

Personal and Special Appeal and Request toward Establishment of My Marriage and Family Apostolate and Advocacy Office in Nigeria

Dear People of God:

I, Father Sylvester Odurinde, a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Oyo, Western Nigeria, and also a Marriage and Family Therapist and Professional Clinical Counselor, sincerely express my profound gratitude to the Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Rev. Jayson Landeza, for given me the opportunity of residency while I was looking for where to stay for one year internship programs, I also thank you all the loving community of this church for your love and gestures toward me. I am indeed grateful. Your impact remain an indelible mark on my life. I will never forget you in my prayers, for all your kindness and gestures and love.

Dear People of God, I am indeed eager to go back home by the end of May 2017 to work as a Marriage Counselor/Counselor among my people who are less than 55,000 Catholic out of a 2 million population; a community that is primarily Muslim and Baptist.

It is my mission to provide all the professional help I can to assist and ensure the unity of families in my country. To be able to do this I am humbly asking you for your financial help. Upon return to my country I have to set up an office for myself and a sanctuary in which to meet those families I will provide counseling for. I need supplies, computers and internet services.

In the course of my internship I have written two books which are based on experiences I have had, both clinical and in advocacy, during my stay in the USA. The books are entitled "Understanding Early Childhood Mental Health" and "Crisis Response in Our School". The book entitled "Crisis Response in Our School" is dedicated to Rev. Jayson Landeza for all his support during my one year Internship Programs. This book is also dedicated to the loving families of St. Benedict Parish for your love, support and gestures toward me.

I am listing below expenses that I will incur upon my return to Nigeria when I begin work as a consultant *I am appealing to you through a second collection on May 21, 2017*, that has been approved by Father Jayson, to help me in my endeavors. For this I will be eternally in your gratitude.

- Permanent Office Outlet \$2,000
- Office Chairs and Desk \$650
- Counseling & Play Therapy tools \$950
- Photocopier Machine \$700
- Printer \$350
- Computers \$800
- Cost of Publication of Books in Nigeria \$2,000
- Book Shelf \$600
- Generators (no regular electricity in Nigeria) \$1,200
- Internet Facilities \$1,500
- Projector \$600
- Mobile Megaphone \$300
- Logistics \$500

Total \$12,150

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, May 7 11:00 am	First Communion	Church
Monday, May 8 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Tuesday, May 9 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Wednesday, May 10 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
Thursday, May 11 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Choir Rehearsal	Parish Center Church
Friday, May 12 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
Saturday, May 13		

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
Romel Lucas
Emma Morton
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:



Jesus was a successful preacher because he always talked about topics familiar to people in his audience. Knowing that the most common occupations in his time were fishing, farming, and herding, Jesus told parables about casting net into the sea, sowing seeds, and taking care of sheep or goats. When Jesus spoke about these subjects, he was sure many of the people listening would relate to what he said.

The racecar Cerita and contains a parable that was of interest to herders, a pair of them which Jesus compares himself to a shepherd who has a very close relationship to his flock. The shepherd leaves his sheep to green pastures and cool water and he protects them from wild beast that may attack them. The sheep depend so much on the shepherd that when one of them is lost, and lies motionless and frightened on the ground until the shepherd finds it. Because of Shepard gives names to each of his sheep, he knows exactly which one is missing and begins calling out its name.

Sometimes, several shepherds brought their flocks to the same pasture and let them grace together so they could take turns watching the combined flocks. When it was time to return home, each shepherd called his sheep and they came running to him because they recognized his voice. They would not respond to the voice of a shepherd they did not know.

We are like sheep and Jesus is our shepherd. Just as the Shepard has a close relationship with each of his sheep, Jesus wants us to have a very close relationship with each of us. Just as a shepherd protects the sheep and provide for their needs, Jesus protects us and provides for our needs. Without Jesus we could not survive.

The word "pastor" means "shepherd." Please remember me in your prayers that as the Pastor and Shepherd of St. Benedict parish, I may always be guided by the Holy Spirit to do Christ's work in building God's reign here in East Oakland and beyond.

Congratulations to our very own Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #336 Lady Lil Brown-Parker for being named the KPCLA 2017 Lady of the Year for the Western States District of the KPC. The award was presented last weekend as the Western States District met in Sacramento. Much blessings and best wishes to Lady Lil and to the continued work of the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court #336 here at St. Benedict for all the work they do in contributing to the life and ministry of our parish. I can't thank you enough!

Congratulations and blessings upon those receiving First Eucharist this weekend. Alfonzo Alvarez, Miya Kees, Ify Nneji, Tianna Outley received First Reconciliation on Friday night, and are surrounded by the prayers of our St. Benedict family. Much thanks to Ofelia Wanzo and Dionne Cola for working with these young people. Please continue to pray for them.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson

Please pray for:



Trenton Barnes
JoAnn Hines
Anita Recania
Maretta Rhone

(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
SADDIE THOMAS
Please remember her family in your prayers.

Funeral Service:

Date: Tuesday, May 9th
Time: 11:00 am.
Place: St. Benedict Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 m Mass). If you're in need of Rosary, please see Mr. Fisher.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, July 9, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

"LIVE" VIRTUS PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you haven't completed your training for Safe Environment, this is your **last chance** to attend the live training on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00pm in the parish hall. We are mandated to do this every three years. All parishioners who are engaged in any parish ministry must complete the training. You can register on line for a live training at: www.virtusonline.org or sign-up at the back of the church. **You must pre-register for the live training.**

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - St. Benedict Community Feeding

Dear St. Benedict Family,

The Cursillo Community of St. Benedict is planning for another community-feeding event on Saturday, June 10, between the hours of 11am and 2pm. The event will be held in the Parish parking area. We are requesting your assistance with this endeavor and hope you will consider donating side dishes and or personal hygiene products for distribution on the day of the event.

The day's agenda is as follows:

- Set-up from 8am – 10:30am
- Food serving and dissemination of personal hygiene kits from 11am to 2pm
- Clean up from 2pm to 4pm

Requested Items:

- Side Dishes Examples:** rice, greens, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, potatoes, green salad, fruit salad, potato salad and paper goods e.g. plates, cutlery, napkins etc...)
- Personal Hygiene Items:** toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, deodorant, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, bars of soap, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes

Additional Assistance is needed with:

- Set-up tables and chairs prior to the event
- Assist with serving food
- Clean up and take down tables and chairs after the event

We ask that you bring your donations of personal hygiene items to the Rectory no later than Tuesday, June 6. Side dishes may be brought the day of the event between the hours of 8am and 11am.

Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the back of the Church. Please sign-up today if you are able to assist with this community service project.

Should you have questions please contact:

- Name: Jaylynn St. Julian
- Contact Information: 510-635-6937

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 7	8:30 a.m.	Jeremy White (L)
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Stewart†
Monday, May 8	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Wednesday, May 10	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 12	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, May 13	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	April 30, 2017	\$5,284.39
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$20.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$3,971.55
Total Income for March 2017	\$993.65
Ending balance as of March 31, 2017	\$4,965.20

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$1,195.24
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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

MAY 13/14, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
H. Santi	L. Bornor #	L. Dixon #
B. Burns	B. Kennedy-Tapscott	C. Dixon
	J. Matthews *	L. Brown-Parker *
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION - NEXT WEEKEND