

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 or
<https://cbcfinc.academicworks.com/opportunities> For Details

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.

LOOKING FOR HOUSING

Hello St Benedict's. My name is MerrineMcDonald. I am very excited about moving to Oakland this summer. I am from Louisiana and have lived in Atlanta for many years. Now I am Moving to be close to my son and daughter in law. I have not been able to find housing. If you or someone you know has affordable housing for me and my two 8lb pups, please contact me by email : mtmcdonaldlcsw@yahoo.com, or call 202. 815.7094. Thank you

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**

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Eva Augillard
 Charles Gault
 Kalene Parker
 Anita Recania



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

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, April 29 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, April 30 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Tuesday, May 1 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Wednesday, May 2 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Wellness Program Bible Study	Hall Center
Thursday, May 3 6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, May 4 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Line Dancing Class 1st Communion Reconciliation	Hall Church
Saturday, May 5 9:00 am 4:30 pm	1st Communion Rehearsal Mass 1st Saturday Dance	Church Church 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

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:



Jesus was a successful preacher because he often talked about topics familiar to the people of his day. Today's Gospel reading is a good example. Grape vines were plentiful in first-century Palestine and grapes were one of the most important crops at that time, sometimes eaten right off of the vine and sometimes dried into raisins or made into wine (the most common drink at a meal in Jesus' day).

Growing grapes was a lot of work. The vinegrower first prepared the soil by removing all sticks and stones and then either planting a hedge of prickly plants around the field or building a fence of stones to keep out all animals that might destroy the crop. Then he constructed a watch tower so a guard could keep watch over the crop and protect it from mischievous enemies. Finally, he built a wine press and vat so he could make wine from the grapes.

Once planted, the vines grew quickly and the vinegrower had to train them on trellises, sides of the houses, or on trees. He pruned the vines regularly and trimmed away branches that didn't bear fruit so they would not needlessly drain the vine of water and nutrients. Because the wood of the vine was useless, the vinedresser usually burned all of the pruned branches.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says he is the vine and we are the branches. This means that just as the branches depend on the vine for physical life and nourishment, we depend on Jesus for our spiritual life and nourishment.

We are fruitful branches if we make Jesus' love and presence known to those around us visiting the lonely, feeding the hungry, and clothing the needy. We do so because that's what being a follower of Jesus is about and because Jesus is the source of our life and strength.

The non-productive branches, those that don't bear fruit, are people who live their lives only for themselves, inattentive of the needs of others. These people will wither and die because the vine dresser will prune them away so they are no longer drawing life and nutrients from the vine. Just as no branch can survive without the vine, neither can we survive spiritually without Jesus.

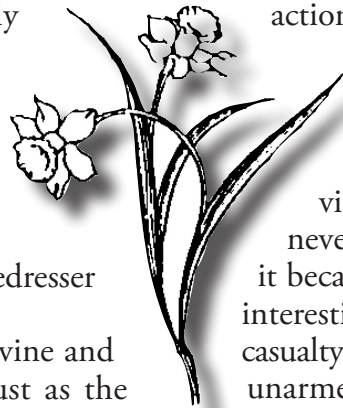
What are some of the bad habits we have to prune out of our lives so that we can be more productive Christians? Pray this week that Jesus will help us be a more fruitful branch.

Speaking of grapes, and by extension, wines, I want to thank members of the Parish Pastoral Council and other volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to help make last week's Wine Tasting fundraiser a wonderfully successful event. This all began with a discussion with Jim Peterson with Catholic Funeral and Cremation Services (CFCS), our diocesan mortuary. A former parishioner of mine from St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon, I connected Jim with Dr. Chiquita Tuttle, our Pastoral Council Chairperson, in order to facilitate this wine tasting, which used the wines processed by the grapes grown on diocesan cemetery properties. I know that many of you had great time, since you commented to me and others on how much you enjoyed the event, and how we should make this an annual or biannual event. We'll discuss this at Parish Pastoral Council. Thanks to all who were able to attend!

Like many of you, I've been inspired by the heroic action of James Shaw, Jr, and how he thwarted the actions of a gunman who killed four people in a Waffle House outside of Nashville, Tennessee. He also began a gofundme account to raise monies for the victims families. Oddly (or not) enough, 45 never acknowledged Mr. Shaw's selfless act - was it because Mr. Shaw is African American? It's also interesting that these Anglo men involved in mass casualty incidents always seem to be taken alive, while unarmed African American men, in more recent shootings accused of much less egregious behavior, are met with death at the hands of law enforcement?

Is it just me, or does it seem as though there are more incidents of explicit racial bigotry and discrimination than before? I'm thinking about an African American woman beaten by law enforcement at a Waffle House in Alabama; the intervention of police in response by white men who felt that their "delay of play" at a country club golf course by female African American golfers (and fellow country club members) warranted a law enforcement response. Closer to home, a "Cornology" popcorn shop owner was accused of referring to young people of color in his Emeryville store with the "n" word. It the current climate, fostered by 45 and his followers, that are helping to perpetrate this bigotry and racism. Pray that our righteous anger and frustration will lead us to healing and peace as a society, culture and country.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION

1st Reconciliation – May 4, 2018 – 6:00 pm
Rehearsal – May 5, 2018 – 9:00 am
1st Communion – 11:00 am. Mass

ROSARY OF OUR LADY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 am Mass).

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out 2018 will be here before we know it. Anyone interested in serving on the NNO committee please contact Tara Sykes at tsykes6526@aol.com or Linda Palmeri at lindapalmeri@sbcglobal.net so that we can start planning for this event. We encourage everyone to get involved.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Do you know your state laws to combat human trafficking? Are local law enforcement personnel knowledgeable about human trafficking so that they can be effective resources?. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Website: Sistersagainsttrafficking.org**

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Holy Redeemer Center on 5/25/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 29	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, April 30	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, May 2	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 4	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, May 5	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	April 22, 2018	\$5,310.17
Other Collection:	Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$642.50
	"100" Club	\$5.00
	Rice Bowl	\$27.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$13,353.51
Total Income for March 2018	\$1,176.25
Total Expense for March 2018	\$1,098.23
Ending balance as of March 31, 2018	\$13,431.53

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2018	\$1,296.68
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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

MAY 5/6, 2018

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
B. Burns	G. Johnson	L. Brown-Parker
J. Garibaldi	L. Noriega	R. Guillory
		W. Sykes-Bush*

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
ANTOINETTE HARRIS
Please remember her family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND