help to foster a better understanding with our community. It's from 6 to 8 in the evening. Please join us.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support as I recover from my second cataract surgery, this time on my right eye. Hopefully within the next couple of weeks, my eyesight will be better than it's ever been before. Praise God!

*God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION

During the month of August, the 11:00 am Choir will take a well deserved break. The Choir will return on the first Sunday of September.

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to explore the meaning that the Bible holds for you? Would you like to become more comfortable discussing Scripture with other Christians? Please join Deacon Ron along with members of our parish as we study the *Gospel of Matthew*, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., beginning on September 07, 2016. We will meet for ten sessions in the Parish Center. Please register before August 21, 2016, so that books may be ordered. A \$15.00 donation is requested at registration to cover the cost of books needed for your study. Registration forms are located at the rear of the Church. Checks should be made out to St. Benedict and all donations should be mailed to or dropped off at the rectory. You may also contact Deacon Ron Tutson at (510-633-4557).

**ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH PARTNERS WITH OAKLAND READS LITERACY PROGRAM TO PRESENT "EVENING COZY READ" SUMMER READING CELEBRATION!**

A fun event for children, (toddler to 4th grade), and their parents!

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016  
Time: 6 PM to 8 PM

Location: St. Benedict – Parish Hall  
2245 82nd Avenue, Oakland, CA

-Story Time -Meet a Friend - Sing & Play Along -Evening Snack  
-Take Home a Book & a Buddy

Please sign up for this event at the back of the Church. This event will be limited to the first 20 to 25 children only, first come, first serve. All children must be accompanied by an adult for this event.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

St. Benedict Church is sponsoring National Night Out (NNO), which will be on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend along with your family and friends. Refreshments will be served, Jorge will provide music, the choir will sing a few songs, Line Dance class demonstrate dances, and raffle prizes will be given away; including sports merchandise, theater & zoo tickets, dining gift cards. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Palmeri at (510)889-1532. Thank you from the NNO Committee.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 31	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	Alma Douresseau +
Monday, August 1	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 3	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 5	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, August 6	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,406.04
Total Income for June 2016	\$517.95
<b>Ending balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$3,923.99</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$1053.21</b>
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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

AUGUST 6/7, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
A. Swayne	M. Soublet	C. Dixon
J. Soublet	J. Grant	L. Hall-Ervin
		C. McIntyre *

*Please pray for:*

Carl McCurtis  
Theresa Warren

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)