

**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.

**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 10</b> 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
<b>Monday, June 11</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 12</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 13</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Wellness Program Bible Study	Hall Center
<b>Thursday, June 14</b> 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day Choir Rehearsal	Center Church
<b>Friday, June 15</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
<b>Saturday, June 16</b> 4:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mass Zydeco Dance	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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

[www.saintbenedictoakland.com](http://www.saintbenedictoakland.com)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



In today's Gospel, the scribes accuse Jesus of casting out demons with the help of Beelzebul, the prince of demons. Beelzebul is a form of Baal, the Canaanite god of weather who controlled the forces of nature (like thunderstorms, wind, rain, etc.). The Canaanites believed Baal sent rain and sun to make the crops grow if he was happy but destroyed the crops with drought, flood, or some other natural catastrophe if he was upset.

Baal was also the god of fertility and because he was involved with the goddess Astarte, temple prostitutes were part of the pagan worship ritual in his honor. To please Baal and Astarte, someone would imitate them by sleeping with the temple prostitute. It's easy to understand why Baal became a very popular god.

The Jewish people were introduced to Baal worship by their pagan neighbors. The prophets and Jewish leaders warned the Jews about the dangers of worshipping this false god but many of them gave up their faith in the one, true God anyway. Faithful Jews ridiculed Baal worship by first changing the God's name to Baalzebub, which means "lord of the flies" and then Baalzebul meaning "lord of the dung." Eventually Baalzebul became Beelzebul, the name in today's Gospel. By the time Jesus came around, the Jews pictured Beelzebul as a very powerful prince of demons.

Ignorant about germs and bacteria, the people in biblical times believed that demons caused sickness. So they interpreted Jesus' healing miracles as exorcisms of these demons. The scribes in today's Gospel figure that Jesus receives his power to expel demons from Beelzebul, the prince of demons. This accusation didn't make much sense because it means Beelzebul was fighting against his own troops, and if this was the case, his kingdom couldn't last.

The Gospel story ends with a surprising and shocking statement. Most people believe that God will forgive all sins, no matter what the sin might be. But Jesus said that one sin, the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, could not be forgiven. Although biblical scholars aren't sure what this sin is, some suggest it may be when a person says the Holy Spirit's power comes from the devil. This would be like saying that God is the devil, and since the devil does not force sins, forgiveness would not be possible.

Some people think that witnessing a miracle would make their faith in Jesus stronger. But there were many people who witnessed Jesus making the blind see, the deaf hear, and the paralyzed walk but still didn't believe in him. Faith sometimes leads to miracles but miracles don't always lead to faith. Pray today for greater faith for ourselves and for our families and friends.

Like many of you, I am somewhat relieved that the primary elections, if for any reason because it gives us a temporary respite from the 24-7 bombardment of political ads that have saturated the TV and airwaves. I support that we'll have a bit of a break for the summer until after Labor Day, the traditional beginning of the run-up towards the November elections.

Quite a number of you have asked about meeting with friends of yours who are running for various local offices. I am happy to do so, and as well willing to provide a format for them to speak at Mass. Please continue to work with me to ensure that our parishioners hear from folks running to represent us in local elective bodies.

The continued drama with 45 manifested itself this week with the "uninvitation" of the Philadelphia Eagles, the current Super Bowl Champs. Having accused them of disrespecting the National Anthem and the military, 45 apparently didn't do his homework, and touted falsely that Eagles' players knelt and remained in the locker room while the anthem was rendered. The Fox Channel even showed players kneeling. It took Eagles' players to inform folks that they were kneeling in prayer, prior to the National Anthem. Ugh.

Again, a reminder about the upcoming Parish Picnic in July, our National Night Out in August, Father's Day next week, Fr. Vince Cotter's arrival here in the beginning of August, Fr. Aris' Martin's continued presence with us this summer. Don't forget and go see the most recent movie about Pope Francis - very inspiring!

How about those Dubs?!

God bless,  
Fr. Jayson Landeza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH PRESENTS....

BLACKCAT ZYDECO SUMMER HEAT, featuring Dwight Carrier on Saturday, June 16, 2018, 6-10pm at the Parish Hall. Donation: \$20, food included. There will be lots of Louisiana Southern Cuisine! Beverages will be available for purchase. For tickets: see Leonard Pete, (510) 917-2390 – mleonardpete@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the social services arm for the Diocese of Oakland and one of the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We help families in need rise above poverty and live self-sufficient lives. Learn about the programs of Catholic Charities at an upcoming **Transforming Lives Tour**. You will learn about:

- . Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- . Homelessness prevention through housing
- . An update on "Claire's House", home for trafficked minors
- . School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- . Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

Learn how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. Register at [www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour](http://www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour). For more information, contact Sween Gardner at [sgardner@cceb.org](mailto:sgardner@cceb.org) or (510)768-3161.

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 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@crstoreydelasalle.org](mailto:admissions@crstoreydelasalle.org). Or visit our website at [www.cristoreydelasalle.org](http://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](http://Sistersagainstrafficking.org)**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 10	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, June 11	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 13	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 15	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 16	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>June 3, 2018</b>	\$5,000.72
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$614.15
	<b>"100" CLUB</b>	
Beginning Balance		<b>\$10,341.53</b>
Total Income for May 2018		\$904.25
<b>Ending balance as of May 31, 2018</b>		<b>\$11,245.78</b>
	<b>PENNY HARVEST</b>	
<b>Ending Balance as of May 31, 2018</b>		<b>\$1,296.68</b>

*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 16/17, 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>
J. Garibaldi	L. Noriega	Leon Watson #
I. Dees	L. Robertson	Lucia Watson
		C. Hadnot *
		W. Sykes -Bush*