

Welcome to our New Parishioner:

Ms. Audrey Moss

#### 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 16**

**Monday, July 17**

**Tuesday, July 18**

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

**Wednesday, July 19**

9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP Food Distribution Parish Hall

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

**Thursday, July 20**

**Friday, July 21**

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

**Saturday, July 22**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**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](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**

#### 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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Methods of farming in Jesus' day were very different from the methods that modern farmers use. Today's farmer plows the field before scattering the seed, but in biblical times farmers reversed the process. The first-century farmer scattered the seed on the ground first and then turned over the soil. It's important for us to keep this in mind when reading this weekend's Gospel passage from Matthew 13:1-23.

Because the seed rested on top of the ground for a while before the farmer plowed the soil, the wind sometimes blew it to an area the farmer didn't intend it to be. This explains how some of the seed landed on the footpath and how some of it ended up on the rocky ground or among thorns.

In the analogy in today's gospel, the seed represents the word of God and the different places where the seed landed represent different kinds of people and their response to the Gospel message. The rocky soil stands for the person who hears God's word but does not allow it to take root. Letting the seed take root means letting the Gospel message make a difference in a person's life. This means living out one's commitment to Jesus by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick or lonely.

Some of the seed landed among thorns which represent worldly cares like fame, power, and money. When these become the center of a person's life, there isn't much time or energy left for prayer and spiritual matters.

Some seed landed on the footpath. This symbolizes the person who hears God's word but does not take the time to study Scripture and so doesn't understand it. As a result, the Gospel message cannot make much of a difference in this person's life.

Finally some of the seed fell on good soil where it produces a yield of thirty, sixty, or a hundred-fold. The good soil represents people who are spiritually fruitful because they not only hear God's word but also understand it and live it. Since a farmer in Jesus' day would have been extremely proud of such a large harvest, we can assume Jesus is proud of us when his word takes root and grows in our lives.

How well-rooted is God's word in our lives? Does it find life in what we do and how we treat others? Do we spend our time reading and studying Scripture? How often do we pray?

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

Dionne Cola (St. Benedict Pastoral Associate) and Dr. Chiquita Tuttle (St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council Chair) represented St. Benedict Parish at the National Black Catholic Congress in Orlando Florida. Last weekend's conference was 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 travelled across the country, gleaned and grew in knowledge of information relative to who we are as a predominantly African-American Catholic parish, and brought back some wonderful information that will assist us in our collective journey of faith.

Wow! I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all who made this year's picnic such a success. Thank you to Leonard Pete who took seriously to planned and organized our event and to the various committees that participated in making our parish picnic a success: Mark Coleman, Council and Court 336/212, Lester Dixon, Dr. Paul Dance and Crew, James Flowers, Mary Goulding, Hillside Productions, Jamal McClinton, Jean Smithson-Bell, St. Benedict Pastoral Council, Jackie Stewart, The VOICES of St. Benedict.

I received a phone call from Father Ken Hamilton, SVD and 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

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](mailto:jcsoublet2@comcast.net) or (510) 782-3546. Profits from ticket and beverage sales will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?** Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **September 15-17, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at [Srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:Srllaguna@doc1633.org). Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on **www.DaughtersOfCharity.com**. Register for the retreat at [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/).

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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

JULY 22/23, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
H. Santi	J. Grant	L. Dixon #
J. Moore	G. Johnson	C. Dixon
		M. Trevigne *
		C. Hadnot *

SECOND COLLECTION

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 16	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Monday, July 17	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 19	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 21	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 22	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>July 9, 2017</b>	\$2,417.04
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$35.00
	Peter Pence	\$87.00

"100" CLUB

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

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of May 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$1,195.24</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.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**MARQUEZ OLOGBOSELE**  
(nephew of Cliff Ologbosele)  
Please remember his family in your prayers.

Funeral Services:

**Jo Ann Hines (Theresa Gaudet's sister):**  
Rosary & Visitation – Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8 pm., Church  
Funeral Service – Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 11 am, Church

**Marquez Ologbosele (Cliff Ologbosele's nephew):**  
Viewing – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4 pm  
Fuller Home, Oakland.  
Funeral Service – Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm  
Fuller Home, Oakland.  
Repat – Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm in the parish hall.