

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED

March 9-11, Mission Doctors Association will hold a weekend Retreat / Seminar at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for Catholic MD, DDS, PA, NP who have considered serving for one month at Catholic Missions in Africa and Latin America. Visit the web site to learn more: www.MissionDoctors.org/lmu

Since 1959, Mission Doctors Association has trained, sent and supported Catholic doctors and their families who come from across the United States to serve people of all faiths in some of the most under-served areas of the world. This mission of healing provides direct patient care and training for local professionals striving toward the goal of sustainable health care.

Please help us spread the word about our Spring Retreat! We are offering a Retreat/Seminar at Loyola Marymount University, in Los Angeles, March 9-11 for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners - and their spouses - who have considered this service option.

The weekend provides the opportunity to reflect on the call to serve in light of faith, hear about the specific locations currently seeking medical professionals, hear from doctors and their spouses who have served at these locations, and includes presentations on the Theology of Mission, common medical issues faced, and the practical aspects of service related to visas and licensing. Those interested are invited to [visit our web site to learn more](#), complete an application, and register for the weekend.

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office will be accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. 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

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, January 28	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, January 29	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, January 30	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, January 31	9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP - Distribution of Food	Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Thursday, February 1	6:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg	Center
Friday, February 2	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, February 3	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, SVD
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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Ancient people did not know about germs and viruses because they did not have all the benefits of modern medicine. So ancient explanations of how people got sick and why people died may sound a bit simplistic or naïve to us. Most people, including the Jews, attributed sickness and death to the power of demons or evil spirits.

Jesus began his preaching by proclaiming the reign of God is at hand. This meant that because God was about to defeat the devil and take control of the world, the signs of the devil's power (sickness and death) would be only memories of the past.

Today's gospel reading as a Drammatic example of the struggle between Jesus and the devil. Jesus is in the synagogue preaching when a man with no unclean spirit yells out, calling Jesus by name and identifying him as God's Holy One.

In Scripture, the power to name someone is symbolic of having control over that person. In the second chapter of Genesis, God brought the animals he created to the man and the man named them, symbolizing his dominion over them.

The second commandment says we must not take the name of God in vain. The Jews understood this to mean they should not use God's name at all because doing so was like trying to exert power over God. So God would have to act if his name is used in a curse and he would have to condemn that person.

Likewise, the unclean spirit and today's Gospel try to exert power over Jesus by calling him first by name and then by referring to him as the Holy One sent by God, a title for the Messiah. Fortunately for the man who was possessed, this tactic doesn't work and Jesus shows he is more powerful than the devil by commanding him to get out of the man. But that battle does not end and there because the demon does not obey without first putting up a struggle. First, he throws the man into convulsions and only then does he come out with a loud shriek. Finally, the battle is over and Jesus wins.

The battle between Jesus and the devil continues even today. Each day of our lives we have to make decisions. Pray for the grace to always decide to do God's will so that God's reign will grow.

I am writing this bulletin article from Angwin, in the hills about a half-hour outside of Napa. I am a chaplain with the West Coast Post-Trauma Retreat, with is part of the First Responders Support Network, one of the very few organizations in the U.S. which specifically

work with traumatized first-responders (police, fire and emergency medical personnel). Very often, these folks see and experience countless situations that expose them to horrific scenes. Some are able to cope with these incidents, while others are profoundly impacted to the point of being unable to function in a healthy fashion. As a result, unhealthy coping mechanisms result, with affect the individual, their families and friends, and their workplace performance and home life. Addictions such as alcoholism, drug abuse, inappropriately acting out sexually, impulsive buying, and other such manifestations are often indications of unresolved trauma issues relative to first-responder work. In my capacity as a chaplain in these situations, I work alongside clinicians and first-responder peers in order to facilitate a process of healing for this affected personnel. This is all the part of my work as a chaplain for police and fire agencies here in the East Bay and for the federal government, something that I've been doing since 1995.

This week (Monday, January 29 to Thursday, February 1), I'll be in San Diego for the Region 11 Conference of Presbyteral Senates (RECOPS), a committee of priests and bishops working to improve the lives of priests in the dioceses of California, Nevada and Hawai'i. We seek ways to improve parish life and to see that priests' rights and voices are heard by the Catholic hierarchy. I led this group for a number of years, and I currently serve on their Executive Committee.

We continue with Black History Month by hearing from various members of our St. Benedict family. This week, it will be our very own Leonard Pete. We are indeed gifted to have one of the most talented and spiritually uplifting choir directors any church can have! I am sure that he will have an uplifting message for us as well, in addition to his phenomenally spiritual musical presence.

Thank you for those of you who attended last Sunday's Town Hall meeting. Your participation continues to show the interest folks have in insuring the future direction and mission of St. Benedict parish!

*God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!

Are you a first? If you were the first African American/Black hired or serving on a board on in an organization, if your focus throughout your lifetime has been actively doing God's work and an activist fighting for justice, let us know. Call or email the office or write it down and hand it to one of the members of the Pastoral Council before Monday, January 29th. We would like to celebrate you.

SAINT BENEDICT MARDI GRAS DANCE

St. Benedict's Mardi Gras Dance - our annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, 6-10 pm at the parish hall. For tickets and more details please call Dolores Millet at 510-638-7263.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Mass will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11:00 am. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. During the Mass, those who are ill will be invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BLACK FAMILY HISTORY DAY 2018

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and the Oakland Family Search Library present **Black Family History Day 2018**. Oakland Family Search Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602, Sunday February 11, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (PST). For questions and further information call 877-884-2843.

NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

There are millions of slaves on the earth today, including millions of children who will never see the inside of a classroom. Plan to learn something this month about Modern Day Slavery. Visit: sistersagainstrafficking.org. website.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A New Year' resolution... how about to take some time for the two of you -- to be alone and rekindle that flame of love and intimacy. Relax, let go and grow your love for one another by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on May 18-20th. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org

ATTENTION:

We are looking for the picture of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr that was displayed in front of the Ambo, (podium), on the weekend of Dr. King's celebration weekend. If you placed it somewhere for safe keeping or borrowed it for some reason, would you please let us know. It has been graciously loaned to the Church for his celebration for years. It means a lot to the owner and us, it is a cherished memento of Dr. King present in the family for over 30 years, and they would very much like to have it returned. Please advise of it's whereabouts or return it ASAP. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 28	8:30 a.m.	John Evans, Jr.†
	11:00 a.m.	Fidel & RosaMaria Escobar
Monday, January 29	7:30 a.m.	Percival Gallego (L)
Wednesday, January 31	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Friday, February 2	7:30 a.m.	Candelaria Bantay†
Saturday, February 3	4:30 p.m.	Remedios Sesante†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	January 21, 2018	\$3,392.00
"100" CLUB		
Beginning Balance		\$10,458.47
Total Income for December 2017		\$1,265.43
Ending balance as of December, 2017		\$11,723.90
PENNY HARVEST		
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2017		\$1,244.15

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

FEBRUARY 3/4, 2018

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
B. Burns	L. Bornor #	L. Brown-Parker
L. Noriega	J. Grant	D. Cola
	J. Matthews *	C. Hadnot *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Charles Gault
Mary Ellen Simien



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS WILL BE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN FOR ONE MONTH AND EXTENDED UPON REQUEST.

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