

discernment on July 16th with the Dominican Contemplative Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA. Catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since St. Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsmenlo.org, or visit our website at [www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event](http://www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event). Space is limited and fills fast!

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all areas of your life including your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **August 5-7 and Nov. 18-20**. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org) Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

### 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.

### 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 @ 510.395.5629.2016

### 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.

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

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, [ctompkins@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ctompkins@oakdiocese.org). Pentecost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800, [travel@pentecosttours.com](mailto:travel@pentecosttours.com). [CatholicVoiceOakland.org](http://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

### St. Benedict's Weekly Events

<b>Monday, May 30</b> 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Parish Hall	Wellness Group
<b>Tuesday, May 31</b> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Parish Hall	Wellness Group
<b>Wednesday, June 1</b> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Parish Hall	Wellness Group
<b>Thursday, June 2</b> 6:00 pm Church	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, June 3</b> 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Line Dance
<b>Saturday, June 4</b> 12 noon – 6:00 pm Center	Fish Fry

### PLEASE JOIN US!

#### 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**

**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)

 follow us on facebook



### 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:**



Today's Gospel from Luke recounts the story of how Jesus satisfies the hunger of a large multitude with just a few fish and a few loaves of bread. Focusing on the great number of people Jesus fed, we often overlook another significant detail. Before giving the food to the people to eat, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and pronounced a blessing on it (Jesus said grace). This blessing was a very important part of every Jewish meal because a pious Jew would not dare eat without first giving thanks to God gives us all good things.

Although God does not need our thanks, giving God thanks before we eat is a very appropriate response for all that God has given us. Recall how we feel when we give something to someone and we're not acknowledged for the gift. This disappointment is bad enough when the recipient is a stranger or someone you do not know very well but it is much more acute when the person is someone you love. In such a case, because the gift is an expression of your love, it is easy to feel it is your love, not the gift, that the person does not appreciate.

With this in mind, we can really understand how God feels when we fail to give thanks to God for all the gifts that God has so generously bestowed on us. Because of God's great love for us, the pain and the disappointment God feels when we are ungrateful could be hurtful. Our thoughtlessness can only communicate to God how little we value God's many expressions of love.

Today, on the Feast of Corpus Christi (which is Latin for "Body of Christ"), we celebrate and give thanks to God for the gift of the Body and Blood of his son, Jesus. Since the days of the early Church, Christians have understood the story in today's Gospel to be symbolic of the celebration of the Eucharist. Scripture scholars believe this is the main reason why it is the only story we find in all four of the Gospels.

The greatest gift God could have given us is the gift of Jesus, the Son. Because of God's immense love for us, God continues to give us this gift in the form of bread and wine. We take time today to thank God in the special way for this great gift, the gift of his love.

Some people who say grace before meals at home will not do so at a restaurant, are

you OK about seeing grace in a public place?

This weekend our nation honors those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. For many, this Memorial Day holiday marks the unofficial beginning of summer, and this weekend festivities are marked by backyard barbecues and picnics, as well as sales and bargains. All of these activities are a part of our culture's response to this particular holiday, but incorporating a measure of the commemorative, in the midst of the celebration, would be most appropriate. So enjoy, but also pause and remember.

Joining us this weekend at our 11:00 AM liturgy will be Father Sylvester Odurinde, currently in residence at St. Lawrence O'Toole - St. Cyril parish in Oakland, and a recent graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga. Fr. Sylvester will be in residence here at St. Benedict beginning this August, after returning to his native Nigeria for the summer. He will be moving his things into Fr. Burt's room in early June. Please extend our warm St. Benedict welcome to him as he continues his education for the next year. Fr. Paul will continue to assist us here at St. Benedict as well.

*God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson*



*Congratulations  
Ofelia Wanzo  
Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary  
Lady of the Year*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**MEMORIAL DAY**

The office will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00am.

**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.

**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](mailto: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

**LINE DANCE ANNIVERSARY**

In honor of our 4th year anniversary, the line dance class at St. Benedicts has decided to host a luncheon/line dancing extravaganza on Saturday, June 25, from noon until 4:00 PM, in the parish hall. If you would like to join us (and perhaps show your friends and relatives that "you think you can dance"), please contact Jackie Stewart [atojackie@aol.com](mailto:atojackie@aol.com) (or any other member of the line dancing class) for a ticket. Donation is \$15. After expenses, the proceeds will be donated to the St. Benedicts chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In order to insure there will be adequate space for dancing, only 80 tickets will be sold, on a "first come, first served" basis. Because it is a catered event, no tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for this happy occasion.

**FISH FRY**

The Knights of St. Peter Claver Council #336 **presents OUR ANNUAL LOUISIANA FISH-FRY DINNER SALE** on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Parish Center from 12pm - 6pm. Donation: \$15.00. Contents: Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Green Beans, etc. For tickets: See any KPC 336 Member or contact Bro. Marvin Millet at 510-638-7263.

*Please pray for:*

- Mary Adams
- Estrellita Andres
- Alvin Clement
- Sadie Thomas
- Mattie White

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, May 29	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, May 30	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 1	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 3	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 4	4:30 p.m.	Arthur Romero

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Collection:	<b>May 22, 2016</b>	\$5,200.10
Other Collection	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,451.16

**"100" CLUB**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$1,434.43</b>
Total Income for April 2016	\$483.34
<b>Ending balance as of April 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$1,917.67</b>

**PENNY HARVEST**

<b>Ending Balance as of April 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$1053.21</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**

**JUNE 4/5, 2016**

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
B. Burns	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #	D. Dixon
H. Santi	L. Robertson	L. Galloway #
	J. Matthews *	J. Smithson-Bell *
		L. Brown-Parker *

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

**Baptism:**

Julissa Michelle Amos

**New Parishioners:**

- Cynthia Battick
- Madonna Billups
- Sister Cynthia Canning
- Katherine Ensign
- Teresia Gichache
- Sister Donna Maynard
- Cecilia and Rita Ravare

**GOD IS CALLING YOU!**

A vocation - marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc. - is a call to love and every baptized person has one! But perhaps you're feeling a tug to give your heart to Jesus exclusively, sitting at His feet like Mary Magdalene, or perhaps you've wondered what life is like as a cloistered nun? If you're a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-40 years, we invite you to spend a day of