

**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 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.

**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:*

Juanita Estrellas  
Carl Johnson



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

- Sunday, November 27**
- Monday, November 28**  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Tuesday, November 29**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Wednesday, November 30**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Thursday, December 1**
- Friday, December 2**
- Saturday, December 3**

**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**

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

**Rev. Jayson Landeza**  
PASTOR

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**  
CLERGY SUPPLY

**Fr. Sylvester Odurinde**  
IN RESIDENCE

**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

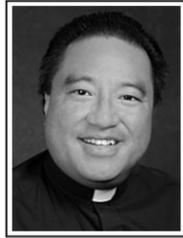
ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:  
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:  
510.223.1265

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Christian is usually call Jesus the son of God but that was not Jesus favorite way to describe himself. Jesus actually preferred the title sup man which occurs in the Gospels. To this day, scripture scholars cannot agree about what this title means.

The book of Daniel and another Jewish writing called the Similitudes of Enoch contains the term "Son of Man." In both places, it refers to a Messiah-like figure God will send at the end of the world to bring salvation and judgment to all people. Some scholars believe this term applies to an individual while others think it stands for Israel. Jesus may have used this title to identify himself as the Messiah.

Some of the Jewish people expected the Messiah to be a political and military figure who would lead them in battle against their enemies. They believed he would be a human being who, because he was gifted with God's own spirit, would be victorious in battle and would conquer the world. Through him, God would establish a new order in the world, in which there would be no more wars, famines or evil of any kind. This new order is what some Jews called "the reign of God" or "the kingdom of God."

Although Jesus didn't fight any human enemies, he did score a victory over the most important and powerful enemy, the devil, and he promised to return one day to finish the job. When that happens, God will be in complete control of the world, and because the reign of God will be here in its entirety, there won't be any more wars or evil of any kind.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus tells us to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man, he is really telling us to prepare for his own return. We don't know when this will happen so we must always be ready.

Two sentences in today's Gospel particularly interest some Christian groups. Jesus says that two men will be in the field and two women will be at the grindstone. One man and one woman will be taken and the other two will be left. Because of this passage, some Christians believe that at Jesus' second coming he will take up bodily those who are faithful to him and will take them into heaven so they will be spared the suffering that will take place at the end of the world. This is what some Christians call "the rapture."

If the world ended today, would we be ready to meet Jesus, the Messiah? How will we prepare ourselves and our loved ones this Advent Season to prepare for when we will Jesus again.

This weekend we begin our new liturgical year with this First Sunday of Advent. According to the teachings of the Catholic Church, as expressed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Advent (from Latin meaning "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help us to fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please stay tuned for more of such seasonal information to help increase our faith journey during this Advent Season.

The scripture readings for the new liturgical season will be taken from Year A, with the Gospel taken from the Book of Matthew. Our current Bible Study, led by Deacon Ron Tutson, has been focused on the Gospel of Matthew. I would encourage you to become more familiar with this book as the liturgical year progresses.

Thank you to Dionne Cola and Julie Hadnot for walking us through these past few weeks post-election. We are grateful for the faith-filled spirit which have characterized their messages.

Rest In Peace to the following St. Benedict parishioners who have died over the past couple of weeks - Ben Roberson, John Harris and Joe Johnson. May the healing presence of Christ be upon their family and friends during this difficult time.

God bless,  
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass is at 8:00 am.

BECOME A PART OF CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Help us create a beautiful environment for the Christmas Season. Your gift of Poinsettias may be made in honor of, in memory of a love one, or simply as a gift. Please drop-off your Poinsettias on Saturday, December 17 through Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott at 510-612-3176.

CHURCH DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am. Please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott for more information

2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 pm – Christmas Caroling and Music  
12 midnight – Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

Sunday, December 25, 2016  
10:00 am Mass  
Monday, December 26, 2016  
8:00 am Mass

2017 MASS BOOK

The parish office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2017 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.

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).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 27	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, November 28	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 30	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, December 2	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, December 3	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>November 20, 2016</b>	\$4,384.25
Other Collection:	Campaign for Human Development	\$562.00
	"100" Club	\$10.00
	<b>"100" CLUB</b>	
Beginning Balance		<b>\$535.26</b>
Total Income for October 2016		\$554.59
<b>Ending balance as of October 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$1,089.85</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of October 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$1109.34</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.*

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DECEMBER 3/4, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
K. Webster	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	D. Dixon
L. Palmeri	L. Noriega	C. Dixon
	J. Matthews *	C. Hadnot *

SECOND COLLECTION  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND  
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND

