



Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the social services arm for the Diocese of Oakland and one of the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We help families in need rise above poverty and live self-sufficient lives. Learn about the programs of Catholic Charities at an upcoming **Transforming Lives Tour**. You will learn about:

- Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- Homelessness prevention through housing
- An update on "Claire's House", home for trafficked minors
- School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

Learn how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. Register at [www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour](http://www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour). For more information, contact Sween Gardner at [sgardner@cceb.org](mailto:sgardner@cceb.org) or (510)768-3161

#### CLASSIFIED

I'm looking for someone to look after my mom 20 to 25 hours a week. Mostly as companion taking her on short walk's and having conversations. And some light cleaning. Please contact Ben Walker at 510 557-1297. Thank 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](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**

#### St. Benedict's Weekly Events

<b>Sunday, August 12</b>	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
<b>Monday, August 13</b>			
<b>Tuesday, August 14</b>			
<b>Wednesday, August 15</b>			
<b>Thursday, August 16</b>			
<b>Friday, August 17</b>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing	Hall
<b>Saturday, August 18</b>	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  
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

**Rev. Jayson Landeza**  
PASTOR

**Ms. Dionne Cola**  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**  
CLERGY SUPPLY

**Rev. Vincent Cotter**  
IN RESIDENCE

**Rev. Aris Martin, SVD**  
IN RESIDENCE

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



In a recent Sunday Gospel readings from the Gospel according to John, Jesus tells us he is the bread of life come down from heaven and if we eat his body and drink his blood we will have eternal life. The bread of life is an important theme in John's Gospel because it refers to the bread and wine we share in the Eucharist.

Many people are surprised to learn that John's Gospel contains two stories of the last supper (John 13:1-14:31 and 15:1-17:26). What's strange about the second story is that it doesn't add any new details. Because everything in it is also in the first story, biblical scholars aren't sure why the author included the second Last Supper story in the Gospel.

What's even stranger is that neither of John's Last Supper accounts say anything about Jesus passing the bread and wine and sharing them with his disciples and neither of them tell us about the bread and wine being Jesus' body and blood. We find these very important details in each of the Last Supper stories of the other three Gospels but they are not a part of John's narratives.

But we shouldn't conclude that John has nothing to say about what Jesus did with the bread and wine at the Last Supper. On the other hand, John's Gospel has more on this topic than any of the other three Gospels but his exclamation is not part of his Last Supper accounts. Scripture scholars believe John explains the meaning of Jesus' actions in the sixth chapter immediately after the story about Jesus feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fishes, the same chapter from which recent Sunday Gospel readings have come from.

John gives so much space to this topic because gathering for the breaking of the bread was important to first century Christians. The Eucharist was a vital part of their faith because it was both a sign of the continued presence of the risen Lord and the sign of their unity with each other. It would've been impossible for someone to claim to be a follower of Jesus and not take part in Eucharistic celebrations.

How important is the Eucharist for us? Do we celebrated it Sunday because we feel obligated or because we really want to? Pray that the Lord will help us to better appreciate the Eucharist.

I am writing this from Norman, Oklahoma, spending this past week at a meeting of FBI Chaplains from across the nation. Today (Thursday afternoon), we heard from FBI Chaplains who responded to and worked at some of the worst incidents in the country over the past couple of years. Shootings at Santa Fe High School outside of Houston, Texas church shootings, the Tampa Pulse Night Club shooting, the Las Vegas mass shooting and the San Bernadino shooting - FBI Chaplains responded to all of these tragic national incidents and then some.

Over the past week, we covered administrative details of FBI Chaplaincy, but heard from my fellow chaplains on areas of expertise and competency relevant to our particular pastoral ministry to the Bureau. Fellow FBI Chaplains led

classes and presentations on the following: connecting with people; grief and bereavement; suicide issues; long-term care of shooters; ethics; line-of-duty deaths; diversity; crisis intervention in the Bureau. But perhaps the most important aspect of this week has been connecting with other FBI Chaplains, all of them, like myself, experienced with law enforcement. I spent quality time with my FBI San Francisco Chaplain colleague, Episcopal Deacon Janice Heglund, who also serves as San Rafael's Police Chaplain. She an experienced and seasoned FBI Chaplain, and a great mentor to me. I also spent a lot of time with my counterparts from FBI Honolulu, Methodist Pastor Alex Vergara and Monsignor James Benavente, a priest for the Archdiocese of Agana, Guam.

I also had a chance to visit the Oklahoma City Memorial and Museum - this was my third time there. Always a very moving experience to see the immense suffering and extraordinary compassion exhibited, as well as justice served.

Just to let you know, our 11:00 Gospel Choir will be on a well-deserved break throughout the month of August. Words can't begin to express my gratitude for their wonderful and blessed ministry. Dorgun McDade will be leading the music as cantor at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. We've got the best choir in the Diocese of Oakland! Praise God!

There is significant opposition to the opening of Diocese of Oakland and Catholic Charities of the East Bay's "Claire's House", a place for trafficked girls. I will send out a link to keep all of you informed about the pushback by neighbors, the community and the school folks against the project.

Thanks for all those who took part in our St. Benedict parish "National Night Out" this past Tuesday. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to know our neighbors and to become more connected to our East Oakland community. Thank you to the committee formed specifically for this event. I apologize for having missed this year's "National Night Out".

I will be gone throughout most of August, with Hawai'i and the annual diocesan priests' retreat. From Monday, August 6th to Friday, August 10th, I was in Norman, Oklahoma for a national FBI chaplains' meeting. Since I usually take a good portion of my yearly vacation during the month of August, I generally see my family in Hawaii and help out at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. I will be gone from Monday, August 13th to Saturday, August 25th. When I return from Hawai'i, I will be making my annual priest retreat (along with other priests from the Diocese of Oakland) at Villa Maria Del Mar, the Holy Names Sisters retreat center on the beach in Santa Cruz. That will be from Monday, August 27th to Friday, August 31st. Just letting folks know in advance

God bless,  
Fr. Jayson Landeza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is a holy day of obligation, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Mass schedule: 8:00 am.

CCD CLASSES

Registration forms for students in grades 1 – 8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes will start on September 9, 2018 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. 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 7, 2018.

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Just a reminder folks: You can continue to support our fundraising efforts. If you enjoyed our wine tasting event and found one you especially liked, please continue to order and enjoy as the Church will receive a percentage of the purchase price which then goes to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and other anniversary celebrants, families and friends on Sunday, October 21, at The Cathedral Christ the Light 10 a.m. Mass, with a reception in the Event Center following for registered guests. Register now for \$25/anniversary couple and \$10 for each guest at [www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary](http://www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary) or call Laura at 510-267-8395.

A'S GAME FUNDRAISER

KPCLA Court #336 invites you to join them on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm, Oakland Athletics vs. Houston Astros. Tickets are \$25.00. Proceeds will support our Scholarship Fund. Contact D. Minor, 415-310-6582, or Tara Sykes-Holmes, 510-818-8845 for tickets/information.

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. 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. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 12	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Carl Washington†
Monday, August 13	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 15	8:00 a.m.	Asuncion Domingo†
Friday, August 17	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, August 18	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>August 5, 2018</b>	\$3,727.00
	"100" Club	\$464.00
	<b>"100" CLUB</b>	
Beginning Balance		\$7,794.42
Total Income for July 2018		\$680.00
<b>Ending balance as of July 31, 2018</b>		<b>\$8,474.42</b>

	<b>PENNY HARVEST</b>	
<b>Ending Balance as of July 31, 2018</b>		<b>\$1,296.68</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

AUGUST 18/19, 2018

There is a practice and faith sharing session for these Lectors on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Rectory.

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Moore	C. Ologbosele	C. Dixon
A. Swayne	A. West	Lucia Watson
		G. McCullough *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Linda Davis  
Kalene Parker  
Anita Recania  
Laura Scotlan



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SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND  
MISSION COOPERATIVE