

## 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](mailto: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:*

Michael Bozman  
Richard Di Bona  
Dori McGee-Lundy  
Kalene Parker  
Anita Recania  
Linda Smith  
Dakota Soublet  
Myrtle Thrower  
Alexis Walker  
Geraldine Walker



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS WILL BE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN

## St. Benedict's Weekly Events

<b>Sunday, June 3</b> 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
<b>Monday, June 4</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 5</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 6</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Wellness Program Bible Study	Hall Center
<b>Thursday, June 7</b> 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. Choir Rehearsal	Center Church
<b>Friday, June 8</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
<b>Saturday, June 9</b> 4:30 pm	Mass	Church

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## 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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**



When people in biblical times entered into an agreement, they didn't draw up a contract and sign it because most of them did not know how to read or write. Instead, they sealed the agreement by going through a little ceremony. That's exactly what happens in today's first reading.

In that reading, Moses stands at the foot of the mountain, and after reading the conditions of the agreement, he takes the blood of young bulls and sprinkle some of it on the altar and the rest on the people. As he does this, he says the blood is that of the covenant God is making with the Jewish people. In this way, Moses and the people ratify the covenant or contract that they enter into with the Lord. In this contract, they promised to obey the commandments and the Lord promises he will take care of them because they are the Lord's special people.

Although the ceremonies used to ratify an agreement differed from time to time and from place to place, there was one thing they had in common. Blood was always an important part of the ceremonies because ancient people believe blood was the source of life. They use the blood of animals as a symbolic way of saying that the agreement was coming to life. The shedding of blood made the agreement official.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus takes the cup of wine and says it is his blood, the blood of the covenant. Jesus used his own blood to give life to a new covenant between his followers and his Father in heaven. Jesus' blood made our covenant with God official.

Notice that all three of today's readings contain the word "covenant." The dictionary defines this word as a "contract or agreement." Although this isn't an incorrect definition, it really isn't an adequate one either.

A covenant is a contract or agreement in which the parties who are entering into the agreement share their lives with each other. Covenant in this context involves a relationship, a very close relationship built on love. It was Jesus' blood that made such a close and loving relationship between God and us a reality.

God wants to share his life with us but he will not force himself into our lives. Take time today to invite God into our lives. Ask God to teach us how to love as God loves.

We continue to mourn the sudden and tragic death of Ah'Kenya Ragland, the only son of our own

Yvonne Banks, who is one of two longtime members of our Gospel Choir. Ah' Kenya was headed to work on Thursday, May 17th, when he was broadsided by someone driving a stolen vehicle and blasting through a red light. His funeral was held this past Wednesday here at St. Benedict Church, with Father Jay Matthews presiding. We continue to hold Yvonne close to our hearts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Like many of you, I have been following the incident surrounding Rosanne Barr's racist and offensive Twitter post disparaging Valerie Jarrett, formerly a senior advisor and close confidant to President Barack and Michelle Obama. The current political climate seems to encourage such vitriol, and it comes as no surprise that 45 has not publicly condemned Barr's comments. On a personal level, I never liked Rosanne Barr, and have often considered her brand of humor lowbrow and base. I am relieved that ABC/Disney decided to cancel her upcoming season, and that other entertainment networks are pulling their reruns and episodes of "Rosanne".

Congratulations to all who are graduating or advancing from and to various academic institutions. This is indeed an exciting time for so many, particularly those who are matriculating from high schools and colleges & universities.

I've been mentioning that we will soon have a retired priest within our midst - Fr. Vince Cotter. Fr. Vince will be having his farewell Mass this afternoon at Christ the King parish in Pleasant Hill, where he has served as Parochial Vicar/Associate Pastor for the past few years. Born and raised in San Francisco, Vince began as a priest in the Salesians, a teaching order dedicated to serving young people. He eventually came over to the Diocese of Oakland, most recently serving as Pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Antioch, St. Phillip Neri parish in Alameda (where he also served as Alameda Fire Department Chaplain), and as I aforementioned, Parochial Vicar of Christ the King, Pleasant Hill. Vince will be joining us sometime in August.

**God bless,  
Fr. Jayson Landeza**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Center.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018**

Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**PARISH PICNIC**

Sunday, July 8, 2018, 9AM – 5PM. at San Leandro Marina Park, Seagull Site, 1400 Monarch Bay Drive, at Leandro, CA. Mass at the Park begins at 9:30 AM. For more details, please contact Leonard Pete, our Choir Director and Picnic Coordinator.

**CRISTO REY DE LA SALLE**

A Catholic Lasallian High School rooted in personalized learning and social justice. Are you still Looking For a High School? At Cristo Rey De La Salle we are busy preparing to welcome our founding class of 2022. We have invested millions of dollars to renovate our campus and equip it with the best tech of today and tomorrow. We've secured corporate Jobs for our founding class and great scholarships just for you! We can't wait for YOU to be a part of our founding class. Don't miss out on being part of our founding class. Apply today. For information call/text (646) 519-0362. Email us at admissions@cristoreydelasalle.org. Or visit our website at www.cristoreydelasalle.org to complete your application. For more information, please pick up the fliers on the table at the back of the church.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Predators are at work throughout the year – summer is no exception. Learn more about human trafficking/modern day slavery so that you can be more alert to trafficking situations. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Website: Sistersagainstrafficking.org**

**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, June 3	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Josephine Soublet Birthday
Monday, June 4	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 6	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 8	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 9	4:30 p.m.	

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Collection:	<b>May 27, 2018</b>	\$2,761.53
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,662.10

**"100" CLUB**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$13,431.53</b>
Total Income for April 2018	\$460.00
Total Expense for April 2018	\$3,550.00
<b>Ending balance as of April 30, 2018</b>	<b>\$10,341.53</b>

**PENNY HARVEST**

<b>Ending Balance as of April 30, 2018</b>	<b>\$1,296.68</b>
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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**

**JUNE 9/10, 2018**

*There is a practice and faith sharing session for these Lectors on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Rectory.*

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L. Palmeri	R. LeBlanc-Cunningham	R. Guillory
B. Burns	J. Grant	J. Wilson #
		G. McCullough *
		O. Wanzo *

**SECOND COLLECTION  
"100" CLUB**