

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women Invites you to our March Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM** at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA. Please join us in welcoming our speaker, Denise Bossert! Denise is a well-known author and syndicated columnist. She is the daughter of a Protestant minister and will share with us her story of conversion to the Catholic faith! **Join us for Prayer, Praise, and Inspiration!** Reservations are \$28/ \$35 after March 5th. Please go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or reservations call (925)788-7762.

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.

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.

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



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

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.

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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

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo

CCD DIRECTOR

Mr. Rufus Fisher

PLANT MANAGER

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:



During a synagogue service in Nazareth, the town where he grew up, Jesus takes the scroll and read aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Through the passage he chooses, Jesus claims he possesses the Spirit of the Lord and that the spirit is sending him to bring good news to the poor, to set captives free, and to give sight to the blind.

The reference to the Spirit of God is the key to understanding what Jesus was talking about. Many Jews believed God would send them a Messiah, military/political leader whom God would anoint with his spirit. This anointed one (that's what "Christ" means) would usher in a new era, a time when the Messiah, the champion of the poor, would heal the sick and set the captives free. By declaring that these things were already happening through him, Jesus was claiming to possess God's spirit and was thereby claiming to be the Messiah.

Jesus knew that this assertion would not go unchallenged. Those present wanted proof he was indeed who he said he was because other self-proclaimed messiahs at the time disappointed the people who put their faith in them. So we can easily understand why the Jews in the synagogue that day were a little skeptical.

Jesus says that providing proof for his claim would be useless because prophets are usually more readily accepted by strangers than by those who knew them the best. One of the greatest Jewish prophets of all time, Elijah, did not go to one of his own people during a famine in the land but helped a poor widow in Zarepath who was not Jewish. As well, there were many lepers in Israel, but Elisha (Elijah's successor) helped only Naaman the Syrian. Jesus is saying that no matter what he does, the people of Nazareth will not accept him as the Messiah. Like the prophets Elijah and Elisha, Jesus will turn to the Gentiles to manifest God's power in the world and through them he will bring good news to the poor, set captives free, and restore sight to the blind.

The people of Nazareth didn't appreciate Jesus because they knew him too well. Is there one person in our lives whom we don't appreciate as we should? Perhaps we could give thanks to God for that person!

We give thanks to God for all the many people who are helping to make Black History Month a success. We began with Harry Santi and his stirring talk on Martin Luther King and Harry's rendition of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream Speech", with musical accompaniment by our own Leonard Pete. Last week we heard Steven Egbonimali share from the perspective of one from the continent of Africa. This weekend will be young adults Dorgan McDade and Brianna Morris. We look forward to hearing about their faith perspective and reflections upon being members of our faith community and tradition as young people. Ray Leon will share with us on Super Bowl weekend!

As I have mentioned before, St. Benedict parish will be engaged in a Pastoral Planning Process to help determine the focus and direction that we would like to journey over the next few years. This process will establish a set of goals and define a vision of where St. Benedict parish wants to be in the future. This process begins with our Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, and continues with an all-day session at St. Benedict to establish our vision and take another look at our mission statement. This process will be led by Chuck Siebenand, formerly the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Oakland.

This process has been a natural progression from the short-term priorities established immediately following last year's parish retreats at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park. My goal was to wait a year in order to begin this planning process, and February 2nd marks the one-year anniversary of my arrival here as your pastor.

If you are able, please join us for this important meeting to determine the future and direction of St. Benedict parish!

*Blessings,
Father Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Liturgy Committee Meeting – Monday, February 1st, 7:00pm, at the Rectory.
Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 2nd, 7:00pm, at the Parish Center.
Committee Meeting – Monday, February 8th, 7:00pm at the Parish Hall.
Finance Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 16th 7:00pm at the Rectory.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 10th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten season. We have two Masses on Ash Wednesday – 8am and 6pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, Operations Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

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.**



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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	Annalydia Cazares - Birthday
	11:00 a.m.	Ray Cronin†
Monday, February 1	7:30 a.m.	Candelaria Bantay†
Wednesday, February 3	7:30 a.m.	Ray Cronin†
Friday, February 5	7:30 a.m.	Ray Cronin†
Saturday, February 6	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	January 24, 2016	\$3,052.90
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$889.95

"100" CLUB

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

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$912.03
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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

FEBRUARY 6/7, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
B. Burns	L. Noriega	R. Guillory
J. Soublet	J. Outley	C. Dixon
		L. Brown-Parker *

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS:

Saturday, February 6, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland
Oakdiocese.org/WDS
The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on Saturday, February 6 at 11:00 am at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Those who are sick or ill and their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers are invited to observe this day with the religious and lay people from the Diocese of Oakland. Parking for the World Day of the Sick Event will be located in the Kaiser Center Parking Complex, which is directly across from the Cathedral parking garage, located on 21st street and Kaiser Plaza. Persons needing wheelchair or no-stairs access may use the drop off areas located on Harrison, 21st, or Kaiser Plaza Streets.

**SECOND COLLECTION-NEXT WEEKEND
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