

how hair impacts the lives of Black women. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://alphanuomega1929.org> or email: [info@pearlivy.org](mailto: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.

### CLASSIFIED:

Professional Administrative Position. Excellent, Part Time, Career Opportunity in Fast-Paced Doctor's Office. Position Includes: Benefits, Profitable Bonuses, Paid Vacation & Holidays. No Experience Necessary (Spanish Fluency, Literacy Required). Due to continued growth and service to our local community, we've added an administrative assistant position. As the first point of contact for our patients, a professional, upbeat and friendly demeanor is a must. We utilize state-of-the-art technology including: semi-paperless system and some of the most advanced patient-care techniques. As such, strong organizational and multi-tasking skills are required and a strong desire to provide exceptional efficiency, while performing everyday tasks. If interested, please send resume to: Email: [eastbaychirogroup@gmail.com](mailto:eastbaychirogroup@gmail.com). Phone Number: (510) 268-9450

### 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, October 29

8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
After 11:00 am Mass	Fr. Jayson's 30th Anniversary Reception	Parish Hall

#### Monday, October 30

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
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#### Tuesday, October 31

6:30 pm	Halloween Read Aloud	Parish Hall
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#### Wednesday, November 1

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
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#### Thursday, November 2

6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
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#### Friday, November 3

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
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#### Saturday, November 4

4:30 pm	Mass	Church
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**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, SVD**  
IN RESIDENCE

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

**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

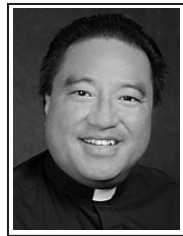
### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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:



In today's Gospel, the lawyer who asked Jesus the question about the greatest commandment is from a group of religiously strict Jews known as the Pharisees. Members of this group believed in angels in the afterlife but we know them the best for their observance of what they called the oral traditions.

Because the Jews believed that Sacred Scriptures were a blueprint to holiness, anyone who obeyed the laws was holy. Anyone who did not obey them, even if they didn't know what the laws were, was a sinner. So the Pharisees tried to avoid accidentally breaking the laws by protecting themselves with more laws. These man-made laws, known as the oral traditions because they were originally passed on verbally, encircled the biblical laws like a fence, preventing a person from even coming close to breaking one of them. The Pharisees believe the oral traditions were just as important as the laws in Sacred Scripture.

Of the 613 oral traditions, 248 were positive ("You shall...") and 365 were negative ("You shall not..."). Depending on what they pertain to, some of these laws were light and others were heavy. The lawyer in today's Gospel ask Jesus which of the laws was the heaviest or most important. Jesus' response was a combination of two verses - one from Deuteronomy and the other from Leviticus.

The verse from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 about loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind means we should not hold back anything when loving God. This verse is the first scripture passage Jewish males memorize; many Jews considered it a summary of the entire Jewish law. Pious Jews recited this passage every day when they woke up.

The second verse about loving our neighbor is from Leviticus 19:18. Jesus' answer is unique because when he says we cannot love God without also loving our neighbor, he makes these two commandments equally heavy. On the other hand, most rabbis would have argued that loving God was more important.

We find the logic behind this teaching spelled out in the First Epistle according to John. And in 4:20, the author tells us that if we aren't able to love

a brother or sister we can see, we certainly aren't able to love the God we cannot see. Love of God and love of neighbor go hand-in-hand.

Pretend you have just died and are standing before God's throne. God tells you that God will let you into heaven but you first must tell God about one concrete action you did on the regular basis that showed you loved your neighbor. How would you respond?

I want to express my love and gratitude to God and to all you who have helped to make this 30th Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood a memorable, meaningful and joy-filled. Usually priests commemorate their 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries, but there were some folks in the parish who wanted to celebrate this occasion. My mother, Frances O'Sullivan Landeza, and God's merciful grace through her prayers and that of others had sustained my ministry path and journey. Thanks to my younger sister Donna Keala Landeza for speaking on behalf of my family at the reception following the Anniversary Liturgy. I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Oakland on October 30, 1987 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Oakland. My first assignment as a priest was St. Leander, San Leandro.

Please don't forget about our upcoming Parish Revival with Josephite Fr. Anthony Bozeman from New Orleans. He will be presiding and preaching at next Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass, and we'll have Revival Sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings! Please see the bulletin for more information.

This week is also the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, and we remember our beloved dead during this month of November. November is also Black Catholic History Month, a time to recognize the contributions made by our African and African American ancestors to the life of our Catholic Christian faith.

God Bless,  
Fr. Jayson Landeza

*Please join us as we celebrate  
Father Jayson's 30 years of priesthood.*

**30<sup>th</sup>**  
*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

ALL SAINTS DAY

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Masses at 8:00 am. and 6:00 pm.

ALL SOULS DAY

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mass at 7:30 am.

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, we are reminded that throughout the month of November we remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and are experiencing eternal life in Christ. Please use the All Souls offering envelopes to remember love ones, and there will be a Book of the Dead near our picture shrine so that others may be able to place names in that book. Please start bringing pictures of your beloved dead (no 8x10 please) to be placed on the table as well.

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.

*Please pray for the sick, especially:*

Eromomen Esomemen  
Greg Morris  
Anita Recania  
Lisa Trevigne



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 29	8:30 a.m.	Emelda Wright +
	11:00 a.m.	Bertha Aubry +
Monday, October 30	7:30 a.m.	Maurice Fleming, Sr.(L)
Wednesday, November 1	8:00 a.m.	For All Saints
	6:00 p.m.	For All Saints
Thursday, November 2	7:30 a.m.	For All Souls
Friday, November 3	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, November 4	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>October 22, 2017</b>	\$3,143.85
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,086.45

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$8,477.78</b>
Total Income for September 2017	\$597.67
<b>Ending balance as of September, 2017</b>	<b>\$9,075.45</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of September 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

NOVEMBER 4/5, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
J. Moore	M. Soublet	J. LaFitte-Tutson
H. Santi	A. West	L. Dixon #
		A. Swaney *
		W. Sykes-Bush *

SECOND COLLECTION  
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND  
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND

"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