

## 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.

## KPC COUNCIL #212 FUNDRAISER

Cache Creek Casino Fun Bus trip on February 13, 2016. Leaving Saint Benedict's parking lot at 8:00 AM. The donation is \$30 per person with a \$15 value refund. This is a Fun Bus so be ready to have Fun!

## ST. BENEDICT'S MARDI GRAS DANCE

Our annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 6, 2016, 6-10pm at the Parish Hall. Music by Jorge Watson. Food will be sold (Red Beans, Rice, Links and Potato Salad). Full Bar. For ticket information, please call Dolores Millet at 510-638-7263. **No tickets sold at the door.**



## THE CATHOLIC VOICE 2016 JUBILEE OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 20-29

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org, Pentacost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 travel@pentecosttours.com. CatholicVoiceOakland.org. The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome. Celebrate Mass at some of the most beautiful basilicas in Italy, visit the treasures of Vatican City, and see Pope Francis during the Papal Audience. Join the 10-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for \$3,999. Costs includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, and most breakfasts and dinners. **\$100 Early Bird Discount is available to those who register before December 23.** For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above.

## A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY EVENT

*Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at **Castro Valley Center for the Arts on Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.** The event is sponsored by Our Lady of Grace Church and School. Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up. Admission is \$15 each; \$12 for seniors and youth 17 & under; or \$40 for families of 4. **For tickets and additional information**, contact Our Lady of Grace Church Office at 510-537-0806, email newsletter@olgcv.org, or visit www.olgcv.org. Watch the trailer & learn more at www.DivineMercyDrama.com

## MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 26, 27 & 28, 2016, call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

## HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SISTER?

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, March 4-6, 2016, **Los Altos Hills, CA.** For reservations and more information contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.**, 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or emailsrlaguna@doc1633.org **www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/**

## 2016 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.

## 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**

**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

[www.saintbenedictoakland.com](http://www.saintbenedictoakland.com)

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## 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

**Mr. Ron Tutson**

DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**

CLERGY SUPPLY

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**

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**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**

CCD DIRECTOR

**Mr. Rufus Fisher**

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**Mr. Clifford Ologbosele**

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**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:



In today's Gospel, we find Jesus in a synagogue in Galilee. Since the Gospels mention the synagogues and the temple quite often, it might be good to distinguish between these two very important Jewish institutions.

There was just one Temple, located in Jerusalem, where the Jewish people could legitimately offer sacrifices to God. At least once a year (and sometimes more often, depending on the distance) pious Jews traveled to Jerusalem to offer the various sacrifices their laws required. The sacrifices were usually grain offerings (wheat or other cereals) or animals slaughtered and burnt in whole or in part on the altar of the Temple.

Considering the Temple to be God's house, they ornately decorated it with gold trim, cedar beams, and items of the finest craftsmanship. Since nothing was too good for God, even stitching in the Temple curtain utilized the most expensive thread.

Synagogues, on the other hand, were houses of prayer and instruction. There the rabbis prepare Jewish boys to become adults in their religion by teaching them how to read Sacred Scripture. Jewish men gathered every morning and evening to pray and hear God's word proclaimed and explained. Unlike the Temple, the synagogue was not a place where the Jews could offer sacrifices to God.

According to Jewish law, synagogue services could not begin unless there are at least 10 adult Jewish males present. A short talk or homily usually followed the prayers and the reading of Sacred Scripture. Because there weren't always officially recognized preachers in the Jewish religion, a prominent citizen or a rabbi trained in Jewish law or Sacred Scripture usually delivered the sermon. According to custom, this person sat as he talked. Questions and a discussion follow later.

The process described above is part of today's Gospel. After reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus returns to his seat and addresses the congregation. Although the Gospel does not say anything about a discussion and questions, we can assume they follow Jesus' sermon.

Speaking in the synagogue was Jesus' first teaching experience and an opportunity to hone his skills and prepare for his ministry as an itinerant preacher. In modern terminology, we can see the synagogues as places where Jesus did his student teaching before becoming a certified instructor.

Continue to pray for and be supportive of those who preach here at Saint Benedict. Pray that, like Jesus, we will grow and gain the confidence needed to help others experience God's goodness, grace and love.

