

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

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.

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 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.

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.

Please pray for:

Carl Johnson
Anita Recania



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

- Sunday, December 11**
- Monday, December 12**
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Tuesday, December 13**
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Wednesday, December 14**
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
- Thursday, December 15**
6:00 pm Choir Practice Church
- Friday, December 16**
1:00 pm Line Dancing Parish Hall
- Saturday, December 17**

PLEASE JOIN US!

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.

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

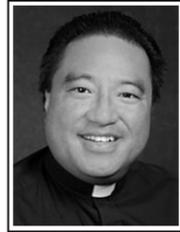
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY:
510.581.2488

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:
510.654.0936

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY:
510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



I am writing this to you between a variety of different places that I must be right now. This is Thursday morning, almost a week after at the very tragic fire on 31st and International here in Oakland.

For nearly 18 years I have served as chaplain to the Oakland Fire Department. In that capacity, I've had the honor and privilege of serving the men and women who help serve the city of Oakland. I presided at their funerals, weddings, baptisms, and all of the variety of things that a chaplain does for a public service agency.

One of the other responsibilities I have is to respond to structure fires in the city of Oakland, with my ministry being to serve our department personnel on a scene and to attend to the needs of those affected by the fire.

It was in that context that I responded to the ghost ship fire that took place last week, on Friday. It was about 11:30 that evening when I was about to go to bed when I received notification that it was the structure fire with the two-alarms. I turned on my scanner and found out that it was a warehouse fire. Generally, I would not respond to a two-alarm warehouse fire but since it was on 31st, about 10 minutes away, I figured that I would go ahead and get dressed and go to the scene.

When I arrived, I noticed that there was quite a bit of young people outside in the Wendy's parking lot across the street from the burning structure. I reported into the incident commander and informed him that I was going to check in to see how the displaced folks were doing as they waited in the parking lot at Wendy's. As I began to talk with them, they began to share that they had family and friends inside that building and that they were hoping that those people escaped unharmed.

At the same time, the fire fighters we're doing the best they could to bring the fire under control, but the fire just seem so intense and strong. In my own mind, I couldn't imagine anyone surviving that fire, which ultimately end up being the case.

As the evening grew into morning, they were only one or two people that I went to the hospital. The only

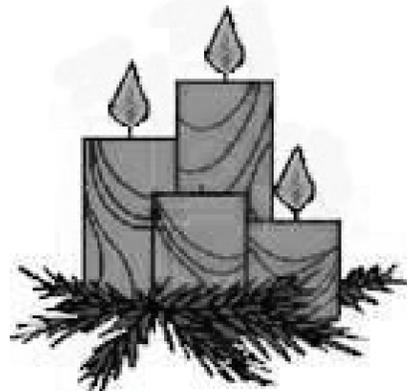
person treated on the scene was someone that I had spoken to and directed towards medical services, and he spoke about a friend of his who he left inside the building because he was an able to move him outside of the fire.

It was not until four or five in the morning that we realized the immense tragedy that had unfolded over the past few hours. As the sun was rising, it became clear that this was a terrible incident and that mass casualties were involved.

Throughout the night, family and friends of those affected by the fire began to arrive on the scene, and they began to ask me questions about where of their love ones were, ask your teacher tactics that the firefighters were employing to douse the flames, and the possibilities that their love ones may have escaped from the inferno. Our hearts and prayers, both then and now, continues to be with them.

I'm in a rush to try to get this out, so my next week's bulletin article will have a clear sense what just transpired and the more reflective way of putting this into writing. So, until then, we continue to ask the Lord's blessings and prayers on those suffering as a result of this event.

God bless,
Father Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECOME A PART OF CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Help us create a beautiful environment for the Christmas Season. Your gift of Poinsettias may be made in honor of, in memory of a love one, or simply as a gift. Please drop-off your Poinsettias on Saturday, December 17 through Thursday, December 22nd. Please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott at 510-612-3176.

CHURCH DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 22nd at 10:00am. Please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott for more information

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.

2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 24th
11:00 pm – Christmas Caroling and Music
12 midnight – Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

Sunday, December 25, 2016
10:00 am Mass
Monday, December 26, 2016
8:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY LITURGY

Sunday, January 1, 2017
10:00 am Mass

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 11	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Doris Bernadette Reese-Simons†
Monday, December 12	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 14	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, December 16	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, December 17	4:30 p.m.	Lamar Larry†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	December 4, 2016	\$6,324.25
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$655.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$1,089.85
Total Income for November 2016	\$600.95
Ending balance as of November 30, 2016	\$1,690.80

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of November 30, 2016	\$1,109.34
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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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DECEMBER 17/18, 2016

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
H. Santi	G. Green	D. Cola
B. Burns	M. Soublet	Leon Watson #
		W. Sykes-Bush *
		Lucia Watson *

SECOND COLLECTION
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT