

**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**

**Sunday, August 14**

**Monday, August 15**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Tuesday, August 16**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Wednesday, August 17**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Thursday, August 18**

**Friday, August 19**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall

**Saturday, August 20**

**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

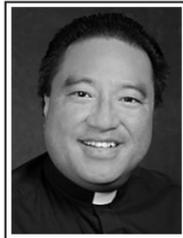
**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

**HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:**  
510.581.2488

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:**  
510.654.0936

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:**  
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



We usually associate Jesus' message with such things as love and joy and forgiveness, but his teaching in today's gospel is different. Instead of being hopeful and positive, Jesus warns us of destruction and division. The reading begins with Jesus saying he has come

to bring a blazing fire upon the earth and that he will not establish peace, but rather discord. Jesus even says families will be at odds because of him. This certainly doesn't sound like the same Jesus who preached about loving one another and turning the other cheek.

Since Scripture often uses fire as a symbol of the judgment at the end of the world, Jesus' comments about bringing fire upon the earth probably meant the day of judgment had already arrived. Jesus challenged those who heard him to make a decision to commit themselves to him and to his message, a decision that would not be without its consequences.

In the days of the early Church, those who profess to believe in Jesus literally put their lives on the line because the Romans killed many Christians by crucifying them, burning them at the stake, feeding them to hungry lions, or skinning them alive. No one would deny that it took a great deal of conviction and courage to be a Christian in first-century Palestine.

Choosing to follow Jesus often had repercussions in one's family life as well. Some parents didn't understand why their grown children would risk their lives for the teaching of a simple carpenter from Galilee, and some children couldn't believe that their parents had joined a group started by a political radical the Romans crucified. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, and mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law found themselves on opposite sides of the fence because of Jesus' teachings. Division, rather than peace, came to many families because of the Gospel.

Christianity often flourished in countries where it was illegal. Would there be more or fewer Christians in our country if following Jesus was against the law? Would you be a Christian if you knew you could be physically punished if the wrong people found out about your faith in Jesus? Interesting questions indeed!

Please don't forget to sign up for our parish bible study, led by our very own Deacon Ron Tutson. Beginning on Wednesday evenings, September 7, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the parish center. 10 sessions studying the Gospel of Matthew, which is the Gospel for the upcoming liturgical year, Year A. 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.

I will be away from this Tuesday, August 16th to next Thursday, August 25th. I generally spend a portion of each August to reconnect with family in Hawai'i. I have an older sister and a younger brother who moved to the Islands some years ago, as my parents were born and raised there. I also help out at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, which is where I stay when I am on O'ahu. Their pastor will be away the weekend I'm there, so I will assist with the Masses in his absence - I'm happy to be of assistance while I'm in Hawai'i! I will also visit with my family while I'm there. Aloha!

God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson

*"I came to set the earth on fire..."*

*Luke 12:49*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is a holiday of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass Schedule: 8:00 am.

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 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).

MERCY THE HEART OF PEACE

Interfaith Meeting of Prayer for Peace. All are invited for an evening of prayer and dialogue in the spirit of peace on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at The Cathedral of Christ the Light Event Center. Prayer: 5:45 pm; Panel Dialogue: 6:30 pm; Procession & Pledge: 8:00 pm. RSVP at JubileeOfMercy-EB.org or Oakdiocese.org/InterfaithMeeting. For more information: Jean Evans 510-267-8357 or [jevans@oakdiocese.org](mailto:jevans@oakdiocese.org). Hosted by Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland and Community of Sant'Egidio.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 14	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	The Casey Family
Monday, August 15	8:00 a.m.	Asuncion Domingo†
Wednesday, August 17	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 19	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, August 20	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>August 7, 2016</b>	\$4,626.25
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$590.83

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$3,406.04</b>
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.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

AUGUST 20/21, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Moore	L. Noriega	M. Nubie
D. Dixon	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	M. Trevigne
	J. Matthews *	O. Wanzo *

*Please pray for:*

Cheryl Chapman  
Antonio Galindo  
Anita Recania

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)