

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.

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.

RETROUVAILLE

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (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 February 24, 25, & 26, 2017, call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

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**

St. Benedict’s Weekly Events

Sunday, February 19

Monday, February 20

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 21

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 22

9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP - Food Give Away Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Bible Study Parish Center

Thursday, February 23

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, February 24

1:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

Saturday, February 25

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mardi Gras Dance Parish Hall

PLEASE JOIN US!

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine
Sidney Fernandes
Jules Garibaldi
Linda Smith
Jaylynn St. Julian
Tara Sykes
Ofelia Wanzo

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

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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:



Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's reading. Again, Jesus answers the charge that he is teaching his followers to disregard the Jewish law. In response, Jesus shows he demands even more than what the law demands.

The quotation about taking an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth is from Exodus 21:24 and is one of the most misunderstood passages in Scripture. Although people usually quote it when trying to justify revenge, its original purpose was to prevent unjust punishments by placing limits on the penalty imposed on a convicted criminal. So the authorities could not put the guilty party to death for knocking out someone's tooth. The worst thing they could do to him was to knock out his tooth also. So this passage was never intended to be a recommendation about what a punishment should be but only a limitation on what it could be. The punishment could never exceed the crime.

Although the law permits revenge, Jesus does not advocate it. In explaining that his followers should not offer a resistance to injury, Jesus says they should give not only their shirt to someone who wants it but their coat as well. The coat was an outer garment a person slept in at night. Although Palestinian days were usually warm, the temperature often dropped dramatically after the sun went down. The coat was all the poor man had to keep him from freezing at night and it was so important that, according to Jewish law, if a man gave his coat as collateral for a loan, the lender was supposed to return it to him before nightfall so he wouldn't freeze to death.

In his preaching, Jesus sometimes use exaggeration, an accepted Near Eastern teaching technique, to stress an important point. Jesus' comments in today's Gospel about giving up one's coat and in last week's Gospel about gouging out one's eyes if they are a source of temptation are examples of exaggeration. So in today's reading Jesus is not saying that his followers should deliberately expose themselves to physical harm but that they are to forgo any revenge they might be entitled to and should even be willing to put up with injustice for the sake of the reign of God.

It is difficult for us to respond to hate with love but that is what Jesus is asking of us in today's Gospel. If there is someone in our life we hate, we are challenged to go out of our way to do something nice for that person.

As you are reading this bulletin, I am at the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Academy in Quantico, Virginia. As I have mentioned before, I serve as a chaplain for the FBI's San Francisco Division, and this position (in which I am considered a non-paid employee of the FBI), I am obliged to serve as the in-service resident chaplain for the FBI Academy on an almost annual basis, usually for a 10 days to a two week stint. I am present to those training to be FBI Special Agents, as well to other non-sworn FBI staff personnel who are at Quantico for further advanced development. I'll let you know how that went when I return.

We continue to celebrate Black History Month, with St. Benedict parishioner Ray Leon providing our reflection after the Gospel during Mass. As many of you already know, Ray is a long-time parishioner who also serves as a policy analysis for the City of Oakland. He is also a fellow Saint Mary's College High School (Berkeley) alum, and he and his parents Sadie and Claudell attend the 8:30 AM Sunday liturgies. Good to have you addressing us, Ray!

Just to let folks know, Fr. Paul Vassar has been appointed as the Temporary Parochial Administrator of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton Churches) for the next few months. Their current pastor will be on a medical / personal leave for an undetermined period of time, so I don't know how long Fr. Paul will be away assisting in Pleasanton. He intends to continue assisting with the Monday morning weekday Masses, but he will be unable to be present on weekends for the near future. Fr. Paul intends to return to St. Benedict once Fr. Paul Minnehan returns to his Pleasanton parish. Please pray for both Father Paul and for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

God bless,
Father Jayson

Please pray for:

Casey Greer
Willie Lewis
Sally McDade



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENTS' DAY

The office will be closed on observance of the holiday. Monday, February 20th in The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.



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ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten season. We shall have two Masses on Ash Wednesday – 8am and 6pm.



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Feb., March, April and May has been emailed to all concerned parties. Please check your email, including your spam filter. If you are unable to open either the PDF or WORD version, a few printed copies are available in the sacristy.

SAINT BENEDICT MARDI GRAS DANCE

Our annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the parish hall. Tickets: \$20.00. **No Tickets sold at the door.** For tickets and more details, please call Dolores Millet at 510-638-7263.



ATTENTION ALL CURILLISTAS

(Those who have gone through the Cursillo weekend). We need to know who you are. It doesn't matter where you celebrated your weekend. Please register your name on the sheet found on the table at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

COME WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE.

February is **Black History Month** and we will honor and celebrate our history on each Sunday in that month. **The theme for the month: WAKE UP!** Come and fellowship with us and represent the culture with your dress and cultural methods of energetic song and praise. Joined by our African and Tongan communities within our Church we will remember and bring forth Spirits of our heritage. The final Sunday will end the month with a cultural luncheon. We ask that you join us and bring a dish to share which represents your culture, (Your best recipe passed down from Grandma, Nana, Auntie or whoever, pull out those St. Benedict Cooks recipe books). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 19	8:30 a.m.	Morris and Jo Soublet Anniversary
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, February 20	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 22	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 24	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, February 25	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	February 12, 2017	\$5,464.16
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$7.00
	"100" CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$2,465.80
Total Income for January 2017		\$810.00
Ending balance as of January 31, 2017		\$3,275.80

	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017		\$1,109.34

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

FEBRUARY 25/26, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
G. McCullough	L. Noriega	L. Galloway #
D. Dixon	A. West	M. Nubie #
		S. Gressel *
		D. Cola *
		M. Trevigne *

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!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Ladies of KPC Ct. 336 are having their annual scholarship fundraiser.

Place: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA
Date: April 22, 2017
Donation: \$45.00
Contact Person: Audrey Ricks - (510) 278-5519
Wallita Sykes-Bush - (510) 415-1873

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND