

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CONSULTATION



Come in to see if you qualify for an immigration benefit. We help people apply for family-based visa petitions, consular processing, inadmissibility waivers, U visas, VAWA, TPS, residency applications and renewals, asylum and SIJS for unaccompanied minors, FOIA, naturalization, and more. Bring any related documents with you to help with your case.

Oakland (510)768-3100, Thursdays 9:00AM-12:00PM (walk-in)
Richmond (510)234-5110, Tuesdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (by appointment)
Concord (925)825-3099, Wednesdays 1:30PM-4:30PM (by appointment). For more information, visit www.cceb.org

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

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.

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, July 15	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, July 16	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Tuesday, July 17	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Wednesday, July 18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Thursday, July 19	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, July 20	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing	Hall
Saturday, July 21	4:30 pm	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

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:



The story in today's Gospel begins with Jesus sending the apostles out in pairs to preach and to heal. There were probably two reasons why Jesus didn't want the apostles to go out alone.

Cities were far apart and a person going from one city to the next journeyed over long stretches of desert roads that were not heavily traveled. This meant that anyone foolish enough to travel by themselves were easy prey for the many gangs waiting in ambush to rob and beat those who came along.

There was also a Jewish law which said that a judge could not find an accused person guilty if there was only one witness to the alleged offense. The purpose of the law was to protect an innocent person from a neighbor or acquaintance who might make up a story for revenge or blackmail. So under no circumstances could a judge consider the testimony of only one person sufficient.

The Jews applied the above mentioned law not only in cases involving someone's guilt or innocence, but also in other everyday matters as well. If Jesus had sent out apostles individually to testify that the reign of God was indeed here, they would have covered twice as many cities but the people who heard them could have challenged their testimony because the required second witness would not have been present. They would have questioned if what the apostles were saying was fact or fiction. By going out in pairs, the apostles verified each other's testimony and those who heard would have accepted it was the truth.

The Gospel story ends with the apostles expelling demons and anointing the sick with oil. Ancient people used oil as a symbol of healing and strength. Athletes rubbed it all over their bodies before competing in sporting events and doctors prescribed it for a variety of illnesses. Today, many Christian denominations continue to use blessed oil for sacraments and prayer, most notably our Catholic Church. This oil is symbolic of the spiritual strength and spiritual healing Jesus gives us through the Christian community in our time of need.

Jesus told the apostles not to stay where they weren't welcome. Do those who visit St. Benedict feel welcome by us? How can we make them feel more at home?

If someone was visiting our parish picnic last week at the San Leandro Marina, they would have received a warm and generous welcome by those in attendance. As was the case in previous years, but more specifically at our new site at the San Leandro Marina, the picnic served as a wonderful backdrop for a splendid day to celebrate the feast of Saint Benedict and joyous and hospitable community that we are. I know that there are

so many people that need to be recognized and thanked for their contribution in making that day a very special one. By next week, I am hoping to compile a list of names of those who were instrumental in making our picnic a success. If there's one person that should be singled out for his extra human energy, strength, and vision for this event, it would be our beloved Leonard Pete. He helped organize everything from the food we ate, the Mass and the liturgical set up, bringing food and supplies from the church rectory to the picnic grounds and back, securing many of the volunteers needed for the picnic - you name it, Leonard did it! I can't begin to thank Leonard Pete for all his hard work in making the picnic a wonderfully successful event!

The Roman Catholic Church lost a dear and faithful servant this week with the death of Bishop Richard Garcia, the Bishop of Monterey, California. Bishop Garcia was one of my favorite instructors at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, when I was preparing for ordination to the priesthood back in the mid-1980's. A beloved, humble, faith-filled man who was deeply pastoral and extraordinarily caring and down-to-earth, a rarity for an ordinary these days. Rest In Peace, Bishop Garcia.

I am writing this from Lexington, Kentucky, as I prepare to give a presentation tomorrow on "The Chaplain's Role In Mass Civil Disturbances", something that I have some experience with as a chaplain for the Oakland Police Department. I'm here for the Annual Training Seminar of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, a group dedicated to serving the needs of law enforcement chaplains from throughout the world. Most of the attendees are from the South and Midwest, overwhelmingly white and evangelical Protestant. It's always a learning experience to be in this group, which is so different from my Bay Area folk. God always puts us where we need to be, Amen!

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Linda Davis
Richard Di Bona
Kalene Parker
Anita Recania



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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."

FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Cathedral of Christ the Light Bishop Barber cordially invites all the Faithful of the Diocese to join him to celebrate the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. A solemn Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Tuesday, July 31 at 5 p.m.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and other anniversary celebrants, families and friends on Sunday, October 21, at The Cathedral Christ the Light 10 a.m. Mass, with a reception in the Event Center following for registered guests. Register now for \$25/anniversary couple and \$10 for each guest at www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary or call Laura at 510-267-8395.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BISHOP BARBER

Recently individuals have been contacted by email by someone pretending to be Bishop Barber. Others have reported that rental property has been posted on Craigslist in his name. The only email verifiably from Bishop Barber's office will include the "@oakdiocese.org" domain. The Diocese does not use Craigslist to find tenants for unused buildings. Be very cautious in providing any unknown or suspicious contact with personal information, including your contact information or financial information. Verify any request for money through a separate contact, such as calling the Chancery, Catholic Charities of East Bay or your local parish.

THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER JULY 28

Come celebrate St. Ignatius' Feast Day with us at the JRC! 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please join us and other friends of El Retiro as we celebrate the Feast Day of our founder, St. Ignatius Loyola. Experience the beauty of our 38 acres on a day celebrating the influence of St. Ignatius on the Jesuits and the Church. Perhaps you may even recall a special past retreat made here and spend some time recollecting how the Lord is active in your life. There's

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 15	8:30 a.m.	Marquez Ologbosele†
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Monday, July 16	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 18	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, July 20	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, July 21	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	July 8, 2018	\$1,863.30
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$10.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$11,245.78
Total Income for June 2018	\$659.15
Total Expense for June 2018	\$4,110.51
Ending balance as of June 30, 2018	\$7,794.42

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of June 30, 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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

JULY 21/22, 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.
K. Webster	J. Outley	L. Dixon #
H. Santi	A. West	M. Trevigne
		R. Guillory *

SECOND COLLECTION

HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE) - THIS WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND

no charge for this event and lunch will be served. Come on out and celebrate! https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/?p=101:2:24759828685247:::PROGRAM_ID:2047