

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.

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, July 9 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Parish Picnic	Marina Park
Monday, July 10 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, July 11 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, July 12 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, July 13 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Choir Rehearsal	Parish Center Church
Friday, July 14 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
Saturday, July 15		

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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

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**

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
 Romel Lucas
 Emma Morton
 Linda Smith
 Jaylynn St. Julian
 Tara Sykes
 Ofelia Wanzo



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

Dionne Cola
 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
 DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
 CLERGY SUPPLY

Mr. Rufus Fisher
 BUILDING FACILITIES 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

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and St. Joseph Cemeteries.
 Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel at (510) 362-0424 or www.cfcsoakland.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Many of Jesus parables are about fishing, farming, and herding because those were the three most common occupations in his day. The parable in today's gospel reading is aimed at getting the attention of the farmers in Jesus' audience.

In this parable, Jesus says we should take his yoke upon our shoulders and learn from him. A yolk, a type of harness a farmer uses to attach a couple of oxen to a plow or wagon, looks like the McDonald's golden arches over the shoulders of the two animals. With the yoke attached, the oxen share the burden of pulling the plow or the wagon.

If one of the oxen is old or sickly, the other ox has to work harder. Sometimes the farmer will team a young ox with an older, more experienced ox so the younger one will learn from the older one how to pull the yolk. Until the younger one gets the hang of it, the older ox must do most of the work.

When Jesus says we should take his yoke and learn from him, he's offering to share our burdens with us. With Jesus helping us, our burden will be lighter and easier to pull. Just as the two oxen work side-by-side, Jesus is willing to walk beside us and help us as we travel through life. We do not have to face life's problems all by ourselves.

Because our society values independence, most of us want to prove we can succeed on our own. This pride not only drive us further from each other, but it also drives us further from our God. In our obsession to do it by ourselves, we shut out all help from everyone else, even help from Jesus.

Maybe that's why Jesus praises the Father for taking what was hidden from the learned and the clever, and revealing it to the children. The learned and the clever are those who are self-sufficient and less likely to accept Jesus help because they'd rather try to succeed on their own. Children, on the other hand, have no problem with being dependent on others. They are accustomed to looking around for assistance and are more likely to turn to Jesus in their moment of need.

Perhaps we can identify one area in our lives and which we pride ourselves at being independent. Do we include Jesus in that part of our life? Pray this week that we, like children, would grow in our dependence on Jesus.

As you are well aware, the parish picnic is this weekend, and we are at the San Leandro Marina for this year's annual event. I know that this is a change

from previous years at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline, run by the East Bay Regional Park system. Over the past couple of years we've had some issues with East Bay Regional Parks, so we've opted to go to San Leandro and to see how this arrangement works. I am grateful for Leonard Pete and his work to help coordinate this event.

Dionne Cola (St. Benedict Pastoral Associate) and Dr. Chiquita Tuttle (St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council Chair) are presently representing St. Benedict Parish at the National Black Catholic Congress in Orlando Florida. This weekend's conference is full of wonderful speakers, presentations, workshops, and exhibition booths, all related to the experience of African-American Catholics. I am grateful for Dionne's and Chiquita's willingness to travel across the country, glean and grow in knowledge of information relative to who we are as a predominantly African-American Catholic parish, and bring back some wonderful information that will assist us in our collective journey of faith.

I will be gone this week to Norfolk, Virginia for the Annual Training Seminar of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC). At this annual event, I will be receiving an award recognizing the many years I've spent working as a law-enforcement chaplain, particularly here in Oakland. I will also be giving a presentation on a police chaplains role during a riot, something I have much experience with as an Oakland Police Department chaplain. This is the first time in the history of the ICPC that such a presentation will be given.

In the middle of last Sunday's 11:00 AM liturgy, I received a phone call from Father Ken Hamilton, SVD. He informed me that fellow SVD priest, Fr. Aris Martin, is relocating to the East Bay and has been accepted into the doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Fr. Ken asked if we had room here at St. Benedict to take Fr. Aris as he begins and completes his studies. I met with Fr. Aris and find him to be a very friendly and intelligent person whose presence will be an asset here. Fr. Aris will be joining us in the middle of next month (August).

God bless,
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

LINE DANCE CLASS LUNCHEON

On August 5, 2017 the line dancing class will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a luncheon and dance. Everyone is invited to attend. Ticket price is \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. Doors open at noon, lunch will be served at 1:00 and we will dance, Dance, DANCE until 4:00. There are less than 50 tickets left. If you're interested, contact Jo Soublet ASAP. jcsoublet2@comcast.net or (510) 782-3546. Profits from ticket and beverage sales will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

GOLDEN GATE BOYS CHOIR SUMMER CAMP

The Golden Gate Boys Choir is pleased to announce its 2017 Summer Music Camp program at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat Center, Lafayette, July 31 to August 5. Boys, ages 6 to 14, may apply at the GGBC website (www.ggbc.org), for resident (overnight) or day camp. The camp includes choral singing, music theory, swimming and afternoon sports, and evening activities. For questions or further information, please call the GGBC office voicemail at (510) 887-4311.

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.

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.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
JO ANN HINES
(sister of Theresa Gaudet)
Please remember her family in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 9	9:30 a.m.	For The People
Monday, July 10	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 12	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 14	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 15	4:30 p.m.	Pat Silva†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	July 2, 2017	\$5,731.05
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$487.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$5,767.75
Total Income for May 2017	\$876.00
Ending balance as of May 31, 2017	\$6,643.75

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of May 31, 2017	\$1,195.24
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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

JULY 15/16, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	L. Noriega	Lucia Watson
L. Palmeri	L. Robertson	Leon Watson #
		G. McCullough *
		C. McIntyre *

SECOND COLLECTION
HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE)