

ST LOUIS BERTRAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

The 1st Annual Sister Thea Bowman Celebratory Mass
1410 100th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94603. (Sat) April 21,
2018 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Cultural attire welcomed. **For more
information: Joi Boatwright (510) 205-4062**

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. Sistersagainstrafficking.
org**

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.

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is 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.

SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses Church
7:00 am - 2:00 pm Pancake Breakfast Hall

Monday, March 26

Tuesday, March 27
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, March 28

9:00 am - 11:00 am Distribution of Food Bags Hall

Holy Thursday, March 29

6:30 pm Mass Church
After Mass Holy Thursday Potluck Hall

Good Friday, March 30

1:00 pm Liturgy of The Lord Church
After Mass Black Nazarene Procession Parking Lot
Refreshment Hall

Holy Saturday, March 31

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Church

PLEASE JOIN US!

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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**

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



PALM SUNDAY



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

www.saintbenedictoakland.com

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



To understand the rich meaning of the story of Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem while riding on the back of a donkey, we first need to refresh our memories about what some Jewish authorities taught about the Messiah.

The Messiah was supposed to be a political/military hero who would lead the Jews in battle and defeat their enemies. Through him, God will establish the Reign of peace and justice. Because the Messiah was also supposed to be a descendent of King David, the great warrior king of the Old Testament who ruled in God's name, the Jews sometimes called him "The Son of David" or "the one who comes in the Lord's name."

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, his followers also cried out "Hosanna," a Greek word that means "save us, we pray." "Hosanna" is part of Psalm 118, a psalm associated with the Messiah that the Jews recited during the Feast of the Tabernacles.

Because he had royal blood in him, the Jews believe the Messiah deserved the red carpet treatment. The people demonstrated this belief when they spread their cloaks and branches on the ground in front of the donkey Jesus was riding. By their words and their actions, the people of Jerusalem proclaimed their belief that Jesus was the Messiah for whom they had been waiting.

Jesus accepted the title of Messiah, but he had his own idea of what the Messiah would be. A political/military leader usually travels on a horse, an animal used in battle because of its speed and power, but Jesus chose to ride into the city on a donkey, a beast of burden and a sign of humility. In this way Jesus indicated he was not going to be the expected triumphant military Messiah but a humble servant of God who would conquer sin and death by dying on the cross.

Despite being in a position of power and authority, Jesus was still humble and obedient to the Father. Each day this week we pray for a different person who has power and authority in the church, in the government, or at our place of employment. Pray that these people, like Jesus, may except their position and responsibility in humility and obedience to God's will. Is there a moment this week we can pray for these folks?

This week we call holy is the highlight of our Catholic liturgical year as we commemorate and remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I hope that we can all find ways to connect with those moments in our lives where we have been through our own set of struggles and have come to experience our own Easter victories. Holy Week and the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) are meant to remind us of the essence of our Christian faith, that Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to new life, and that we to as believers of Christ will experience the same. These Easter mysteries also help us to endure times of struggle and pain with the hope that God reassuring

presence would be with us during those difficult times.

Next week is Easter, a very exciting time for all Christian people, and particularly those, like yourselves, who belong to worshiping communities. As if I don't need to remind you of this, but please feel free to invite your family and friends who don't often come to church to do so certainly next week on this most important day of our Christian calendar. St. Benedict Parish is known to be very warm and welcoming place, and we would like for folks to experience that reality.

On behalf of our staff here at St. Benedict, abundant blessings to each and everyone of you in this very sacred Holy Week!

Just as a reminder - Lector Sharing begins this Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM in the rectory. If you are a scheduled lector for the upcoming weekend, you are strongly encouraged to attend. I will lead and facilitate the sharing, as well as provide a gumbo dinner. This is being done to enhance the ministry of our lectors in this important service to our worshiping family here at St. Benedict.

Words can't begin to express our gratitude for the love that was shown last Saturday as we bid farewell to our dear Earline Gilbert. I can't remember the last time someone was sent back home to God with such love, faith, joy, and care as Earline was at this celebration of her life last week. A special word of thanks to the following for their contributions to last week's gathering on behalf of Earline:

- Julie Hadnot - Solo
Dionne Cola - Reflection
Leonard Pete - Music
Jorge Watson - DJ
Romel Lucas - Photography
Alex Schmitt
Timothy Edgerly
KPC Ladies and Men
Pastoral Planning Committee
Members of the Cursillo Community
The Gilbert's Family and Friends
The Voices of St. Benedict "The Choir"
Judge David Krashna for donation.

God bless, Fr. Jayson Landeza

Please pray for the sick, especially:

- Charles Gault
Anita Recania



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
(No Morning Mass on Good Friday)

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

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Parish Bible Study provides the nourishment from Scripture that compliments 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.

DON'T MISS THIS!

Enjoy an afternoon of Wine Tasting, feasting on Delectable Delights, moving and grooving to the Smooth Jazz sounds of Bay Area Jazz Society, featuring the accomplished Mr. Paul Tillman-Smith and friends. This event will be on Sunday, April 22nd at 12:30. Tantalize your taste buds with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Primitovo, Rose', and Galilean Breeze Brut Rose,' all from the Bishop's Vineyards. Tickets are available now from any member of the Pastoral Planning Council. Bring family and friends and enjoy this fantastic fund raiser for our Church. Tickets are \$30 with all proceeds going to the parish renovations fund.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Includes Palm Sunday, March 25 (8:30 am, 11:00 am) and other days.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Table with 3 columns: Collection, Date, Amount. Includes March 17/18, 2018 and '100' Club.

'100' CLUB

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Beginning Balance, Total Income for February 2018, and Ending balance as of February 28, 2018.

PENNY HARVEST

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Ending Balance as of February 28, 2018.

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 31, 2018 - HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM

- R. Guillory
L. Palmeri
J. Soublet

APRIL 1, 2018 - EASTER SUNDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, Name. Includes 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

HOLY LAND - GOOD FRIDAY

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday