

**SAINT PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE**

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and the Catholic Voice in Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City, Panama on June 5 – June 12, 2017. \$3,149/pp\* includes round-trip airfare from SFO (other cities available – call for pricing), 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches and welcome/farewell dinners, English-speaking tour escort, private air conditioned motor coach (\*per person based on double occupancy). Book now! Limited Seating! For more information and reservations contact: Sara O'Malley Szucs, 773-527-0123 or email [PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com](mailto:PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com).

**HOLIDAY TRADITION - LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: MUSIC FROM THE ERA OF THE BLACK PANTHERS**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 4:00 pm - Paramount Theater, Oakland**

2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panthers, an important time in Oakland's history. Oakland Symphony will pay homage by performing music from the time, including Motown classics, gospel, and protest music of the 60's and 70's. This non-traditional holiday tradition will feature Oakland Symphony Chorus, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, alongside other guest choruses, and more! This concert is always a sellout. Get your tickets early for the best seat choices..Groups of 10 or more will receive a group discount. **Two ways to order tickets:** 1. Order By Phone - 510-444-0802 (Box Office Hours : Mon-Fri, 9:00am-4:00pm). 2. Order Online: [oaklandsymphony.org](http://oaklandsymphony.org)

**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 pray for:*

- Yolanda Griffin
- Roy Griffin
- Regina Guillory
- Patricia Melim
- Geraldine Walker



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**St. Benedict's Weekly Events**

- Sunday, October 30**
- Monday, October 31**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Halloween Read-Aloud Parish Hall and Trunk or Treat
- Tuesday, November 1**  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Parish Center
- Wednesday, November 2**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Thursday, November 3**  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church
- Friday, November 4**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dance Parish Hall
- Saturday, November 5**

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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

**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

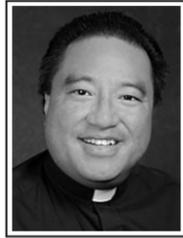
**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

**HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:**  
510.581.2488

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

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:**  
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Believing God was their king, the Jewish people thought their tax money should pay for the upkeep of God's house, the Temple. Unfortunately, the Roman emperor didn't agree with them and used Jewish tax money for building projects throughout the Roman empire. These projects included not only roads and aqueducts in distant lands but also pagan temples to Roman gods, which is why most pious Jews were very upset over how the emperor was using their money.

To make matters worse, the emperor also claimed to be a god. This made paying taxes even more objectionable for most Jews because to do so willingly was just like worshiping a false god, a clear violation of the first commandment.

Very often, Roman officials awarded contracts to foreigners who bid the highest for the privilege of collecting taxes in certain regions. The foreigners then hired local men to do the actual collecting. The Jews called these tax collectors "publicans" and considered any Jew who became a publican the worst kind of sinner because he was helping the emperor steal from God. Other Jews would have nothing to do with such a traitor.

Since a publican had to pay any taxes not collected, he often collected more than he was supposed to, anticipating that some people in his territory would not pay him. The publican either pocketed anything left over after meeting his quota or used the excess to bribe his bosses into giving him a more lucrative territory in which to collect. So Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector in today's Gospel, may have bribed his way to his position and then excepted bribes from the publicans who worked for him.

Zacchaeus' response to Jesus is interesting. According to Jewish law, anyone who steals from someone else and then voluntarily admitted and offers to pay restitution, must pay back what he stole plus twenty percent. The penalty was more if the person did not admit it but was found guilty (Leviticus 5:5; Numbers 5:7). By offering to pay back fourfold and promising to give half of what he owns to the poor, Zacchaeus goes beyond what the law expects of him and shows how sincere he really is.

Not only does Jesus say he will dine with Zacchaeus but he also calls him a son of Abraham, a fancy way of identifying him as a faithful Jew. Jesus was willing to forget about Zacchaeus' past and wipe his slate clean, giving Zacchaeus a chance at a new beginning.

Do we forgive and forget as Jesus did or do we have the memory of an elephant? Ask Jesus to teach us to forgive as he forgave Zacchaeus so we can give someone else a chance to start anew.

As you may remember, back in the spring many of us gathered to begin a pastoral planning process to determine the vision and direction that St. Benedict parishioners would like to see over the next five to six years. Led by Chuck Siebenand, formerly the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Oakland and Pastoral Associate at St. Columba parish under Fr. Paul Vassar, the process enabled us to determine a number of goals and objectives that will help guide the parish over the next few years.

As part of this process, we have been planning for a reconfiguration of the current St. Benedict Parish Council. Many parishes within the diocese are adopting a Pastoral Council format, where this body is charged with implementing the Parish Pastoral Plan. Such a group would also be selected by a process of discernment rather than an election, which is a change from previous years.

This process of discernment involves parishioners nominating other parishioners who they feel could be excellent candidates for serving on a Parish Pastoral Council. Such skills as the ability to listen, to dream and have vision, to compromise and build consensus, to be prophetic, to be rooted in their faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, would be characteristics that we would be looking for as valuable to membership.

Over the next three weeks, we will be soliciting nominations for this Parish Pastoral Council. You are invited to submit a name of a parishioner (or yourself) you believe would make a fine Pastoral Council member. There will be 3x5 index cards in the pews over the next few weekends so that folks would be able to place names in nomination. There will be a box in the rear of the church so that you can place those names.

Nominees will receive a letter and/or a phone call inviting them to two discernment meetings (Monday, November 14th and Monday, November 21st, both at 7:00 PM), where they can decide, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and prayerful discernment, whether they want to serve St. Benedict parish in this capacity.

My hope is to have this new St. Benedict Pastoral Council in place by the beginning of the new year, and to place the implementation of the Pastoral Plan into their hands.

I know that this is a change, but I am convinced that we need to go in this direction in order to survive as a parish. We need to make it clear to ourselves and the Diocese of Oakland that we have a viable plan for the future of St. Benedict. Parishes and schools within our East Oakland Deanery are facing some very difficult decisions surrounding viability, and I want to secure the future of St. Benedict parish by proper pastoral planning.

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, we are reminded that throughout the month of November we remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and are experiencing eternal life in Christ. Please don't forget to add their names into our Book of the Dead, which is located near our altar shrine in honor of our beloved dead.

God bless,  
Father Jayson

*Congratulations to our beloved pastor,  
Father Jayson Landeza  
on his 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination  
into the priesthood this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.  
May our Lord reward you with continued success,  
happiness, and more blessings.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Mass at 8:00 am.

ALL SOULS DAY

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mass at 7:30 am.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we pray in a special way for all the deceased members of our families and parishioners. Specifically, you have an opportunity to list all those you wish to remember on all souls envelopes provided on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month and your loved ones are remembered at each Mass celebrated.

ST. BENEDICT HALLOWEEN READ-ALoud AND TRUNK OR TREAT

Jack-O-Lanterns, Witches, and Goblins; Oh My!  
Hot Dogs, Cookies, and Juice; Oh My!  
Read-Along Stories, and Games; Oh My!  
Halloween is coming, that's our cry!!

Join us, here at St. Benedict, for our Halloween Read-Along and Trunk or Treat. You don't want to miss this event. Stories read aloud with lots of interaction, games, costume parade, giveaways, and more.

When: Monday, October 31st  
Where: St. Benedict Church Hall  
Time: 6 to 8 pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

Father Jayson and Deacon Ron have scheduled a retraining and rededication session for all Lectors. Please plan to attend either Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10:00 AM, or Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 PM. Please read the e mail recently sent to you by Jo Soublet for more details. Anyone interested in becoming a Lector must attend one of these sessions. We particularly need young adults and folks willing to serve at the 4:30 and 8:30 Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 30	8:30 a.m.	Kindrick Miller† Percy Amos† Brunella Amos† Dorothy Smith†
Monday, October 31	7:30 a.m.	Harry Tuttle†
Tuesday, November 1	8:00 a.m.	All Saints
Wednesday, November 2	7:30 a.m.	All Souls
Friday, November 4	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Saturday, November 5	4:30 p.m.	Morris Soublet Birthday

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>October 23, 2016</b>	\$3,144.00
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$867.97

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$5,188.07</b>
Total Income for September 2016	\$572.59
Total Expense for September 2016	\$5,225.40
<b>Ending balance as of September 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$535.26</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of September 30, 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

NOVEMBER 5/6, 2016

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L. Palmeri	L. Noriega	C. Dixon
B. Burns	J. Grant	Leon Watson #
		D. Cola *
		S. Gressel *

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND  
"100" CLUB