

spiritual healing by Jesus through His Mother, Mary. Tickets are \$25/\$30 after Nov. 26. Go to [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at [503 709 8449](tel:5037098449) for reservations.

**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](http://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.

*Please pray for:*

Patricia Melin  
Anita Recania



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

<b>Sunday, November 6</b>		
6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, November 8</b>		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, November 9</b>		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, November 10</b>		
<b>Friday, November 11</b>		
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, November 12</b>		
10:00 am	Lector's Retraining Session	Church
12 noon - 6:00 pm	Choir's Chicken Dinner	Parish Hall

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**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.

**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



**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

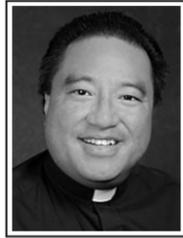
**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

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 mentions two religious groups, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees taught that the dead will rise from their graves at the end of the world and at that time God will reward those he judges to have lived good lives by giving them new life in his kingdom. The Sadducees, who were theologically almost the exact opposite of the Pharisees, did not believe in a bodily resurrection or in a life after death. Many of Jesus' teachings had more in common with the Pharisees' beliefs than with those of the Sadducees.

In the long form of today's Gospel, the Sadducees ask Jesus' opinion about a matter that may sound a little strange to us. A woman in first-century Palestine normally could not inherit property, so it was very important for a man to have a son to whom he could leave all his accumulated wealth. If a man died without an heir, his closest male relative was to marry the widow and produce an heir for him. The first male child born of this union would legally be the son of the dead man and would inherit all his property. The Jews called this regulation the Levirate Law (Deuteronomy 25:5-10).

The Sadducees ask Jesus to consider a hypothetical situation. A man who has six brothers died without having children. The dead man's oldest brother does what the law expects of him and marries the widow but he also dies before a son is born. The same thing happens to the rest of the brothers. Since all seven marry this woman, the Sadducees want to know whose wife she will be when everyone rises from the grave at the end of the world. With this question, the Sadducees challenge the belief in life after death.

Jesus first points out that the Levirate Law is supposed to solve a problem in this world (inheriting property) and has nothing to do with what it will be like after the resurrection of the dead at the end of the world. With that out of the way, Jesus then defends his teaching about life after death by quoting a passage from the book of Exodus in which God calls himself the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. These three men were the patriarchs of the Jewish people and had been dead for almost 1,900 years. Jesus points out that if there is no life after death, then God would have been claiming to be the God of the dead, a claim that would not make any sense because only the living could serve him and give him glory.

The early Christians in the city of Corinth debated about whether or not we will rise from our graves at the end of the world. Take a look at 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 and read how St. Paul handled this issue. Why is belief in a resurrection so important to Christians?

It goes without saying that making your voice heard in this week's General Election is of utmost importance to the future and direction of this country. I can't remember a time where the candidates and campaigns were so distinctly polarized, choices so starkly different. Even the 2008 election, as groundbreaking and historic as it was, does not have the implications that this election has with regards to the future of this country and perhaps this world.

When I was in Italy last week, many of us encountered foreign nationals who, upon discovering that we were Americans, stressed to us how the world community was depending and relying on our good judgment to make the right choice on Election Day, as if they were saying that the future of the world lay in our responsibility to prudently and soberly exercise our franchise rights.

There are also other issues that we have to address as Californians engaged in the initiative process. I hope that all of us will have studied, as best we could, those state and local ballot measures that can affect us on many different levels.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers while a number of us were on pilgrimage in Italy over these past few days. The trip, organized by St. Benedict parishioner and Catholic Voice advertising director Camille Tompkins, was experienced by 58 folks from throughout the Diocese of Oakland and beyond. Ten of our St. Benedict parishioners were a part of the group, and although we kept a very busy and rigorous pace with a packed itinerary, we covered much ground and saw so many sacred sites that opened our eyes and souls to the experiences of generations of Catholic faithful whose presence, as well as ours, have made these sites holy.

We continue to engage in the process of discerning members to our new St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council. 46 names have been nominated at the close of last Sunday, and they will be receiving letters from me inviting them to a discernment process on Monday, November 14th and Monday, November 21st at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Both sessions will be facilitated by Chuck Siebenand, former Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Oakland.

I hope that you remembered to change your clock back one hour. Spring forward, Fall backward!

God bless,  
Father Jayson



Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Father Jayson on November 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Best wishes and good health.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The office will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 7:30 am.

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.

MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

Father Jayson and Deacon Ron have scheduled a retraining and rededication session for all Lectors. Please plan to attend either Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10:00 AM, or Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 PM. Please read the e mail recently sent to you by Jo Soublet for more details. Anyone interested in becoming a Lector must attend one of these sessions. We particularly need young adults and folks willing to serve at the 4:30 and 8:30 Masses.

SAINT PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and the Catholic Voice in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama on June 5 – June 12, 2017. \$3,149/pp\* includes round-trip airfare from SFO (other cities available – call for pricing), 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches and welcome/farewell dinners, English-speaking tour escort, private air conditioned motor coach (\*per person based on double occupancy). Book now! Limited Seating! For more information and reservations contact: Sara O'Malley Szucs, 773-527-0123 or email [PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com](mailto:PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com).

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

MagnificatSOTI, a Ministry for Women invites you to join them at a Prayer Breakfast December 3, 2016-10:00 am to 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Church ~ 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek. Please note the change in time and location! Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Christine Watkins MTS, LCSW as our speaker. We will be inspired by this well known speaker, author, spiritual director and television host as she tells us of her salvation from life as an atheist to a life centered in Christ through her physical and

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 6	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, November 7	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 9	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, November 11	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, November 12	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>October 30, 2016</b>	\$3,108.37
	<b>"100" CLUB</b>	
Beginning Balance		<b>\$5,188.07</b>
Total Income for September 2016		\$572.59
Total Expense for September 2016		\$5,225.40
<b>Ending balance as of September 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$535.26</b>
	<b>PENNY HARVEST</b>	
<b>Ending Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$1109.34</b>

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

NOVEMBER 12/13, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
K. Webster	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	J. LaFitte-Tutson
D. Dixon	C. Ologbosele	L. Galloway #
	O. Wanzo *	A. Ricks *
		J. Smithson-Bell *

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND**  
**ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY - NEXT WEEKEND**