

## 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

### Sunday, August 28

### Monday, August 29

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

### Tuesday, August 30

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

### Wednesday, August 31

9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP-Food Giveaway Parish Hall

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

### Thursday, September 1

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

### Friday, September 2

### Saturday, September 3

**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

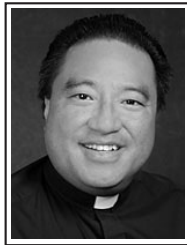
## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:  
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:  
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:  
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



When there is a large dinner banquet, the seating arrangement usually reflects the status of the invited guests. The place of honor is always at the main table with the most important guests sitting next to the host. It was no different in Jesus' day.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns audience not to assume that they deserve the coveted places of honor, because of someone more important arrives late the host may ask them to make room for that person. The resulting embarrassment will be great indeed if the only space left is in the lowliest spot.

The Jews often used a banquet as an image of the reign of God. Many of the Pharisees with whom Jesus sat at table believed they deserved the place of honor in God's reign not only because they were good Jews but also because of their strict observance of the Jewish laws. Jesus warned them against making this assumption.

In the story Jesus used to illustrate his point, the dignitary who came late and displaced the other man symbolized a sinner. Since many Jews believe sickness resulted from sin, people such as the lame, the blind, and lepers would've been in this category. The displaced guest symbolized the Pharisees who thought they were holier than others.

Jesus' audience would not have missed the point of his message. Jesus was telling the Pharisees they better not be too smug because the people whom they considered sinners might actually be holier and deserving of more honor in God's reign. Pride cannot only blind us to our own shortcomings but can also make us overlook the good in others.

A woman dreamt that when she died and went to heaven, she was surprised to see some people whom she considered spiritually inferior. Then she noticed that each of these people also looked surprised because, it seems, none of them expected to see her there either. Pray this week that God will teach us how to be humble.

I'm writing this from St. Augustine by-the-Sea Parish in Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i, visiting family and friends, but doing some work as well. We welcome back Fr. Sylvestre from his vacation back home in Nigeria. He will be with us throughout the year as he completes his internship, after having received his Masters degree in counseling from Saint Mary's College

in Moraga. Fr. Sylvestre was previously in residence at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish here in Oakland. Welcome again, Fr. Sylvestre!

Many of us continue to monitor the situation in Baton Rouge, as many of your family and friends have been deeply affected by the flooding. Others have harkened back to the events of Hurricane Katrina and the levee breaches in New Orleans. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, if there is anything that we as a parish can do to assist those affected, particularly your loved ones, please let us know.

A recent New York Times article titled "Affluent and Black, and Still Trapped by Segregation", addresses a broad yet little explored aspect of American segregation: Affluent African American families, freed from the restrictions of low income, often end up living in poor and segregated communities anyway. The article continues to note that it is a national phenomenon which challenges the popular assumption that segregation is more about class than race, that when black families earn more money, some ideal of post-racial integration will eventually be reached. An article definitely worth a read.

Another article worth noting is a recent report by the Oakland Police Department and the disparity in car stops by OPD. The article, found in the last Tuesday's East Bay Times, details the inequality that takes place regarding the percentage of African-Americans living in Oakland versus the number of African-Americans stopped in cars and as pedestrians. African-Americans were more likely to be stopped and searched by OPD as well, the report concludes.

*God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Committee Meeting – Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

CCD CLASSES

It is time to begin our Religious Education Program for the children of St. Benedict. Registration forms for students in grades 1-8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes will begin September 11, 2016 at 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 2, 2016.

LINE DANCING CLASS

There will be no Line Dancing class on September 2. Even dancers need a vacation every now and then. We will resume class on September 9.

INTERFAITH MEETING OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Join Bishop Barber and fellow parishioners, together with international and local interfaith leaders, in a plea for ALL of us to do something positive for peace: PRAY! Bishop Barber has invited people of all faiths to meet at the Cathedral of Christ the Light (the cathedral complex) on the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 6, at 5:45 p.m. in an historic appeal for peace in our community, in our country, in our world. Details are at [www.InterfaithWestCoast.com](http://www.InterfaithWestCoast.com) so that you can share this with others and register. Free parking. The prayer is followed by an international interfaith panel dialogue and Q&A before the formal Appeal for Peace.

EXTRACTED MOSTLY FROM THE MERRITT COLLEGE, CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION BROCHURE

"Business is on the most popular areas of study at colleges today because all companies need qualified people to managed their operations. Every day we hear about our government, major companies or retailers getting HACKED. Now you can be part of the solution by learning to protect computers, networks, programs, and data by enrolling in the applications or infrastructure Security Programs and join the rapidly growing field of **CyberSecurity**. The programs, created by Silicon Valley experts, give you the option of working in software(Applications) or hardware (Infrastructure). **CyberSecurity Curriculum is being exclusively taught in the Bay Area at Merritt College**, by Merritt faculty and industry professionals in a hybrid combination of classroom instruction and virtual lab assignment." [www.merritt.edu/wp/securityprogram](http://www.merritt.edu/wp/securityprogram)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 28	8:30 a.m.	
	11:00 a.m.	Rufus Fisher 87 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Monday, August 29	7:30 a.m.	Percy & Brunella Amos†
Wednesday, August 31	7:30 a.m.	Edith Del Prete† Jay Hadnot†
Friday, September 2	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 3	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: **August 21, 2016** \$2,847.30

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance **\$3,923.99**  
Total Income for July 2016 \$638.25  
**Ending balance as of July 31, 2016 \$4,562.24**

PENNY HARVEST

**Ending Balance as of July 31, 2016 \$1053.21**

*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

SEPTEMBER 3/4, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
G. McCullough	C. Ologbosele	J. Wilson #
H. Santi	M. Soublet	D. Cola
		C. McIntyre *
		J. Smithson-Bell *

*Please pray for:*

Cheryl Chapman  
Antonio Galindo  
Anita Recania

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**SECOND COLLECTION  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND  
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND**