

SAVE THE DATE:

Our KPCLA Court 336 Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm; all tickets are available for purchase at \$35 each. For more information, please call Gloria McCullough at 510-604-3833.

FR. JAYSON, ST. BENEDICT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY:

On behalf of the family of Emelda Wright and Geraldine August, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your love and support shown to all of us during our sorrows for Emelda. Many thanks and God Bless all of 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.

2017 MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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

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**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, September 10 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Mass	Church
Monday, September 11 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, September 12 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, September 13 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, September 14 6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, September 15 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
Saturday, September 16 4:30 pm	Mass	Church

PLEASE JOIN US!

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

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

Ms. 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

Miss 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

September 10, 2017
Listen, Please

Thank you!

When someone says “thank you,” our response is “welcome.” What about if someone welcomes us, what shall we say? “Thank you!” With all sincerity, I thank Fr. Jayson and the whole St. Benedict Community for welcoming a stranger in their midst.

Yes, I am a Divine Word Missionary. But my being a missionary does not mean I am not afraid of being rejected. Months before I came to Oakland, I prayed earnestly, “Lord, give me a community who will consider me as a family.” After the prayer has been said, I still could not deny the anxiety of a stranger going to a totally unfamiliar place. Fast forward. Through the help of a friend of a friend, I found St. Benedict Church in Oakland. August 19, a Saturday, the rectory was quiet. Fr. Jayson was out for a short vacation. Nobody was in the office and I felt extremely lonely. Engrossed with my loneliness, I did not realize two strangers came inside with their contagious smiles saying, “Fr. Artis, welcome!” Shocked in disbelief, “Is this real?” They introduced themselves as Dionne and Ron, both leaders in the parish. I wanted to asked, “How did you know me?” or “Did you hear my silent prayers?” But I did not. It may sound awkward. They might respond, “God told us so.” The encounter was not too long but good enough to snatch me out from loneliness and experience that God still listens to prayers. When they left I saw a basket full of fruits on the dining table where it is written, “Welcome Fr. Artis” (It may look like a misspelled Aris but I see it as God’s humor indicating what He wants me to become, an artis[t]). What initially was a lonely Saturday ended up into a day of promise and assurance, “I am here Aris! I am listening.” Wow, God’s Word is spoken clearly by welcoming people and turned a heart of stone into a human heart. The psalmist encourages us, “If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart!”

Today, the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, God is speaking to us and let our hearts listen. God says, when you hear me speak, tell what you heard to others so that they will be saved. (Para. Ezek. 33:7) Our salvation and that of others depend greatly on what we speak. But our words must come from what we listened to from God. And if we do this (Listening and then preaching about God), St. Paul confirms that we show our love to our neighbors and we will never do evil against them. (Rom. 13:10) Perhaps, we can hurt others because we fail to listen to God. Jesus in the Gospel defines love by listening to God, to the church and to one another. The one who loves is willing to listen. No doubt, God is love because he is a listening God. He listens to our prayers, our hopes, our joys but even to our cries, complaints, and tantrums. In the same manner, we become a beloved children of God if we learn the art(ist) of listening. I think, if there is one thing that irritates God, it is rendering his promise fruitless by being hard-headed or having a stony heart. The poem *Desiderata* captures it. “Avoid loud and aggressive people, they are vexations of the spirit.” Even Vatican II knows this well when it says, “With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are compelled, especially pastors and theologians to listen to and distinguish the many voices of our times and interpret them in the light of the Divine Word...” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 44) I am tempted to believe that what makes God real is that He is listening. And what makes us real is the same, listening. Catholics who are not listening are not only un-real Christians but perhaps, fake people.

Who can forget tomorrow’s date, September 11 (9.11)? Let us not forget the victims, living and dead. But let us also listen, why did it happen at all? To avoid 911, let us be more welcoming to strangers and be sensitive to the voice of God within. After all, the world is one big family of humanity. We are all brothers and sisters. Let us welcome one another. Last Friday, September 8, was the birthday of the Blessed Virgin, our Mother. She reminds us to listen to her Son and take good care one another. My dear brothers and sisters, are you still reading? Listen, please... Thank you.

Fr. Aris P. Martin, SVD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 – 2018 FAITH FORMATION (CCD)

Religious Education Program will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Registration forms for students in grades 1-8 are available at the back of the church. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 1, 2017.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Parish Bible Study provides the nourishment from Scripture that compliments the nourishment we receive in the Eucharist. Participants will: Encounter Christ, Foster Christian Community and grow in understanding the Bible. Come, join Deacon Ron and other participants for Scripture Study on the Gospel of Luke. Scripture Study begins on Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center for 12 sessions thru the month of November 29, 2017. Study sets which include a Bible Commentary and a Study Guide are \$15.95, payable to St. Benedict Church.

PARISH OUTREACH EVENT

Community Outreach Staff from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland will be here on Saturday, September 9 & Sunday, September 10, 2017 to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. After each Mass, there will be a short presentation along with a question and answer session in the Parish Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Save the Date! Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am. The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass on September 30 to celebrate the energy, dedication, and generosity of all healers in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL 336

Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Red Hawk Casino. Donation \$35.00 per person (5 hours stay). Make checks payable to KPC Council 336. Reservation deadline: September 13, 2017. Sorry, no refunds after deadline. For information call: Marvin Millet (510) 638-7263 or Herb Houston (510) 387-7673, Leonard Pete (510) 917-2390 or Clayton Foster (510) 333-1403.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 10	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	11:00 a.m.	Charles Taylor Morton†
Monday, September 11	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 13	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 15	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 16	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	September 3, 2017	\$3,790.41
	“100” Club	\$577.67
	“100” CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$7,266.18
Total Income for July 2017		\$570.00
Ending balance as of July 31, 2017		\$7,836.18
	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2017		\$1,195.24

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

SEPTEMBER 16/17, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
B. Burns	L. Noriega	M. Nubie #
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	Lucia Watson
		C. Dixon *
		C. Hadnot *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
CHARLES TAYLOR MORTON
(brother of Jack Morton)
Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Alex Donaville
Kevin Donaville
Anita Recania



**SECOND COLLECTION
DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT**

NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH