

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

### 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.

### 2017 MASS BOOK

The parish office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2017 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.

### 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:

Juanita Estrellas  
Carl Johnson



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

### St. Benedict's Weekly Events

#### Sunday, November 20

#### Monday, November 21

9:00 am - 12 Noon	SVDP - Preparation of food bags	Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Discernment Process for Pastoral Council	Parish Hall

#### Tuesday, November 22

9:00 am - 12 Noon	SVDP - Distribution of food bags	Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall

#### Wednesday, November 23

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
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#### Thursday, November 24

After 10:00 am	Maass Thanksgiving - Open House	Convent
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#### Friday, November 25

#### Saturday, November 26

**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

**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

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

**Rev. Jayson Landeza**  
PASTOR

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**  
CLERGY SUPPLY

**Fr. Sylvester Odurinde**  
IN RESIDENCE

**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

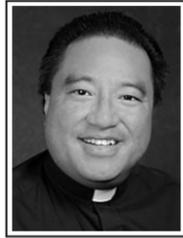
ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:  
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:  
510.223.1265

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Because a king is the embodiment of his kingdom, whatever you do to him, you also do to his subjects. So insulting the king is just like insulting all the people he rules, and honoring him is like honoring the entire kingdom. The king, for his part, acts in the name of all of his subjects. When he forgives or pardons, the entire kingdom forgives or pardons through him.

Being our king, Jesus died on the cross not as an individual but as our representative. In a way, we were also tortured and nailed to the cross with him. That is why Jesus' suffering and death atone for our sins, something that would not have been possible if Jesus were not our king.

Just as we can say we hung on the cross and died with Jesus, we can also use the same reasoning to claim we have risen from the dead with him. Death no longer has power over Jesus nor any power over us. At the end of the world, we will rise from our graves, never to die again. This is a central teaching of our Christian faith.

In today's Gospel, the crowd, the soldiers, and one of the thieves crucified next to Jesus mock him, contemptuously asking if he is the Messiah they are expecting. Because God was supposed to anoint the Messiah with his spirit, some of the Jews believed the Messiah would lead them in battle against their enemies and would eventually gain control of the world. Jesus, who is neither a successful military leader nor a powerful political figure, failed to meet these expectations when he suffered a very disgraceful death as a common criminal. It seemed like Jesus was the exact opposite of what the Messiah was supposed to be.

When the Romans led a man outside the city for crucifixion, a soldier usually went before him carrying a sign announcing the man's crime. The soldier later nailed this sign to the top of the cross. In today's Gospel, the inscription above Jesus' head identifies him as the king of the Jews, a charge, that according to John's Gospel, appeared in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. In pictures of the crucified Jesus, this sign usually contains letters INRI, the first letters of the Latin

words *Jesus Nazarsenus, Rex Judaeorum*, which means "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals crucified next to Jesus recognized him as the Messiah after everyone else give up on him. How do we give up on Jesus when he doesn't respond as we expect? Pray today for the faith to expect Jesus as our own Messiah and Savior even when things do not go our way.

Many in our country, perhaps including a number of us, continue to struggle with the current political situation and the election results. I was encouraged by the words of Dionne Cola last week as we were invited to allow the Spirit to guide us through the weeks, months, and perhaps years ahead. Not to give up hope, but rather to rely on our faith to help us through the possible difficulties which lie ahead.

The Advent and the Christmas Seasons are fast approaching. I hope that in the midst of the busyness of the upcoming holiday season, we continue to remember the spiritual aspects of this time of the year. We begin by giving thanks to God for the many gifts that we have in our lives. This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving day, a time that our nation sets aside to remember. We will have Mass at 10 o'clock that day, with a small reception immediately following in the Pastoral Center. Please feel free to join us! May God's abundant blessings be yours in this upcoming season of the year!

God bless,  
*Father Jayson*

**Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of  
**JOHN HARRIS**  
**BEN ROBERSON**  
Please remember their families in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

On Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. Please bring the bread and wine you will serve for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed during Mass. After Mass, there will be an Open House at the Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome. The Mass on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**ATTENTION!**

The Wellness Group will be on holiday break from December 19<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ATTENTION LINE DANCERS**

No Line Dancing Class on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the day after Thanksgiving.

**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).

**CALLING ALL WOMEN!**

MagnificatSOTI, a Ministry for Women invites you to join them at a Prayer Breakfast December 3, 2016-10:00 am to 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Church - 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek. Please note the change in time and location! Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Christine Watkins MTS, LCSW as our speaker. We will be inspired by this well known speaker, author, spiritual director and television host as she tells us of her salvation from life as an atheist to a life centered in Christ through her physical and spiritual healing by Jesus through His Mother, Mary. Tickets are \$25/\$30 after Nov. 26. Go to [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at [503 709 8449](tel:7098449) for reservations.

**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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, November 21	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 23	7:30 a.m.	
Thursday, November 24	10:00 a.m.	
Friday, November 25	8:00 a.m.	
Saturday, November 26	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>November 13, 2016</b>	\$3,770.50
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$50.00

**"100" CLUB**

Beginning Balance	\$535.26
Total Income for October 2016	\$554.59
<b>Ending balance as of October 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$1,089.85</b>

**PENNY HARVEST**

<b>Ending Balance as of October 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

**NOVEMBER 24, 2016  
THANKSGIVING - 10:00 A.M.**

H. Santi  
J. Wilson #  
J. Soublet \*

**NOVEMBER 26/27, 2016**

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
B. Burns	A. West	L. Hall-Ervin
J. Moore	J. Grant	Lucia Watson
		L. Brown-Parker *

**SECOND COLLECTION  
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - THIS WEEKEND  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND**