

CELEBRITY BARTENDER

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Nu Omega Chapter invites you to CELEBRITY BARTENDER where a Celebrity Will Pour Your Drink for a Good Cause. Tuesday, October 24, 6 – 8:30 pm at Kingston 11, 2270 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. www.alphanuomega1929.org/ Info@alphanuomega1929.org.

“HAIRITAGE - THE PLAY”

2017 “HAIRitage - The Play” being presented by Pearl & Ivy Community Corporation in conjunction with Alpha Nu Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on Saturday, November 18th at the Farnsworth Theatre located at 1225 Skyline Blvd. on the (Skyline HS Campus) in Oakland, CA. The ticket prices are \$30.00 for general admission for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12 years of age and is a wonderful production that the entire family can enjoy!! “HAIRitage The Play tells the evolution of the Black woman’s hair. Funny, deep and inspiring, HAIRitage opens a deeper conversation around social perceptions, femininity and how hair impacts the lives of Black women. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://alphanuomega1929.org> or email: info@pearlivy.org for more information. The proceeds from this event benefits our Scholarship program for high school and college students. The Pearl & Ivy Community Corp. (PICC) is a non profit entity which provides tax exempt exemptions for our supporters, donors and benefactors.

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 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 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, October 15

10:00 am Reunion Mass Church
After 10:00 am Mass Reception Parish Hall

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, October 20

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class Parish Hall

Saturday, October 21

4:30 pm Mass Church

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

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Rev. Aris Martin, SVP
IN RESIDENCE

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

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

Welcome Home

OCTOBER 15, 2017 REUNION MASS
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE, FAMILY, AND LOVE

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



To understand the parable in today's Gospel, we have to remember that Jesus addressed it to people who had no modern conveniences like gas or electric stoves, refrigerators, and supermarkets. Preparing a huge banquet was a difficult and time-consuming task because the host couldn't possibly plan everything so the food would be ready exactly when the guests arrived.

Because of the work involved, the host usually sent two invitations. The first inform the guests they were being invited to a banquet, but it did not include a specific time for the feast because the host couldn't be sure when the food would be done. This advance notice gave the guests time to wash up and change into appropriate clothing so they would be prepared for the second invitation when all the food was ready.

The Jewish rabbis often used the image of the wedding banquet to symbolize the reign of God. Some of them believed that God would invite only the Jews to this banquet and that the leaders of the Jewish people would occupy places of honor because of their holiness.

In this parable, Jesus is the king's son for whom the banquet is given, and the invited guests are the Jews. The servants are the prophets of the Old Testament and those gathered from the byroads and the alleys are the Gentiles. The meaning of the parables should now be clear.

Through the prophets, God told the Jewish people to prepare for the coming of the reign of God, but because their leaders refused to recognize Jesus as Messiah, God extended the invitation to the Gentiles. With this parable, Jesus infuriated the Jewish chief priests and elders because the Jews despised the Gentiles and believed the Gentiles would not share in the reign of God.

In the parable, the king sends his servants to burn the city of the guests who did not come.

This was probably not part of the original story but a detail Matthew added years later. In 70 A.D., the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, the center of Jewish worship. Because Matthew wrote the Gospel after this event took place, biblical scholars believe he added the detail about the burning of the city as an explanation that God allowed Jerusalem's destruction because the Jewish authorities refuse to accept Jesus as the Messiah.

Reread the parable in today's Gospel. Notice the excuses the guests gave for not going to the banquet. What is keeping us from accepting invitation to a closer relationship with God?

I want to particularly welcome all of you who have come home to St. Benedict parish. We wanted to make sure that those of you who have had a connected to St. Benedict over the years had a chance to reconnect to this very special parish family. I am grateful to the Sidney Fernandes and his subcommittee of the Parish Pastoral Council for making this Sunday's Mass and Reception possible. Thanks as well to Fr. Ken Hamilton for being a part of this parish homecoming.

Like many of you, I've been riveted to the fires in the North Bay. Many folks, including myself, have connections to those affected by the fire. I've spent time within the past month in Geyserville and Mt. LaSalle in Napa, so I've been following the ongoing tragedy that's unfolding, from the loss of life and the incredible amount of property destroyed. For many of us, it brings us back to the Oakland Hills Fire in 1991. Along with the shooting in Las Vegas, and the various hurricanes and earthquakes, among other things, our world continues to seek and need God's healing presence and care. May we be instruments of that love to hearts that are heavy, and may we as a St. Benedict family be a catalyst for God's work

God Bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please join us as we celebrate
Father Jayson's 30 years of priesthood.
30th anniversary
A Mass of Thanksgiving will
be offered at 11:00 am
October 29, 2017
Reception will follow at the
Parish Hall.
Your presence is highly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

ALL SOULS ENVELOPE

During the month of November, we pray in special way for all the deceased members of our families and parishioners. Specifically, you have an opportunity to list all those you wish to remember on All Souls envelopes provided on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month and your loved ones are remembered at each Mass celebrated.

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.**

JOIN FRIENDS FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37648 Fremont Blvd., Fremont. Friday November 3, 2017, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. RSVP to 510-719-0774.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

(Sat) October 28th 2-4 pm, 1410 100th Avenue. Tickets \$5 per person or 10 tickets for \$45.00. More information: Joi Boatwright (510) 205-4062 or Joan Phillips (510) 638-3861 Church office: (510) 568-1080. Proceeds benefit St. Louis Bertrand Church. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 15	10:00 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Monday, October 16	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Wednesday, October 18	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, October 20	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, October 21	4:30 p.m.	Doralee Santi† Charlotte Santi†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	October 8, 2017	\$4,768.75
Other Collection:	Catholic Voice	\$401.50

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,836.18
Total Income for August 2017	\$641.60
Ending balance as of August 31, 2017	\$8,477.78

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of August 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

OCTOBER 21/22, 2017

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	J. Grant	S. Gressel
J. Outley	C. Ologbosele	M. Trevigne
		C. Hadnot *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Eromomen Esomemen
Greg Morris
Anita Recania
Lisa Trevigne



SECOND COLLECTION SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND



Best wishes to Joyce Allen who will
celebrate her 80th Birthday on
October 19, 2017.