



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. For more information, contact Sween Gardner at sgardner@cceb.org or (510)768-3161

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

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**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, August 26	8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses	Church
Monday, August 27		
Tuesday, August 28		
Wednesday, August 29	9:30 am - 11:00 am SVDP-Distribution of Food Bags	Hall
Thursday, August 30		
Friday, August 31	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, September 1	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
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. Vincent Cotter
IN RESIDENCE

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 term “eternal life” appears not only in today’s Gospel reading but also in the Gospel readings of the last couple of Sundays. In each of these readings, Jesus promised eternal life to anyone who eats his body and drinks his blood. Let’s take a closer look at what this promise really means.

Although people sometimes use the terms “eternal life” and “immortality” interchangeably, the two terms really don’t mean the same thing even though they both describe something that will never end. The distinction between these two terms becomes clear, but when we focus on the beginning of what they describe instead of their ending. An immortal person did not always exist; she or he had a beginning. On the other hand, an eternal person always existed; there was never a time when it didn’t exist and there won’t be a time when it won’t exist. We have to understand this distinction when trying to grasp the meaning of Jesus’ teaching in today’s Gospel.

Note that Jesus doesn’t promise us immortality but instead offers is eternal life. Since God is the only being who has always existed, only God possesses eternal life. So when Jesus promises eternal life to those who eat his body and drink his blood, he is promising that God will share his own life with them.

Normally, we share our lives only with people whom we love and those whom we consider special. So we can conclude that God offers to share his life with us because God loves us and considers us special. This is a central teaching of our Christian faith as well as one of its greatest mysteries.

Relationships don’t just happen. We need to work and develop on them. What specific steps are we taking to strengthen our relationship with God? How much time and effort do we devote each day to developing this relationship?

I am writing this from the eating area of a Safeway Store on the outskirts of Waikiki, the main tourist area of Honolulu, where I am currently staying during my vacation in Hawai’i. By the time Hurricane Lane hits Honolulu on Friday afternoon (August 24th), I will be hunkered down in my suite at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church, the parish where I help out and live when I’m in the Islands. In the 60-plus times that I’ve travelled to Hawai’i since 1965, this is the first time that I’ve experienced a hurricane, and as I understand, this is only the third time in as many years that a hurricane has threatened O’ahu, the main island, where Honolulu

is located. Those of you from New Orleans and other areas near the Gulf are accustomed to this, while these preparations are fairly rare for Hawai’i residents. If you are reading this and I have not yet returned to Oakland, then it’s clear that my Saturday flight was cancelled and that I am stuck in Hawai’i post-hurricane. If that’s the case, then I will assist in the recovery efforts here in the Islands. Please continue to keep the residents of and visitors to Hawai’i in your thoughts and prayers as we struggle through this catastrophe.

Next week, we will honor Mr. Rufus Fisher with the Diocesan Medal of Merit. I had asked and recommended to Bishop Michael Barber that Mr. Fisher be awarded this distinguished honor in recognition of his many years of service to the parish and the Diocese of Oakland. I will present the medal to Rufus at the 11:00 AM Mass next Sunday, and we will have a reception in his honor following the liturgy. September 1st is also his birthday, so we honor Rufus in that context as well! Congratulations, Mr. Fisher!

A reminder that Fr. Aris Martin, SVD, will be away for five months to assist in caring for his mother, who is seriously ill and in failing health back in the Philippines. Please continue to hold Fr. Aris and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Fr. Vince Cotter, our new retired priest in residence at St. Benedict, will be helping out with liturgies in Fr. Aris’ absence.

As you know by now, our 11:00 Gospel Choir will be on a well-deserved break throughout the month of August. Words can’t begin to express my gratitude for their wonderful and blessed ministry. Dorgan McDade will be leading the music as cantor at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. We’ve got the best choir in the Diocese of Oakland! Praise God!

This next week, if I make it back from Hawai’i, I will be making my annual priest retreat (along with other priests from the Diocese of Oakland) at Villa Maria Del Mar, the Holy Names Sisters retreat center on the beach in Santa Cruz. That will be from Monday, August 27th to Friday, August 31st. Just letting folks know in advance.

**God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 6th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 thru September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

CCD CLASSES

Registration forms for students in grades 1 – 8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes will start on September 9, 2018 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 7, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES

The Sisters of the Holy Names are celebrating 150 years of presence and ministry in California. Bishop Michael Barber will preside at a Eucharist Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. A reception will follow. All are welcome. Please RSVP to <http://www.snjmca150.org/>

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 26	8:30 a.m.	Percy and Brunella Amos†
	11:00 a.m.	Doralee Santi†
Monday, August 27	7:30 a.m.	For The People
Wednesday, August 29	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 31	7:30 a.m.	Jay Hadnot†
Saturday, September 1	4:30 p.m.	Rufus Fisher - Birthday

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	August 19, 2018	\$3,144.42
	Mission Cooperative	\$748.00
	“100” Club	\$37.00

“100” CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,794.42
Total Income for July 2018	\$680.00
Ending balance as of July 31, 2018	\$8,474.42

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of July 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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 1/2, 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.
L. Palmeri	M. Soublet	D. Cola
H. Santi	G. Johnson	J. Smithson-Bell
		W. Sykes-Bush *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Linda Davis
Kalene Parker
Anita Recania
Laura Scotlan



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SECOND COLLECTION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND
“100” CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND