

## PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Parish Bible Study provides the nourishment from Scripture that compliments the nourishment we receive in the Eucharist. Participants will: Encounter Christ, Foster Christian Community and grow in understanding the Bible. Come, join Deacon Ron and other participants for Scripture Study on the Gospel of Luke. Scripture Study begins on Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center for 12 sessions thru the month of November 29, 2017. Study sets which include a Bible Commentary and a Study Guide are \$15.95, payable to St. Benedict Church.

## ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Honor First Responders at our Annual Blue Mass Friday, October 6, 10:00 am The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland Diocese.org/BlueMass Please include the following in your bulletins or use as pulpit announcements: All first responders and their families are cordially invited to attend the Blue Mass on Friday, October 6 at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Every day, lives are saved and touched by first responders. This interfaith service will honor all those men and women who serve the citizens of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, as well as remember all those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year. Mass begins at 10:00 am and a luncheon will follow in the Event Center; advance reservations are required. Seat reservations are available at oakdiocese.org/BlueMass.

## THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

**Save the Date! Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am. The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland.** We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass on September 30 to celebrate the energy, dedication, and generosity of all healers in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

## SAVE THE DATE:

Our KPCLA Court 336 Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm; all tickets are available for purchase at \$35 each. For more information, please call Gloria McCullough at 510-604-3833.

## 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.

## 2017 MASS INTENTIONS

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.

## 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

## St. Benedict's Weekly Events

<b>Sunday, September 24</b> 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Mass	Church
<b>Monday, September 25</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b> 9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP - Distribution of Food Bags	Parish Hall Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, September 28</b> 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Choir Rehearsal	Parish Center Church
<b>Friday, September 29</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, September 30</b> 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Mass LUAU Party	Church 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

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 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

**Ms. 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

**Miss 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

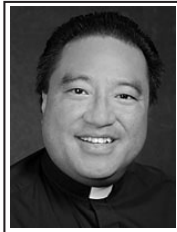
**MARRIAGE**  
6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

## 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:



Because people in biblical times built walls around their city for protection from hostile invaders, the only way anyone could get in or out was through the city gate. The area just inside the gate was a busy place because that was where the elders met to settle the disputes of the city's residents, where traders sold their goods, and where folks gathered looking for work.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about a vineyard owner went to the city gate at daybreak, midmorning, noon, mid afternoon, and late afternoon to hire men to help with the harvest. The younger and stronger workers got jobs first. Those who were still around later in the day were those who could not work as fast or do as much because of old age or poor health. These men were unemployed simply because no one hired them.

When it was time for the vineyard owners to pay the workers, he gave each of them a full day's wage; those hired first felt cheated because they worked longer and harder than those hired later in the day. Naturally, laborers who worked all day thought the vineyard owner should've paid them more than the ones who did less work. We can sympathize with these all-day laborers, but we ought to consider the predicament of the others.

A man needed at least a full day's wage to feed himself and his family for one day. If a man did not find a job, his wife and children would have to go without food and his neighbors would ridicule him because he was unable to provide for his family. So the owner of the vineyard showed compassion to those he hired last by paying them more than they deserved.

The moral of the parable is clear. The owner of the vineyard is God and we are the workers. Because our God is compassionate, we can expect him to give us our daily bread. He will provide for all people, even for those who are lowly and unwanted. All we need to do is to put our trust in God.

Perhaps take a few moments to thank God for God's goodness and generosity. Thank God especially for the necessities of life, such as a roof over our heads, food on our tables, or clothes on our backs, because many in our world often go without. We often take for granted the basic necessities of life, and after watching those who have endured recent hurricane, earthquakes and fires, my heart goes out to those who have suffered much.

As I am writing this bulletin article, I am on the 12th floor of the Jefferson dormitory here at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. My room overlooks the shooting ranges and the endless woods that are a part of this larger Quantico Marine Corps base. The work I do with the FBI precedes my time at St. Benedict parish. A number of years ago I was approached by FBI personnel to consider applying for a position as a chaplain for the FBI San Francisco Division, which includes the coastal counties of California from the Oregon border to Monterey. The division has over 1000 employees working out of various offices known as resident agencies, with headquarters office on the 13th floor of the Philip Burton Federal Building on Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco. I share the responsibility of FBI San Francisco Chaplain with an Episcopalian deacon, Jan Heglund.

The process to become an FBI chaplain is a fairly arduous one. You are approached by the bureau to consider applying, and after submitting a very lengthy application and being approved, you endure a year and a half background investigation. After you are cleared at the end of the process, you are granted top-secret clearance and the credentials that enable you to enter FBI space.

As a chaplain for the FBI, I have pastoral responsibilities for personnel throughout the San Francisco Division, and serving as the residential, in-house chaplain for the FBI Academy at Quantico. This is something that I do twice a year - I was here in February, and back here at the end of September. I'll be back at Quantico in the Spring and the Fall of next year as well.

I've been riveted with Ken Burn's Vietnam series on PBS. Although I was only a child when all of it was happening, growing up in Berkeley allowed me to see the anti-war demonstrations close at hand, and to apprehend the sentiment of the area. On the other hand, I had four uncles serving in Vietnam simultaneously, as well as other relatives. The TV series has certainly brought back memories for many of us. May we always continue to hold our government leaders accountable, and work hard for peace in our world and peace in our streets.

God Bless,  
*Fr. Jayson Landeza*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**ROSARY OF OUR LADY**  
Each Sunday during the month of October, we will pray the rosary at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 am Mass).

**OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP REUNION MASS, A CELEBRATION OF LIFE, FAMILY & LOVE**

Come one come all St Benedict Church family members past, present and future! We are inviting you to come reunite and rejoice with us in a celebration of life family and love. Bring your family, your friends, your neighbors, or parishioners who have fallen away to our reunion Mass on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have one Mass at 10AM. Fr. Ken Hamilton will preside and the Voices of St Benedict will provide inspirational tunes. A potluck reception will follow giving all parishioners past, present, and future a chance to fellowship. Flyers for the event can be found in the back of the church. **For the potluck** we encourage you to bring your staple dishes to show a representation of the many cultures we have here at St Benedict. Sign ups for the potluck will be in the back of the church as we get closer to the date. For any questions please see either Sydney Fernandez, Tara Sykes, Jaylynn Robinson, or Ariana Catherine.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT HALLOWEEN EVENT**

Join our Halloween Fun Night  
Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
6:30 to 8:30  
St. Benedict Parish Hall  
Ages 5 to 10

Enjoy a hot dog dinner with chips and juice, come in costume and try to win a prize, enjoy stories read aloud, games, and more. On the way home, pick up your free book, stop by the open trunks for Trunk or Treat and grab other goodies to go.

**LET'S GET FIRED UP! WE'RE "TAKING BACK OUR FAITH."**

Reviving and renewing our faith to rid ourselves of complacency, doubt, and fear; just to name a few. Join us on November 6, 7, and 8th at 6:30 pm. Hear Rev. Anthony Bozeman preach the word. **IT'S TIME PEOPLE! DON'T MISS THIS! St. Benedict Catholic Church REVIVAL!!! All Are Welcome.**

**2017 – 2018 FAITH FORMATION (CCD)**

Registration forms for students in grades 1-8 are available at the back of the church. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 1, 2017.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	The Casey Family Jack Morton Birthday For The People
Monday, September 25	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 27	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 29	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 30	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>September 17, 2017</b>	\$4,425.81
<b>"100" CLUB</b>		
Beginning Balance		<b>\$7,836.18</b>
Total Income for August 2017		\$641.60
<b>Ending balance as of August 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$8,477.78</b>
<b>PENNY HARVEST</b>		
<b>Ending Balance as of August 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$1,195.24</b>

*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

SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
E. Morton	C. Ologbolese	R. Guillory
K. Webster	M. Soublet	M. Trevigne
		O. Wanzo *

*Please pray for the sick, especially:*

Alex Donaville  
Kevin Donaville  
Anita Recania  
Lisa Trevigne



NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND**  
**"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND**