

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY



Studies show that the number of people who kill themselves increases in the months following high-profile suicides. The tragic deaths of Fashion Icon Kate Spade and Celebrity Chef Anthony Bourdain remind us that no one is immune; including the people we know and love. If a person expresses hopelessness, loses interest in what used to bring joy or engages in risky behavior, she or he might be at risk. Mental Health First Aid trainings seek to empower community members to respond compassionately and directly when someone experiences a mental health challenge. In addition, Catholic Charities' Mental Health First Aid facilitators take pride in adding restorative and culturally aware ideas and discussions into these trainings. We offer Mental Health First Aid trainings focused on adult and adolescent mental health. These trainings are offered in Spanish or English. To register for an upcoming Youth or Adult Mental Health First Aid training, please visit our website at www.cceb/mental-health-first-aid/

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.

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, June 24	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, June 25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, June 26	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Wednesday, June 27	9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP-Distribution of Food Bags	Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study	Center
Thursday, June 28	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day	Center
Friday, June 29	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing	Hall
Saturday, June 30	4:30 pm	Mass	Church

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

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:



Even though it's pretty unusual for an older woman like John the Baptist's mother, Elizabeth, to conceive and give birth, she wasn't the only woman in the Bible to find herself in this situation. There are two other famous mothers who were in similar circumstances.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, was 86 years old when she gave birth to her son, Issac. Along with Abraham and Jacob, the Jews revere Issac as one of the three patriarchs of their people.

Hannah was also advanced in age when she was pregnant with her son, Samuel. When Samuel grew up, he became a great prophet of the Lord who sent him first to anoint Saul and then David as king of the Jewish people.

Just as Issac and Samuel became God's instruments for changing the course of history, the unusual circumstances surrounding the birth of John indicate God was also setting him aside for an important task. That task was to announce the coming of the Messiah.

The Gospels don't tell us anything about John's childhood except that he lived in the desert until he began preaching (Luke 1:80). This detail and the fact he began preaching near the Jordan River has led some biblical scholars to suggest that the Essenes, a group of strict Jews who lived near the spot where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea, raised John after his parents, Zachariah and Elizabeth, had died.

The Essenes developed their own community in the desert because they believed an illegitimate priesthood corrupted the Temple worship in Jerusalem. As a result, they had their own priests who, in accordance with Scripture, were descendants of Zadok, the high priest in Solomon's time. Individual Essenes who lived in the community didn't own property, but they did practice celibacy and they gathered together regularly for ritual meals. The Essenes believed there would be two messiahs (one political and one religious), and that the world was a battleground for a struggle between the sons of light (good) and the sons of darkness (evil). They also stressed ritual purity through ceremonial washings and strict observance of Jewish laws.

Both John and Jesus probably had contact with the Essenes and were familiar with their teachings. Some of both John's and Jesus' teachings are similar to those of the Essenes, but biblical scholars can't agree if the Essenes influenced John and Jesus or if the similarities

are due to their common Jewish background. The only thing certain is that scholars will be debating this issue for many years to come.

John's task was to point to Jesus, the Messiah. Do we say or do anything that points to Jesus being our Messiah? Is it obvious to others that we believe in Jesus?

As I am writing this, the Trump administration has just rescinded its policy of separating and incarnating minor children from parents seeking asylum or entering this country undocumented. The heartless cruelty of placing these children without their parents has been covered extensively by the media, and the practice has been almost resoundingly condemned by religious, political, governmental and societal leaders from across the U.S. and around the world, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Pope Francis.

The state-sanctioned, governmental separation of families is nothing new - many of your ancestors have had to endure such cruelties in the time of slavery. It was horrendous then, and it's despicable now! There is no excuse for the pain inflicted on these babies, toddlers and children - pure evil.

Often times within the African American community, it has been said that "God don't like ugly!" The separation and incarnation of children by our government is nothing but ugly. God is not pleased with this. May God have mercy on us as a country. May God have mercy on those separated children and their parents.

I will be gone from Monday, June 25 to Thursday, June 28 - this time for ATF work. I am chaplain for the San Francisco Field Division of the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and I have a class in Crescent City on Wednesday. I have always wanted to drive up U.S. Highway 101 to the Oregon border, and since the ATF has a class in Crescent City, I thought I'd make a road trip and mini-vacation out of it. Fr. Aris will hold down the fort while I'm gone!

**God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza**

**SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND
"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Just a reminder folks: You can continue to support our fundraising efforts. If you enjoyed our wine tasting event and found one you especially liked, please continue to order and enjoy as the Church will receive a percentage of the purchase price which then goes to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The National Night Out committee would appreciate donations of boxed drinks and individually wrapped chips and cookies. Please leave your donation in the blue bind located in the back of the church. We are also in need of raffle prizes; i.e. gift cards and movie ticket. Please give these items to Divina in the church office or a member of the NNO committee or Pastoral Council. Thank you for your generosity."

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.

EOCP

Housing Assistance for Veterans with the East Oakland Community Project. The Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) program provides real and timely assistance for homeless and at risk veterans. Qualifying veterans may receive help with:

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| Deposits | Moving |
| Rent (Limited Time) | DD214 |
| Housing Search and placement | Legal Assistance |
| Employment Assistance | Emergency Housing |

If you or anyone you know is a homeless or at risk veteran please call and speak with the EOCP Veterans Outreach Team for help. Arthur Sands: 510-314-6939, Zelon Harrison – 510-593-0768

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 24	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Augustus Moore, Jr. + Yvonne Matthews Birthday For The People
Monday, June 25	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, June 27	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 29	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 30	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	June 17, 2018	\$4,983.00
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$25.00
"100" CLUB		
Beginning Balance		\$10,341.53
Total Income for May 2018		\$904.25
Ending balance as of May 31, 2018		\$11,245.78

PENNY HARVEST		
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2018		\$1,296.68

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 30/JULY 1, 2018

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

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	C. Ologbosele	L. Dixon #
J. Soublet	M. Soublet	C. McIntyre
		O. Wanzo *
		W. Sykes-Bush *

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



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