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**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.

*Please pray for:*

Yolanda Griffin  
Regina Guillory  
Geraldine Walker

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**St. Benedict’s Weekly Events**

**Sunday, September 11**

**Monday, September 12**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Tuesday, September 13**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

**Wednesday, September 14**  
6:45 pm Voter Registration Parish Hall

**Thursday, September 15**  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

**Friday, September 16**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall

**Saturday, September 17**

**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:



Most city folks might think the shepherd who left 99 sheep in the pasture while he searched for the one that was lost was foolish to leave the flock unattended and vulnerable to attack by wild animals. But that was not the case. No shepherd would purposely expose their flock to any kind of danger.

Because a very close relationship existed between a shepherd and the sheep, that shepherd gave each of the sheep a name and a sheep came whenever it heard the shepherd calling it. The shepherd in the parable not only knew a sheep was missing but also knew which one it was. This close relationship between the shepherd and the sheep make caring for the animals easier. Several shepherds often combined their flocks in a single pasture and then took turns watching them. They didn't worry about which shepherd owned which sheep. All the shepherd had to do was call his sheep by name and they would come running because they knew his voice. So the shepherd in today's Gospel did not leave his sheep unattended when he went in search of the one that was lost, but left it in the care of another shepherd.

The parable about the woman who swept the entire house looking for a single coin might sound a little ridiculous because it's difficult for us to imagine anyone going through all that trouble for a small sum of money. The explanation for the women's actions lies in an understanding of ancient courtship and marriage customs.

An unmarried women often wore a special headband or head covering made of coins or precious jewels that, like a dowry, would go to the man who married her. They had been may have been very elaborate or could've looked as simple as a bent wire on which she strung coins with holes punched through them. The more coins or jewels, the easier it would be for the girl to attract a husband.

A girl like the one in today's Gospel was not a rich if she had only 10 coins on her headband. Losing one of those coins would greatly reduce her chances of marrying a suitable husband. That's why she would sweep the entire house until she found the coin. She would then have a good reason for celebrating.

Both parables end with scenes of great joy. Jesus use these stories to teach that there will be great joy in heaven when we repent and return to Almighty God in heaven. When was the last time we ask God to forgive our sins?

The conversation around law enforcement and its relationship with the African-American community continues to take center stage in the issue surrounding San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, and his refusal to stand for the playing of the national anthem prior to the beginning of NFL games.

For many folks, his actions have required us to explore a number of deeper issues related to patriotism, the composer of the national anthem and his ownership of slaves, the meaning of the third verse of the Star-Spangled Banner, and what it truly means to embody the notion of free speech (a value that we seem to treasure at times that are convenient for us, but not times when we are challenged). His actions, like those of 1968 Olympics Gold Medalists Tommy Smith and John Carlos, and Muhammad Ali's opposition to the Vietnam War, are seen, with hindsight and perspective, as righteous acts of courage against the racism and bigotry of American society. The fact that so many veterans have come to the support of Colin Kaepernick's right to register protest is a testament to the power of his message. It also challenges us not to take for granted the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans, and the right to free speech and non-violent protest, particularly in opposition to injustice, inequality, racism, bigotry and discrimination.

The next time the national anthem is played, be aware of your deportment during its rendering, and know that what we sing and salute is in proud defense of Colin Kaepernick's right to protest injustice.

God bless,  
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

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.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

St. Benedict is coordinating a voter registration drive for our neighborhood. We will be canvassing the neighborhood on Saturday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> for signing up new voters for the upcoming November 8 election. Our goal is to have at least 10 volunteers from Saint Benedict to participate in the drive. There will be a voter registration training meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall. It is important that we bring more citizens in the community to the polls so all voices may be heard. Please join us for the training and help us get out the vote. If you have any questions, contact Janet Hall (510) 610-7448.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 16, 17, & 18, 2016, call (510) 276-4118, email [Oakland@RetroCA.com](mailto:Oakland@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SISTER?

Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective *Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat* with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, October 7-9, 2016, **Los Altos Hills, CA**. For reservations and more information contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.**, 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or [emailsrllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:emailsrllaguna@doc1633.org) [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 11	8:30 a.m.	A.V. Ervin, Sr.†
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, September 12	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 14	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 16	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 17	4:30 p.m.	For The People

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>August 28, 2016</b>	\$4,452.10
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$970.00
	"100" Club	\$10.00

Collection:	<b>September 4, 2016</b>	\$4,217.44
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$497.59
		\$970.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$4,562.24
Total Income for August 2016	\$625.83
<b>Ending balance as of August 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$5,188.07</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of August 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$1109.34</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

SEPTEMBER 17/18, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
A. Swayne	D. Dixon	R. Guillory
K. Webster	J. Grant	L. Hall-Ervin
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of  
**EDNA HOPKINS**  
(Sister of Emma Morton)  
Please remember her family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION  
DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT