

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is at *San Damiano Retreat Center*, Danville on September 29- October 1st. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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, July 23

**Monday, July 24**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

### Tuesday, July 25

**Wednesday, July 26**  
9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP Food Distribution Parish Hall  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Parish Hall

### Thursday, July 27

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Cursillo Fourth Day Parish Center

### Friday, July 28

**Saturday, July 29**  
6:00 pm Zydeco 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  
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

**Dionne Cola**  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
DEACON

**Rev. Paul Vassar**  
CLERGY SUPPLY

**Mr. Rufus Fisher**  
BUILDING FACILITIES 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

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and St. Joseph Cemeteries.  
Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel at (510) 362-0424 or [www.cfcsoakland.org](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Scripture scholars agree that the Evangelist did not write the Gospels until many years after the events took place. For example, the Gospel according to Matthew was probably written around 85 A.D., almost 55 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We know that the early Christians passed on the Gospel stories by word-of-mouth before actually writing them down. This surprises some people because the reason that the story is bound to get distorted if it is passed on verbally. That was not as great a danger in the early Church as it is today.

Because most people back of those days weren't able or write, they had to rely on their memory much more so than we do today. So they developed memory techniques that made it easier for them to recall long lists and detailed stories. Some people were even able to give a two or three hour speech without using notes and without forgetting anything.

One such technique involves linking thoughts or themes. Something in one story reminded the person of the second story and something in the second story reminded the person of the third story. This might be why the three seemingly unrelated parables in today's Gospel reading appear together.

The parable about the man planting seeds reminded the early Christians about the story of how a mustard seed grows into a huge bush. The second story about growth reminded them of the parable about how yeast makes dough grow. So Matthew grouped these three parables together to make it easier for the early Christians to remember them when verbally teaching others about what Jesus said and did. This doesn't mean that Jesus taught these three parables in this order or even at the same time.

Sometimes it's not obvious why certain stories or parables appear together because the connection may be clear only in Greek, the original language of the Gospels. A certain Greek word in one parable may sound like another Greek word in the following parable and so on. In any case, it's important for us to remember that the stories we have in the Gospels did not originally belong in the order they appear.

What group of people do we think each of the parables in today's gospel was aimed at? Whose attention did Jesus hope to get?

I hope that as we go through the middle of summer, the pace of our lives have slowed down, even for just a moment. I just returned from Norfolk, Virginia, after having represented the Oakland Police Department, and having given a presentation on "The Police Chaplain's role in a Mass Civil Disturbance." Unfortunately it's something that I've experienced on numerous occasions in my capacity as OPD's chaplain.

Once again, I have heard many of you speak about how much San Leandro Marina was an ideal place for our St. Benedict parish picnic. My hope is that we will continue to have our annual picnic there.

As I mentioned before, parish Pastoral Associate Dionne Cola and Parish Pastoral Council Chair Dr. Chiquita Tuttle represented St. Benedict at the National Black Catholic Congress earlier this month. Leonard Pete and Tara Sykes will be representing St. Benedict at the National LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Training Seminar in Bourne, Texas, from August 18-20. I want to make sure that our staff are well-equipping in providing quality ministry within our urban, inner-city context.

In my hopes of keeping you informed about my comings and goings, I will be away from the parish from Monday, August 7th to Friday, August 25. I have to be at a funeral in Honolulu on Tuesday, August 8, a 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 13, a vigil and a funeral on August 14 and 15, all in Honolulu. I will remain at St. Augustine by-the-Sea parish on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu until Friday August 25, spending time with my sisters and brothers and other family located on O'ahu, as well as helping out in the parish.

I received a phone call from Father Ken Hamilton, SVD and he informed me that fellow SVD priest, Fr. Aris Martin, is relocating to the East Bay and has been accepted into the doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Fr. Ken asked if we had room here at St. Benedict to take Fr. Aris as he begins and completes his studies. I met with Fr. Aris and find him to be a very friendly and intelligent person whose presence will be an asset here. Fr. Aris will be joining us in the middle of next month (August).

God bless,  
*Fr. Jayson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**National Night Out** will be hosted by St. Benedict's on Tuesday, August 1st from 6pm-8pm. There will be booths from the Oakland Zoo, blood drive and a children's booth, as well as others. There will be music, raffles, line dancing and a performance by the St. Benedict's choir. We are in need of donations of non expired gift cards, individually wrapped cookies, chips and juice boxes. These items can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours or to Tara Sykes after 11am Mass. Finally, we will be passing out flyers on Monday, July 24th around 82nd Avenue between 6pm-7pm. We appreciate any and all support. We look forward to seeing you.

LINE DANCE CLASS LUNCHEON

On August 5, 2017 the line dancing class will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a luncheon and dance. Everyone is invited to attend. Ticket price is \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. Doors open at noon, lunch will be served at 1:00 and we will dance, Dance, DANCE until 4:00. There are only 17 tickets left. If you're interested, contact Jo Soublet ASAP. [jcsoublet2@comcast.net](mailto:jcsoublet2@comcast.net) or (510) 782-3546. Profits from ticket and beverage sales will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?** Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **September 15-17, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at [Srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:Srllaguna@doc1633.org). Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on **www.DaughtersOfCharity.com**. Register for the retreat at [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/).

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL 336

Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Red Hawk Casino. Donation \$35.00 per person (5 hours stay). Make checks payable to KPC Council 336. Reservation deadline: September 13, 2017. Sorry, no refunds after deadline. For information call: Marvin Millet (510) 638-7263 or Herb Houston (510) 387-7673, Leonard Pete (510) 917-2390 or Clayton Foster (510) 333-1403.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 23	8:30 a.m.	Raymond August†
	11:00 a.m.	Terreska Thomas† (Daughter of Alma Swayne)
Monday, July 24	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Wednesday, July 26	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 28	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 29	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>July 16, 2017</b>	\$3,713.50
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$18.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$6,643.75</b>
Total Income for June 2017	\$622.43
<b>Ending balance as of June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$7,266.18</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$1,195.24</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

JULY 29/30, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
B. Burns	L. Bornor #	S. Gressel
J. Garibaldi	C. Ologbosele	M. Nubie #
	J. Matthews *	D. Cola *
		W. Sykes-Bush *

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**