

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 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.

Please pray for:

Yolanda Griffin
Regina Guillory
Geraldine Walker

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, October 2

Monday, October 3

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 4

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
7:00 pm Parish Council Parish Center

Wednesday, October 5

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Thursday, October 6

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, October 7

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall

Saturday, October 8

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

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



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:



Today's Gospel gives us a good example of how Near Eastern teachers like Jesus sometimes used exaggeration to emphasize a point. The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith and he responds by saying that someone with faith the size of a mustard seed could command a sycamore tree be uprooted and thrown into the sea, and it would happen.

Black mustard bushes grow wild along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum where Jesus lived during his public ministry and where he did much preaching. Ancient people use the mustard plant for oil, as a condiment, and as an herb, so it was a common ingredient in the foods Jesus and his apostles ate.

Sycamore trees produced small, yellow, sweet fig-like fruit. Growing along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea made the sycamore the logical choice for the tree cast into the sea in today's Gospel.

In many of the Gospel stories about Jesus' miracles, faith is the reason he's able to make the lame walk, the blind see, and the sick whole. On the other hand, a lack of faith explains the only time in the Gospels when Jesus is not able to heal (Mark 6:1-6).

Recognizing the power of faith, the apostles ask Jesus to give them more of it. Jesus' response is that this is not necessary because even with only a small amount of faith nothing is impossible.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a servant who spends his day plowing the field or herding sheep. When the servant returns home in the evening, his work is still not complete because he has to put on his apron, prepare supper, and wait on his Master's table. Being a good servant means the Master's wishes are more important than his own comfort.

Just as a servant's work is never done, we should never consider our service to God to be complete. There is always more we can do to spread the word about God's love and forgiveness. We can never say we have done our share to build God's reign and now it's someone else's turn. We can never take a break from being a follower of Jesus.

Pray for those who passed on to you their faith in Jesus. Pray for our parents, our religious leaders and teachers, and anyone else who helped us develop a closer

relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Like many of you, I've been paying attention to the shootings in Charlotte and Tulsa, and the continuing discussion on race relative to law enforcement, particularly as it impacts the African American community. It is also powerful to see how Colin Kaepernick's silent witness has had an effect on the sports world and beyond. In so many ways, this struggle reminds us of not only how long the journey has been, but how much more we still have to travel to realize the dream of equality and justice within our country.

A vital component of seeking the equality we so desire is utilizing and exercising our voice and power at the ballot box. Voter registration is an essential part of the franchise. Thank you again to Janet Hall and for all those who participated in last weekend's voter registration drive within our neighborhood. Although it was a warm Saturday, dedicated St. Benedict parishioners walked around the parish, registering folks for November's elections. Thank you again!

If you had any incentive to vote, you would have been glued to last Monday night's Presidential debate. The choice becomes clearer as time election time draws near.

I also hope that you've been following the ceremonies surrounding the dedication of the Museum of African American History in Washington, DC. One of these days, many of us hope to make a visit there!

All of the clergy of the Diocese of Oakland will be at a Convocation of Priests, at Asilomar State Conference Center in Carmel. Let by noted business guru and East Bay Catholic Patrick Lencioni, we will be discussing best practices regarding parish administration. Sunday to Thursday of this week.

We have new garage doors for the rectory - they were badly in need of repair. The garage is now being used for its expressed and intended purpose - for cars only. Thank you to the 100 Club for taking care of this!

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of October, we will pray the rosary at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 a.m. Mass).

ATTENTION LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedule for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers has been sent by e mail. Please check your e mail folders, including spam. Mark your calendar. If you are unable to serve, find a replacement and notify Divina Cabrera, Jo Soublet and Ron Tutson.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we pray in a special way for all the deceased members of our families and parishioners. Specifically, you have an opportunity to list all those you wish to remember on all souls envelopes provided on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month and your loved ones are remembered at each Mass celebrated.

BLUE MASS

The Blue Mass honors law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who live and/or serve in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, as well as their families. This interfaith gathering includes prayers, blessings, Mass, memorial and fellowship. For details, please visit oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016.

Friday, October 14, 2016, 10:00 am.
Luncheon following, RSVP required.
The Cathedral of Christ the Light

THUNDER VALLEY CASINO BUS TRIP

The Knights of St. Peter Claver Council 336 presents Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip, our annual **SCHOLARSHIP** Fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Departure: 8:00 AM at St. Benedict Parking Lot. Donation: \$35.00 includes \$15 Free Play & \$5 Food Credit. Checks payable to KPC Council 336. Deadline, Friday, September 30, 2016. Donation is non-refundable after deadline. For more information: Marvin Millet, 510-638-7263; Clayton Foster, 510-333-1403; Herb Houston, 510-387-7673; Leonard Pete, 510-917-2390

THE CATHOLIC VOICE

Next weekend is the annual second collection for *The Catholic Voice*. Your donation helps your parish offset its payment for this important communications ministry. The Voice and its other operations – El Heraldo Catolico, websites and social media are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the diocese. Please be generous in your support. Checks should be made payable to St. Benedict Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 2	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	Selener Ordogne†
Monday, October 3	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, October 5	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, October 7	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, October 8	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	September 25, 2016	\$2,225.00
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$879.89

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$4,562.24
Total Income for August 2016	\$625.83
Ending balance as of August 31, 2016	\$5,188.07

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$1109.34
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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

OCTOBER 8/9, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Moore	J. Outley	R. Guillory
G. McCullough	M. Soublet	M. Trevigne
		O. Wanzo *

**SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND**