

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.

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

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, February 4	8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses	Church
Monday, February 5		
Tuesday, February 6		
Wednesday, February 7		
Thursday, February 8	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Cursillo Fourth Day	Center Church
	6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, February 9	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, February 10	4:30 pm Mass	Church
	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mardi Gras Dance	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

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

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:



In excavations of the city of Capernaum, Archaeologists have found the remains of a first century synagogue, probably the same synagogue Jesus preached in. They also found the fifth-century octagon-shaped church next to the synagogue (fifth-century Christians often built octagon churches to mark important religious landmarks) and two other buildings under the church, One of which is a house that dates back to Jesus day. Inscriptions on the wall of this house identify it as the home of Simon Peter, the apostle; it is probably the same house we hear about in today's Gospel.

Today's gospel and by telling us Jesus preach the good news in the synagogues and he expel demons. Preaching and healing ritual important parts of Jesus ministry.

Jesus message was at the reign of God is here, which meant the Messiah, through whom God would establish the reign, had come into the world. Some of the Jews of Jesus time expected this messiah to be up political/military leader who would defeat their human enemies. That was a big mistake. Jesus was kind of military leader, because the battle he thought was not against human adversaries but against a powerful spiritual foe, evil.

Since many ancient people believed demons and evil spirits caused sickness and disease, every time Jesus healed someone it meant he was defeating evil. Each miracle was a visible sign Jesus was winning his battle against evil and God was retaking control the world. So the reign of God Jesus was preaching about was becoming reality.

In 1 Corinthians 12:27, when St. Paul says the Church is the Body of Christ and we are the members of that body, he means Jesus continues to do the things today that he did 2000 years ago with his physical body. He does these things through you and me because we are his hands and feet and his eyes and ears. Jesus uses us as his instruments to continue defeating evil and making the reign of God grow.

Being part of the Body of Christ means Jesus preaches and heals through you and me. He preaches through us when we share our faith with each other and with our family and friends. Jesus heals through us when we visit the elderly neighbor who suffers from the pain of loneliness and when we support our St. Vincent de Paul

Conference here at St. Benedict or we Feed the homeless in our Oakland streets. So Jesus is still very active in the world and continues to defeat evil and reclaim the world for God's goodness even today.

Being a part of the Body of Christ means we have a responsibility to preach and heal. Make a list of the ways Jesus preaches and heals through us. These are the ways Jesus uses us to make the reign of God grow.

I am writing this from San Diego, or I am attending a regional meeting for Catholic priests and leadership positions. I've been a member of this group for nearly 20 years, and we address the many issues affecting Catholic life in the Western U.S. Some of the topics we are tackling this week include the following: priest sacramental stipend and stole fees; Funeral policies; parish policies under the new marijuana laws; disable priest issues; end-of-life questions in our response as priests; insurance policies over drones; parish and school financial audits; ongoing formation of priests; long-term health care for priests; studies in the condition of parish physical plants; protocols on registered sex offenders in parishes; various state and federal legislation pending regarding the Catholic Church and its issues. Lots of things to address.

I am profoundly grateful to Leonard Pete for preaching last week. We tried something very different with having our choir director give the reflection, and it's obvious by your response that this was met with your approval. I'm very thankful to have someone as gifted as Leonard in our midst. Please be sure to thank him!

Mardi Gras and Lent are fast approaching. Please see the bulletin for all of the events leading up to these special and sacred times.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Charles Gault
Anita Recania
Mary Ellen Simien



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten season. We shall have two Masses on Ash Wednesday – 8:00am and 6:00pm.

NOTICE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

The schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Feb., March and April has been sent via e mail in both pdf and WORD format. If it's not in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

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.

FEBRUARY 8 – FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children, was abducted as a child becoming a slave thereby experiencing the meaning of slavery by living it. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Visit: sistersagainstrafficking.org.

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 4	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, February 5	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 7	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 9	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, February 10	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	January 28, 2018	\$3,142.00
	"100" Club	\$10.00
	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,075.30

"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
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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

FEBRUARY 10/11, 2018

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Soublet	G. Johnson	S. Gressel
D. Dixon	J. Outley	B. Kennedy-Tapscott
		G. McCullough *

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 - ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.
J. Soublet
M. Soublet

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB