

## CHARISMATIC LIFE

Everyone is invited to COME & JOIN the CHARISMATIC LIFE in the SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS ) at St James the Apostle Church, 34700 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, Ca. 94555, Saturday, March 25, 2017, ( 9am-4pm). Contacts:

Resty P. Capulong: 510) 396-8552  
Shirley Aldana : 510) 386-9331  
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Bro. Vince Ramirez: 415) 879-5619

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office - 510) 797-0241 ext.110

## ATTENTION ALL CURILLISTAS

(Those who have gone through the Cursillo weekend). We need to know who you are. It doesn't matter where you celebrated your weekend. Please register your name on the sheet found on the table at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

## 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.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Ladies of KPC Ct. 336 are having their annual scholarship fundraiser.

Place: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA

Date: April 22, 2017

Donation: \$45.00

Contact Person: Audrey Ricks - (510) 278-5519

Wallita Sykes-Bush - (510) 415-1873

## 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.

### PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle Chair/Facilitator  
Dionne Cola Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator  
Leonard Pete Meeting Recorder

### MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine  
Sidney Fernandes  
Jules Garibaldi  
Linda Smith  
Jaylynn St. Julian  
Tara Sykes  
Ofelia Wanzo

## St. Benedict's Weekly Events

### Sunday, March 5

### Monday, March 6

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

### Tuesday, March 7

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

### Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Bible Study Parish Center

### Thursday, March 9

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Cursillo Fourth Day  
Prayer Group Parish Center  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

### Friday, March 10

12 Noon Stations of the Cross Church  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

### Saturday, March 11

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

## 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.

## 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

**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

**Dr. Chiquita Tuttle**  
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

**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:



Fasting can sometimes be a prayer for God's help when making a difficult decision. It indicates the individual wants God's help so much that the person is even willing to suffer for it. Fasting in Jesus' day meant not eating anything from sunrise until sunset. Because one could take food after sundown, a person would not starve during a long fast like the one Jesus endured in today's Gospel.

We can assume Jesus' fast was a form of prayer for guidance from God. Up until that time, Jesus had spent all of his life as an obscure carpenter in a small town but was contemplating making a radical change by giving up the family business and becoming a wandering preacher. "What will my friends think and how will I support my mother? Will anyone even listen to me?" All these thoughts must have been on Jesus' mind so he brought his concerns in prayer and fasting to his God.

Jesus' fast lasted forty days, a biblical number symbolic of transition or change (e.g., forty days and forty nights of rain in Noah's day, forty years of wandering in the desert before the Jews entered the Promised Land, etc.). After praying and fasting, the will of God was clear to him and Jesus knew he had to give up the quiet and secure life of a small town carpenter and take the risk of becoming a traveling preacher.

Docetism, a heresy in the early Church, said Jesus only pretended to be human, his life being an act or charade. The Catholic Church always rejected this way of thinking and has always taught that Jesus is both God and human. This means Jesus experienced all the fears, all the anxieties, and even all the temptations other human beings experience. Today's Gospel reading tells us that even Jesus had to pray for guidance.

Is there anything we would be willing to fast for? Would it be for something we would not directly benefit from (i.e., world peace, healing for a sick friend, a relative's marriage, or the recovery of a neighbor who is addicted)?

Lent is the Church's annual, built-in "retreat time". Lent is a time where we confront those things that separate us from God and each other. The goal and question we ask when all is said and done after the Lenten Season is complete is, "What has changed in my life so that I have been brought closer to Christ?"

As we begin Lent, we're invited to do three things - PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. Prayer - to hear God more clearly. Fasting - to empty our

desires and to connect with those in need. Almsgiving - thanking God for what we have and to help others less fortunate.

Thank you to all of you who helped make our Black History Month a memorable occasion. A particular word of gratitude to Dionne Cola, Leonard Pete and Arianna Catherine for their work in making it all possible!

Thank you for your patience during my absence from the parish these past few weeks. Serving as the chaplain for the FBI Academy was a rewarding and enriching experience, connecting me to folks from around the world. Working with the intelligence community is always an eye-opening and interesting experience. I'll probably do that once more later this calendar year. Will keep you updated. Much blessings to all of you in this Lenten Season!

*God bless,  
Father Jayson*

**LENTEN SCHEDULE:**

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

**Days of Abstinence:**

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals) to all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**Holy Thursday – April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm followed by potluck**

Lent ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

**Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 pm**

The Vigil of Easter

**Easter Sunday, April 16 – 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

Easter Sunday Masses

**Easter Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am Mass**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 5	8:30 a.m.	Melanie Tervalon
	11:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Emmett Cristy, Jr.† For The People
Monday, March 6	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 7	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, March 9	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, March 10	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>February 26, 2017</b>	\$4,638.20
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,080.50
<b>"100" CLUB</b>		
Beginning Balance		<b>\$2,465.80</b>
Total Income for January 2017		\$810.00
<b>Ending balance as of January 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$3,275.80</b>
<b>PENNY HARVEST</b>		
<b>Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$1,109.34</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

MARCH 11/12, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Soublet	J. Outley	R. Guillory
J. Garibaldi	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	C. Dixon
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *

Please pray for:

Casey Greer  
Willie Lewis



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

A SIX WEEK LENTEN JOURNEY

All of us in the diocese are very fortunate this Lent, to have the special opportunity to experience "learning amidst laughter" in six short Monday-evening sessions with the internationally-renowned (and very humorous) speaker and retreat leader, Fr Tom Weston, SJ. He is kindly donating his time to prepare and deliver these free weekly sessions at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oakland, so we want to make sure that his efforts are valued and rewarded by a good crowd from throughout the Diocese. Please come, tell others, and bring some friends! Info: 7-8:15pm, the six Mondays of Lent: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, and April 10. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 2808 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland. For more info call 510 451 1790 or email [margiewilk@gmail.com](mailto:margiewilk@gmail.com)

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Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia  
Episcopus Quercopolitanensis

Decree

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2017, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day, in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in Oakland, this twenty second day of February, 2017.

*Michael Barber S.J.*

The Most Reverend MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU!

The Mardi Gras Dance Fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to Dolores Millet and the Committee for a magnificent job. This year's profit for the church is \$3,297.12.

"LIVE" VIRTUS PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you haven't already heard, St. Benedict is now in the window for required Safe Environment training. We are mandated to do this every three years. All parishioners who are engaged in any parish ministry must complete the training by March 31, 2017. We will have a live training in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. You can train online or you can register on line for a live training at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). You must pre-register for the live training.

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