

**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.

**THE ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Solidarity Mass on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 10:45am. Father Bart Landry as guest Presider/Homilist for the celebration. Refreshments will be served following Mass in the Shipwreck Gym.

**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.

<b>St. Benedict's Weekly Events</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 8</b>		
<b>Monday, January 9</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, January 10</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, January 12</b> 6:00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, January 13</b> 1:00 pm	Line Dancing	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, January 14</b> 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	KPC Dance	Parish Hall
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**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**

*Please pray for:*

Kenneth Greer



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

**CURTISSA CLAY**

(wife of Trecher Clay)

**PRESTON DRIGHT**

(uncle of Janice Moore)

Please remember their families in your prayers.

**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:



*Epiphany means "manifestation" or "appearance." In Greek mythology, this word describes the time when a god appeared among human beings. So it's appropriate that we use the term for Jesus' appearance in our world.*

*Matthew's Gospel is the only one containing the popular story about the wise men who follow the star to Bethlehem in search of a newborn king. Finding the house where Jesus and his parents are staying, they pay homage and give the child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The rich symbolism in the story deserves our close attention.*

*The Star: ancient people believed a new star appeared in the sky each time a child was born. Consequently, when they spotted an extra bright star they concluded someone important had been born, someone who would outshine everyone else. This was certainly true of Jesus.*

*Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh: A loyal subject who had an audience with the king did not approach him empty-handed but brought gifts to show appreciation for receiving such a great honor. Failing to do so would've been a breach of etiquette. Because a gift should reflect the importance of the person who receives it, only the best and most expensive gifts (like gold, frankincense, and myrrh) were good enough for a king. Gold, the most precious of metals, was especially valuable because it was so rare. Frankincense and myrrh, on the other hand, were perfumes only the rich could afford because merchants had to import them from distant lands.*

*Bethlehem: many Jewish people thought the Messiah would come from Bethlehem, the city King David came from, because the messiah was to be one of David's descendants. Like David, the messiah would be a military/political leader who would bring peace and prosperity.*

*The Wise Men: The words "mag"i and "magician" ("one who has secret knowledge") both come from the Greek word magoi, a word that originally referred to the educated priestly class in Persia but later described any knowledgeable individual. Because magoi had nothing to do with royalty,*

*we shouldn't call Jesus' visitors kings, but wise men. Being from the East (areas like Arabia and Mesopotamia), these men were not Jewish. Matthew carefully chose all these symbolic details to tell us Jesus was not just important individual but it was also the messiah-king whom many of the Jews were eagerly awaiting. Including the Gentile visitors may have been Matthew's way of saying the messiah would be for all people, not just the Jews.*

*The three wise men gave the best gift they could possibly give to the child Jesus. If Jesus were born today, what gift would we bring?*

*Again, much thanks to Leonard Pete and the choir for the beautiful music on Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass; much gratitude to Betty Kennedy Tapscott and the liturgical environment ministry team for preparing the church for the Christmas Season and all-Year around;*

*thanks to our liturgical ministers (lectors, eucharistic ministers ushers and altar servers); and to Mr. Nat Bornor and our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference for their incredible hard work and generosity to the needy in our community. I am grateful to the staff, and in a particular way to Fathers Paul Vassar and Sylvester Odurinde for helping me out with Masses during my time with the fire.*

*Thank you again, St. Benedict parishioners, for your patience and understanding during my absence throughout the Ghost Ship fire incident last month. I appreciated your prayerful support during that tragedy. As you know, I share you with the City of Oakland and other public response agencies.*

*Next week we begin our Black History Month commemoration with our celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. May these next few weeks be a time of prayerful reflection as we give thanks for the gift of President Barack Obama's administration and hope for the best with the incoming person.*

*Blessings and best wishes to you and your family and friends in this New Year!*

Father Jayson



*...The star, which they saw in the east, went before them...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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).

A WELLNESS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Resolve to get well and be well this year. Join the St. Benedict Wellness Group on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm to make lifestyle changes that will help to improve your overall wellness. It's about preventative changes to insure quality of life. Feel better, look better, perform better everyday. Adding this year, Saturday morning walks. Join the wellness movement! First meeting of the New Year in the Church hall on Monday evening at 6 pm.

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](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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 8	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Eyvete Joseph James, Sr.† Alma Aikens James†
Monday, January 9	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, January 11	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, January 13	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, January 14	4:30 p.m.	Lamar Larry†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>Christmas</b>	\$6,437.47
	<b>January 1, 2017</b>	\$4,737.00
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul "100" Club	\$1,345.21 \$610.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$1,690.80
Total Income for December 2016	\$775.00
<b>Ending balance as of December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$2,465.80</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$1,109.34</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

JANUARY 21/22, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
B. Burns	M. Soublet	G. Green
J. Soublet	A. West	Leon Watson #
		O. Wanzo *
		L. Brown-Parker *

SECOND COLLECTION  
SEMINARY - NEXT WEEKEND