

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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org, Pentecost 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. For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above. A Question & Answer Informational Meeting will be held on March 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral at Christ the Light “Parish Hall” to answer any questions regarding the Year of Mercy Italy Pilgrimage with Pentecost Tours Inc.

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.

YOUTH MINISTER

Keeping up with the wonderful spirit and energy of our recent retreat we are looking for individuals who are interested in being mentors or volunteers with our youth and young adult activities. If interested, sign ups are available in the back of the church. For any questions see Ariana Catherine.

Any young adults 21-40 interested in participating in various young adult activities and be mentors to the youth of the parish and parish community, please sign up in the back of the church. For any questions contact Ariana Catherine or Jennifer Fernandes.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION

The weekend of May 7-8, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

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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

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

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:



Two people who love each other naturally want to make each other happy. A husband who knows his wife likes freshly cut flowers will occasionally surprise her with a dozen red roses. If he knows she gets furious when he watches football games all weekend, he tries to limit his time sitting in front of the TV

so he can spend more time with her. She, for her part, will try not to wake him on a Saturday morning because she knows he likes to sleep in.

As if in a married relationship with God, we are invited to base that relationship on love. Just as a husband and wife communicate their likes and dislikes to each other, we communicate our likes and dislikes to God, and God communicates likes and dislikes to us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that if we love him we will be true to his word, and that the person who does not love him will not keep his word. In this passage, Jesus tells us how to show our love for him, revealing what pleases and displeases him. The key to this passage is in understanding what it means to be true to Jesus' word.

When we take a good look at what Jesus said and did, we find a single motivation behind every one of his words and actions. Loving all people, even those who are not lovable, is at the heart of Jesus' life and message. So we should understand being true to Jesus's word to mean that we ought to heed his call to love others as Jesus loves them. That sounds simple but in reality it's not always easy.

Knowing that loving others may sometimes be difficult, Jesus promises in today's gospel to send us a Paraclete, the Holy Spirit. A Paraclete is someone who stands beside someone else. When we have to do something difficult or scary, it helps to have someone at our side with whom we can share our fears and anxieties, someone who will encourage us and give us support. Jesus sends us his Spirit because peer pressures and fears about what others will think about us may make it difficult for us to be a loving individuals he wants us to be. The Holy Spirit helps us to love when love is not easy.

Think of one person in our life that we find difficult to love. Pray this week that the Holy Spirit will help change our attitude about this person. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us love even those who are not lovable.

Last week I was informed that our own Ofelia Wanzo was named "Lady of the Year" at the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary Western States District Conference in Las Vegas. Those of us here at St. Benedict are deeply aware of Ofelia's dedication and commitment to the various ministries whose presence she graces. From being our Director of Religious Education, to her role in spearheading our Pastoral Care Ministry to our sick and shut-ins, and her seasonal liturgical banners which beautify our church space, Ofelia has dedicated so much time and energy to our parish as an expression of her faith. We congratulate her on this great honor!

Blessings to our young people: Trenton Xavier Barnes, Briann Hatcher, and Laisha Palafox who are receiving First Eucharist at this weekend's 11:00 AM liturgy! I am grateful to our catechists: Ofelia Wanzo, Dionne Cola, Andre Matthews, Denise Kees, and Regina Harry for journeying with our young people in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to Mr. Rufus Fisher for the beautiful display of our Parish Council! Please take the time to see who the Council is and perhaps interact with them when you have the opportunity!

I understand that the Liturgical Environment Committee is looking for more members to work on transforming our sanctuary space in the church throughout the liturgical year and seasons. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. Training and resources will be provided. We can use your helping hands!

*God Bless,
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10am (before the 8:30am Mass).

ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter
Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter

THE LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER COURT 336

Is hosting their annual scholarship fundraiser! Join us for a Luncheon & Lots of Fun at the Golden Gate Fields Race Track in Berkeley Ca. May 14th, 2016. Donation: \$45.00
Contact: Chair- Lady Audrey Ricks (510)278-5519, Chair-Lady Lottie Sonnier (510)635-3384. We hope to see you there!

KPCLA COURT #336 SCHOLARSHIP

We are offering a scholarship to a female of color who attends or will attend an Alameda County Catholic High School in Fall, 2016. Application packets are available on the tables at the rear of the church. Deadline for submission is **May 16, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact Mallory Trevigne at trevigne@sbcglobal.net.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF)** is offering an opportunity for African American students who reside or are permanent residents of **our 13th Congressional District** (Greater Bay Area); and are graduating high school students who will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college or university; **and** college students attending junior college or 4 year college/university to submit their applications for the following educational scholarship opportunities: **(1) CBCF Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship (\$3,000); (2) CBCF Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship (\$3000); and CBCF Spouses Education Scholarship (\$8,200).** For more information and access to these scholarship applications, please contact Regina Guillory @ 510.395.5629.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 1	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, May 2	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, May 4	7:30 a.m.	Jaden Sheppard 15 th Birthday
Friday, May 6	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, May 7	4:30 p.m.	Arthur Romero

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	April 24, 2016	\$2,610.60
Other Collection	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,230.80

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$1,717.83
Total Income for March 2016	\$766.60
Total Expense for March 2016	\$1,050.00
Ending balance as of March 31, 2016	\$1,434.43

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2016	\$1000.49
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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

MAY 7/8, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
H. Santi	M. Soublet	S. Gressel
G. McCullough	A. West	D. Cola
		C. Hadnot *



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
ZELMA VINCENT
Please remember her family in your prayers.

Zelma Vincent's Funeral Service:
Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:00 am.

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND