

## A's vs. RED SOX

Join us at the Oakland Coliseum to celebrate *Breast Cancer Awareness Day* Sunday, September 4, 2016. Tickets are \$25.00. Game starts at 1:05 pm. Participate in our raffle for a chance to win a blanket or scarf with A's logo or a framed collection of A's baseball cards. Raffle tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Committee members will be at the 11:00 am Mass with tickets. All proceeds will support the Scholarship Program of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Benedict Court #336.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## St. Benedict's Weekly Events

<b>Monday, August 8</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, August 9</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, August 10</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, August 11</b> 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Reading Program	Parish Hall
<b>Friday, August 12</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dance	Parish Hall

**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



## 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:



In Jesus' day there were no government issued banks where people could deposit their money for safekeeping, so there was always a possibility thieves would steal a person's entire life savings. Rather than taking this risk, many rich people used their wealth to purchase the finest robes money could buy, making expensive clothing an indication of how much a person was worth.

In today's Gospel, Jesus surprises his followers by telling them they are even richer than those who are parading around in costly robes. Their wealth, however, is not like the money thieves steal or like the luxurious clothing moths destroy but is a spiritual treasure God freely gives them. This treasure is nothing less than a place in God's reign.

Jesus warns his followers they should always be prepared because they do not know when the reign of God (and the final judgment includes) will come. So they must always have their belts tightened and their lamps burning.

A person usually fastened a belt around the waist to keep the robe close to the body so it wouldn't flap in the wind. Because a robe extended to the ground and made it difficult to work or move quickly, a person in a hurry tightened the belt and then gathered the rope and tucked in under the belt so it no longer hindered movement. Jesus used this image to teach us that we need to repair ourselves for the coming of God's reign by eliminating anything in our lives that hinders us from moving into a closer relationship with God.

The lamp Jesus spoke about resembled a small ashtray filled with olive oil. A wick floated in the oil and those depended on the lamp's light had to trim the wick with frequently so the flame would not go out, a task that took a great deal of time and effort. In the same way, preparing for the coming of God's reign takes much time and effort because it involves continually striving to love God and love our neighbor more than we already do.

How are we prepared for the coming of God's reign? If God were to call us to eternal life today, would God find us with our belts tightened and our lamps burning?

What a wonderful turnout for our annual "National Night Out" (NNO) this past Tuesday evening. Our very own parish DJ Jorge Watson kept the music playing while folks were dancing, being fed and informed about various issues through display tables located near the perimeter of the church parking lot. Under the able leadership of Linda Palmeri and Reese Fernandes, the evening was part of a larger effort in neighborhoods across the country for communities to bond and get to know each other better, cooperating with first responders and civic leaders as well. Thanks to the NNO committee for making this evening possible: Harry Santi, Louise Noriega, Cookie Hadnot, Jules Garibaldi, Tara Sykes-Holmes, Rita Ravare, Ruth Kees, Jackie Stewart, Judy Grant, Janie Outley and Jorge Watson. Thanks to our "Voices of St. Benedict" Choir, led by Leonard Pete, and members of our line dance class for enhancing our celebration. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this wonderful effort to connect with our East Oakland neighborhood.

St. Benedict parish is partnering with Oakland Reads Literacy Program to present "Evening Cozy Read" summer reading celebration - Thursday, August 11, from 6 to 8 PM in the parish hall. Please sign up for the event at the back of the church.

Please don't forget to sign up for our parish bible study, led by Deacon Ron Tutson. Beginning on Wednesday evenings, September 7, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the parish center. 10 sessions studying the Gospel of Matthew. Registration forms are located in the back of the church.

Our "Voices of St. Benedict" Choir will be on a well-deserved break during the month of August. We will continue to have music at all of our liturgies, courtesy of pre-recorded worship music by our choir director Leonard Pete.

God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Once again, National Night Out was a big success. We had about 150 people participate and everyone enjoyed the food, music, dancing and visiting with one another. Thank you fellow parishioners for your financial support, food donations and raffle prizes. Thank you Jorge for providing the music. Thank you Voices of St. Benedict for the mini-concert. Thank you NNO Committee for your hard work and dedication in your efforts to plan, cook, setup and clean up. Like any event, we need positive and/or negative feedback to make future NNOs better so we encourage all those who participated to complete an evaluation form that is available on the table in the front of the church and place in the box labeled "National Night Out Evaluations". We will discuss this feedback at our next Committee Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016.

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to explore the meaning that the Bible holds for you? Would you like to become more comfortable discussing Scripture with other Christians? Please join Deacon Ron along with members of our parish as we study the *Gospel of Matthew*, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., beginning on September 07, 2016. We will meet for ten sessions in the Parish Center. Please register before August 21, 2016, so that books may be ordered. A \$15.00 donation is requested at registration to cover the cost of books needed for your study. Registration forms are located at the rear of the Church. Checks should be made out to St. Benedict and all donations should be mailed to or dropped off at the rectory. You may also contact Deacon Ron Tutson at (510-633-4557).

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH PARTNERS WITH OAKLAND READS LITERACY PROGRAM TO PRESENT "EVENING COZY READ" SUMMER READING CELEBRATION!

A fun event for children, (toddler to 4th grade), and their parents!  
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016  
Time: 6 PM to 8 PM  
Location: St. Benedict - Parish Hall  
2245 82nd Avenue, Oakland, CA  
-Story Time -Meet a Friend - Sing & Play Along -Evening Snack  
-Take Home a Book & a Buddy

Please sign up for this event at the back of the Church. This event will be limited to the first 20 to 25 children only, first come, first serve. All children must be accompanied by an adult for this event.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 7	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, August 8	7:30 a.m.	Percy Emos, Sr†
Wednesday, August 10	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 12	7:30 a.m.	Canary Johnson†
Saturday, August 13	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>July 24, 2016</b>	\$3,436.77
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,330.11
Collection:	<b>July 31, 2016</b>	\$3,412.06
Other Collection:	Mission Coop	\$1,078.41
	"100" Club	\$5.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,406.04
Total Income for June 2016	\$517.95
<b>Ending balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$3,923.99</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of June 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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

AUGUST 13/14, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
B. Burns	A. West	J. LaFitte-Tutson
J. Garibaldi	G. Johnson	Lucia Watson
		A. Ricks *

Please pray for:

Antonio Galindo  
Anita Recania

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

SECOND COLLECTION  
"100" CLUB