

HOLIDAY TRADITION - LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: MUSIC FROM THE ERA OF THE BLACK PANTHERS

Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 4:00 pm - Paramount Theater, Oakland

2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panthers, an important time in Oakland's history. Oakland Symphony will pay homage by performing music from the time, including Motown classics, gospel, and protest music of the 60's and 70's. This non-traditional holiday tradition will feature Oakland Symphony Chorus, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, alongside other guest choruses, and more! This concert is always a sellout. Get your tickets early for the best seat choices..Groups of 10 or more will receive a group discount. **Two ways to order tickets:** 1. Order By Phone - 510-444-0802 (Box Office Hours : Mon-Fri, 9:00am-4:00pm). 2. Order Online: oaklandsymphony.org

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, October 9		
Monday, October 10	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Tuesday, October 11	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	Parish Council Parish Center
Wednesday, October 12	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group Parish Hall
Thursday, October 13	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Church
Friday, October 14	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dance Parish Hall
Saturday, October 15		

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:



In biblical times, leprosy was any skin disease that caused white, crusty patches on the skin. It was not the same as modern leprosy. Since ancient people believed leprosy was contagious, they forced lepers to live outside the city walls and to yell out “unclean, unclean” whenever a healthy person came near. Any chew who touched a leper could not take part in religious services until after making certain offerings and performing special rituals. The lepers in today’s gospel did not approach ceases to ask you heal them but called out to him from afar.

An interesting detail in today’s gospel is that a combination of Jews and Samaritans, people who normally did not associate or even prayed with each other, make up the group of 10 lepers Jesus heals. When Jesus tells the lepers to show themselves to the priest, those were Jewish go to the temple in Jerusalem and the Samaritans go to theirs on Mount Gerizim. Once their temples, they would’ve offered to prescribe sacrifices for someone healed of this dreaded disease and would have performed a rite of purification. (Leviticus 14:1-32).

Of the ten whom Jesus healed, the one who returns to thank him isn’t Jewish but a despised Samaritan. He throws himself at Jesus feet and praises God with a loud voice. The prostrate oneself and one’s feet was symbolic of submitting that person’s authority over you. It was the equivalent of saying something like, “Here I am. Do with me as you wish.” This gesture was common when someone entered the presence of a king. So the man was offering himself for Jesus’ service. What an appropriate way to thank Jesus for all that he has done!

How do you feel when you do something for someone who does not acknowledge or thank you for your efforts? Think about the times when we fail to thank God for all the wonderful ways God has been good to us! Make a list of all things we have and, in prayer, thank God for each of those things individually!

I thank God for a wonderful Fashion Show last week Saturday. Sponsored by Ladies of Peter Claver Court #336, this annual event is a fundraiser for their scholarship fund. It looked as if it was a full house for the event, and it appeared that everyone was having a great time! A big word of thanks to Gloria McCullough

and her team for putting all together - delicious food, great fashions, wonderful company and terrific music, all for a most worthy cause!

This past week, all of the priests of the Diocese of Oakland have been away on convocation here at Asilomar, the State of California’s conference center in Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula. We’ve been with noted business guru Pat Lencioni and learning about the components of a vibrant and “amazing” parish. We can bring much of what we learned back to our parishes, and St. Benedict is no exception. I will be presenting some of our findings to our parish council this week, with the hopes of melding it with the Pastoral Plan developed in cooperation with Chuck Siebenand last Spring.

A reminder about the Diocesan Blue Mass, honoring all first-responders and their families in the East Bay. This Friday, October 14th, 10:00 AM at the Cathedral in Oakland.

Also reminding folks that I will be away from the parish from October 20-29 for the Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Italy. I have been asked to serve as a spiritual director. Fr. Vassar as well as numerous St. Benedict parishioners will be joining us. Fr. Sylvestre will be holding down the fort while we’re gone.

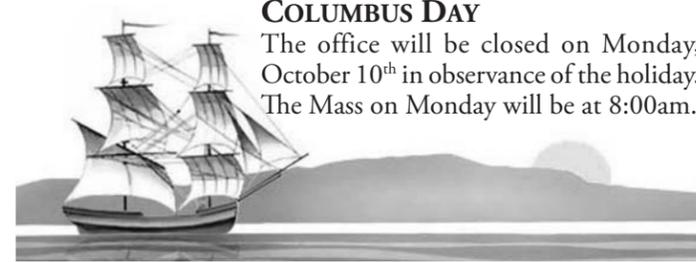
God bless,
Father Jayson

Please pray for:

Yolanda Griffin
Roy Griffin
Regina Guillory
Geraldine Walker

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COLUMBUS DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00am.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 11th 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.

ST. BENEDICT HALLOWEEN READ-ALoud AND TRUNK OR TREAT

Jack-O-Lanterns, Witches, and Goblins; Oh My!
Hot Dogs, Cookies, and Juice; Oh My!
Read-Along Stories, and Games; Oh My!
Halloween is coming, that’s our cry!!

Join us, here at St. Benedict, for our Halloween Read-Along and Trunk or Treat. You don’t want to miss this event. Stories read aloud with lots of interaction, games, costume parade, giveaways, and more.

When: Monday, October 31st
Where: St. Benedict Church Hall
Time: 6 to 8 pm

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 9	8:30 a.m.	Carl Washington†
	11:00 a.m.	Renell ColemanGilkey†
Monday, October 10	8:00 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Wednesday, October 12	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, October 14	7:30 a.m.	Jonathan Sheppard 11 th Birthday
Saturday, October 15	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	October 2, 2016	\$5,149.00
Other Collection:	“100” Club	\$544.59

“100” CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$5,188.07
Total Income for September 2016	\$572.59
Total Expense for September 2016	\$5,225.40
Ending balance as of September 30, 2016	\$535.26

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of September 30, 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 15/16, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
A. Swayne	J. Grant	S. Gressel
K. Webster	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	L. Galloway #
	J. Matthews *	W. Sykes-Bush *
		L. Hall-Ervin *

SECOND COLLECTION
THE CATHOLIC VOICE - THIS WEEKEND
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL
NEXT WEEKEND