I would invite you to remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of parishioners Barbara Foster and Irma Metoyer-Davis, both of whom passed away earlier last week. They were both loved and cherished by many here at Saint Benedict. Barbara's Memorial Mass will be held here this Thursday evening, January 28th, at 6:30 PM, with a repast to follow in the parish hall. Irma's Memorial Service will be at Chapel of the Chimes (Oakland) on Saturday morning, January 30th, at 11:00 AM, with a repast to follow back here at St. Benedict. Irma's viewing and vigil service will be on Friday evening at Chapel of the Chimes. The St. Benedict family extends our prayerful support and healing thoughts to the families and friends of our beloved departed Barbara and Irma.

Please note that our Ceasefire Walk will take place this Friday evening at 6:30 PM here at our church. We will be joined by folks from throughout Oakland in seeking to stand in healing witness and to reaffirm efforts to reduce violence in our East Oakland community. I'll be there in the beginning, since I've been asked to say an opening prayer for a tribute to former Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums at the same time as the Ceasefire Walk.

Thank you to Harry Santi and Leonard Pete for a phenomenal tribute to the life, work and ministry of Martin Luther King. Last weekend's words and music were a wonderful affirmation of Dr. King's enormous contributions to peace, justice and equality in our country! This was a great way to begin our Black History Month celebration!

A word of thanks to Mallory Trevigne for providing a new bulletin cover that incorporates the new parish logo. She formats the bulletin for us on a weekly basis, to which I am deeply and profoundly grateful.

*Blessings,  
Father Jayson*



BLACK HISTORY MONTH INTRODUCTION

Thanks to our new Workbooks for Lectors, for giving us the perfect introduction for this year's Black History Celebration.

It said that the author of Deuteronomy thought memory and identity to be one.

There can be no such thing as a "people" without "memory."

History must be kept alive in memory if it is to bind us together and fuel our imaginations.

It is what was done in history that draws us together to celebrate and enable us to live together in confidence and hope.

Although this referred to religion and ancient text, it holds true for us and our African American History as well.

The rich cultural legacy of ritual actions, speech, dress, etc., needs to be, and has been, repeated by each successive generation.

Those of us repeating the actions, the rituals and speech want to remember those who lived the stories described and thus experience a kinship that makes us one with those ancestors.

As we have all probably experienced, in the ritual telling of a story, the tellers, the hearers, and the players in the original events are brought together in the present.

Hence it is the reason we celebrate each year; to remember, to relive, to honor, to experience kinship, and spur our young people on in the positiveness of their rich ancestral legacy.

This year three members of the CREW, our young adult group, met and put together the events to take place during the Sundays of BHM. With Fr. Jayson's blessings, they invited speakers, mostly young adults, from our own congregation to participate. The theme highlighted is: "We Are Then And Now."

Active CREW Members: Ariana Catherine, Denise Kees, Leonard Pete

Presenters: January 24th ..... Steven Egbonimali  
 January 31st ..... Dorgan McDade  
 Brianna Morris  
 February 7th ..... Ray Leon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION LECTORS

Please pick up your 2016 Workbook that has your name on it in the Sacristy after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 24	8:30 a.m.	Mikaele Percival 30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Monday, January 25	11:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	Jennifer Rose Pope† Monica Soublet Birthday
Wednesday, January 27	7:30 a.m.	Ray Cronin†
Friday, January 29	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Saturday, January 30	4:30 p.m.	Ray Cronin†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>January 17, 2016</b>	\$3,060.61
Other Collection:	Seminary	\$381.90
	"100" Club	\$15.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$8,542.09</b>
Total Income for December 2015	\$377.00
Total Expense for December 2015	\$600.00
<b>Ending balance as of December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$8,319.09</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$912.03</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

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

JANUARY 30/31, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L. Palmeri	G. Johnson	L. Galloway #
H. Santi	M. Soublet	J. Smithson-Bell
		C. McIntyre *
		W. Sykes-Bush *



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **BARBARA FOSTER AND IRMA METOYER DAVIS**. Please remember their families in your prayers.

**Memorial Service – Barbara Foster**  
 Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, St. Benedict Church

**Funeral Service: Irma Metoyer Davis**  
 Viewing: Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 8pm  
 Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland  
 Rosary: 7:00pm - Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland  
 Funeral: Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am  
 Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland  
 Repast - 12Noon to 4pm, St. Benedict Parish Hall

SECOND COLLECTION  
 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL