

2ND BI-ANNUAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL TOY DRIVE

Please bring **all new unwrapped items** to any of the St. Benedict Mass; look for a collection container in the rear of the church, and place your item(s) in the container, on the table or where it will fit. We will gladly collect them all and deliver to the Children Hospital of Oakland on or before Good Friday! Thanks in advance for your generous support, remembering our Easter Season with Christian Love! **Contact** Lady Lil Brown-Parker (510-206-9942); or any committee member: Ladies Reese Fernandes; Betty Kennedy-Tapscott; Judith Grant; Monica Green; & Theresa Butler of Ct. 336 or Brothers Knight Leonard Pete and/or Grand Knight Marvin Millett of CN 336 for questions and/or additional info.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Parish Bible Study provides the nourishment from Scripture that complements 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 John. Scripture Study begins on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center for 15 weeks. Fee is \$15.00, payable to St. Benedict Church.

DO YOU LIKE WINE AND JAZZ?

The Pastoral Planning Council of Saint Benedict Church cordially invites you and your friends to experience a wonderful afternoon of wine tasting from the Bishops Vineyards on **April 22, 2018 immediately after the 11:00 Mass**. MARK your calendars NOW for a chance to taste a variety of tantalizing wines including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Primitivo, Rose', and Galilean Breeze Brut Rose. Tickets will be available from any Pastoral Council member. Bring your family, friends and enjoy these wonderful wines and raising funds for our church. Enjoy great wine, music and food while helping our parish. Tickets are \$30 with ALL fundraising proceeds going directly to our Parish. **Stay tuned for more!**

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CRAB FEED

Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Saint Benedict Parish Hall. Seating @ 6:30 P.M. Dinner Served @ 7 P.M. Donation-\$50.00. Please Contact: Betty Kennedy-Tapscott @ 510-612-3176.

OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS - SPRING CONCERT

April 14, 2018 - 8:00 pm - Cathedral of Christ the Light
This concert interlaces the music by theme, showing African American Spirituals, which date back to 1600's Colonial America, next to European choral works, exploring similar religious topics such as: spiritual longing, the importance of water, and vigorous praise of God. Tickets: \$20/Advance - \$25/At Door - Free under 18. Order tickets at: Oaklandsymphony.org or 510-444-0802. Be sure to use the following *code* when ordering tickets to receive a discount on the ticket price. Code: Chorus041418.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

is one of the great human rights challenges of this century... Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities – bought, sold, shared, abused and discarded. Ending SLAVERY is EVERYONE'S WORK. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Sistersagainsttrafficking.org**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, March 18	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, March 19	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, March 20	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday, March 21	9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP Distribution of Food Bags	Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Faith Formation Session	Center
Thursday, March 22	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, March 23	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, March 24	4:30 pm	Mass	Church
	6:30 pm	So. Univ. Crab Feed	Hall

PLEASE JOIN US!

LADIES AUXILIARY ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL & COURT 336 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Golden Gate Fields (The Turf Club) on April 21, 2018. Donation \$51.00 per person. Please make check payable to KPC Council 336, or KPCLA Court 336. For more information please call: Audrey Ricks (510) 258-6470 or Lottie Sonnier (510) 635-3384 or Gloria McCullough (510) 604-3833. Thank you for your support.

CBCF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CBC Spouses Performing Arts Scholarship
Amount: \$3,000 each (10 recipients)
Application Deadline: April 20, 2018**

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship
Amount: \$3,000 each (10 recipients)
Application Deadline: April 20, 2018**

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship
Amount: Varies (\$500 - \$8,200)
Application Deadline: May 18, 2018**

CBC Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program, sponsored by United Health Foundation

Amount: Varies - (Minimum \$8000)
Application Deadline: Check website

Contact Regina Guillory, District Agent @ 510.467-9787 For Details

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.



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

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

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

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 many Gospel stories, Jesus calls himself "the Son of Man," a title some Jewish people may have associated with the Messiah, a military leader who would free them from foreign oppression. To understand the connection between these two terms, let's look at the context in which "the Son of Man" appears in the Old Testament.

"Son of Man" first appears in Daniel 7:13, a verse that is part of a chapter in which the author talks about four great military powers all trying, at different times, to control the world. Because these ruthless and merciless forces put fear in the hearts of anyone who stood in their way, the author uses images of frightening beasts to describe the them. So in Daniel 7:1-8 we read about a lion with eagle's wings (Babylonians), a bear with three tusks (Medes), a leopard with four wings and four heads (Persians) and a beast with iron teeth and ten horns (Assyrians).

The author of the book of Daniel tries to give hope to his audience by saying that God will one day send a new power to conquer the world, a power that will rule more like a human being (a son of man) than like an animal. Instead of instilling fear, this new power will reign with justice and compassion.

Because each of the animals in Daniel 7:1-8 symbolizes a mighty nation, not an individual, some Jewish people concluded that the "Son of Man" was also symbolic of a nation - the Jewish nation. They believed that one day God will use them to conquer the world and through them God will rule the world like it should be ruled. They called this period of time with God in control the reign or the reign of God.

Other Jews realized that their nation couldn't establish the reign of God all by itself so they believed God would help them by sending someone gifted with the divine spirit to lead them in battle. So the Son of Man sometimes referred to an individual instead of a nation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says it's time for the Son of Man to be glorified. Although he is talking about his own death, many of the Jews understood this to mean the day they were waiting for had finally arrived. The Messiah has come into the world and God's reign was about to begin.

Some of the Jewish people believed they were God's instrument for change in the world. Pray this week that we too will be God's instrument so our families and friends can and will experience God's love and forgiveness through us.

We're getting closer and closer to this most special time in our church calendar, as we approach the Sacred Days of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday). Please check out the calendar in the bulletin for the schedule of upcoming events in this Holy Week, Triduum and Easter.

We will have a lector refresher training session this Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in the church. All lectors are expected to attend.

Congratulations to our own Fran Porter, who last Saturday in Tucson, Arizona, was awarded the Golden Soror award at the Far Western Regional Conference. Fran is still very excited and humbled to receive recognition for her participation and volunteer work at age 93 3/4! Fran's inclusion in the Catholic Voice as an unsung hero helped and she grateful for that. Fran shared that she was honored and humbled when her name was called before 850 members. Fran felt raw nerves and shaking as she walked up to receive her award. Much blessings and best wishes to our dear Fran Porter!

Lots going on here at St. Benedict! Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields, our Parish Pastoral Council Wine Tasting Fundraiser, the Southern University Crab Feed. Please keep your eyes on the bulletin to see what's going on!

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

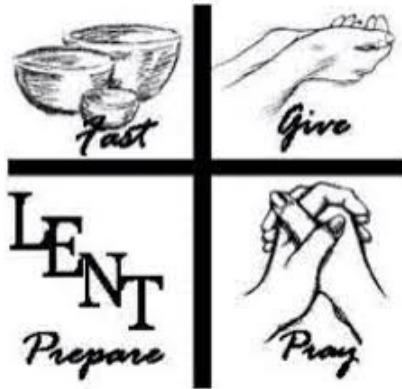
Please pray for the sick, especially:

Charles Gault
Anita Recania



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SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon, All parishioners are welcome.

Days of Abstinence

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals) to all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 29 at 6:30 pm
followed by potluck.

Lent ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is Passion of Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Good Friday, March 30th at 1:00 pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 31st at 8:00 pm
The Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Monday, April 2nd at 8:00 am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK

Please sign-up for the Holy Thursday Potluck. Sign-up sheets are available on the table at the back of the church.

EASTER LILIES

Help us create a beautiful environment for the Easter Season. Your gift of Easter Lilies may be made in honor of a loved one, in memory of the loved or simply as a gift. Please drop-off the Easter Lilies and Potted Floral plants on Friday, March 23rd, and on the weekend of March 24th and the 25th. Please don't bring cut flowers until Good Friday. Thank you.

RICE BOWL

Our parish will participate in Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, Operations Rice Bowl, as part of our Lenten Observance. Throughout Lent, operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and love ones. Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please return those envelopes on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 18	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, March 19	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 21	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, March 24	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	March 11, 2018	\$4,864.09
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$160.00
	Catholic Relief Services	\$582.43

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$12,531.61
Total Income for February 2018	\$821.90
Ending balance as of February 28, 2018	\$13,353.51

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2018	\$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

MARCH 24/25, 2018

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
J. Moore	A. West	L. Brown-Parker
G. McCullough	L. Robertson	L. Dixon #
		A. Swayne *
		W. Sykes-Bush *

MARCH 29, 2018 - HOLY THURSDAY - 6:30 PM

J. Garibaldi
D. Cola

MARCH 30, 2018 - GOOD FRIDAY - 1:00 PM

L. Noriega
M. Soublet

MARCH 31, 2018 - EASTER VIGIL - 8:00 PM

R. Guillory
L. Palmeri

