

## THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS

Thank and honor those in physical, mental and spiritual healthcare professions, caregivers and those who support them. Mass: Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10:00 am at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Celebrant: Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. Reception and Mental Health Resource Fair: After Mass. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication & generosity. Details, updates, & invitations at [oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers](http://oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers).

## 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/>

## RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Do you seek a new path? Are you listening to your heart? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul October 26-27, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area). If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email us at [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org) learn more at [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/)

## 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.

## CHOIR'S CORNER



WHAT'S GOING ON??  
Interested in joining any of the Choirs?  
Please feel free to contact

Music Director - Leonard Pete  
510.917.2390 • [thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com](mailto:thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com)  
Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.

Like our page on Facebook! We're titled  
The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Jocelyn De Guzman and Family  
Hector and Jazmin Pacheco and Family  
Maria Palacios and Family

## ST. BENEDICT'S WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Sep. 16 8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, Sep. 17 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 18 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, Sep. 19 9:00 am - 11:00 am 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	SVDP - Distribution of Food Bags Wellness Group Bible Study	Hall Hall Center
Thursday, Sept. 20 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, Sep. 21 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, Sep. 22 4:30 pm	Mass	Church



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



## PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Linda Davis  
Arturo Estrada  
Betty Kennedy-Tapscott  
Kalene Parker  
Anita Recania  
Laura Scotlan  
Brandi Tomlin

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## 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

## 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)



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



In today's Gospel, Jesus says we have to deny ourselves and take up our cross if we want to follow him. Jesus promises that whoever saves their life will lose it and whoever gives their life for him and for the Gospel will save it. Although taking up one's cross can mean accepting life's pains and disappointments, there is another possible interpretation.

In ancient times, very religious Jews who wanted to give their lives completely to God symbolically traced the Hebrew letter tau on their forehead. A tau looks like a "+" or an "X". When a person traced it on their forehead, it meant the person belonged to God, similar to the brand put on cattle to identify their owner.

Since the tau resembled a cross, someone who dedicated their life to God in this way took up the cross. So the expression "to take up one's cross" can mean giving one's life to God. When Jesus says we have to deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow him, he's talking about dedicating ourselves to him. Those who save their lives (keep their lives for themselves) are the people who don't give their lives over to him. These people are more concerned with their own pleasure instead of pleasing God, and because of this, they'll lose their chance of eternal life with Jesus in heaven.

On the other hand, those who give their lives for Jesus' sake (freely dedicate themselves to him) live for God rather than for self. God will reward them with eternal life.

Instead of tracing the tau on their foreheads, the early Christians dedicated themselves to Jesus by placing their right hand on their left shoulder and their left hand on their right shoulder, thereby making an X (tau) across their chest. This practice gradually evolved into what we Catholics and some other Christians now call "making the Sign of the Cross." The Sign of the Cross is like our brand Mark with which we identify ourselves as belonging to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Are we ready to lose your life for Jesus (giving ourselves to him) or are we holding something back (saving our lives for ourselves)? Pray that we will be able to give more of ourselves to Jesus.

Like many of you, I've been following a couple of major incidents that have focused attention on the killing of black man, in his own apartment, by a white Dallas police officer who mistakenly believed that she was entering her own residence, and the mistreatment that Serena Williams suffered at the hands of an umpire at last week's U.S. Tennis Open. Maddeningly frustrating and yet another example of racial disparities that continue to haunt people and communities of color, particularly directed towards African Americans.

As I am writing this (Thursday night), we continue to follow Hurricane Florence, as it makes its way through the Carolinas. We hold them close to our hearts and thoughts. Many of you have firsthand experiences with hurricanes, so you have a unique perspective on these disasters.

I am hoping to have an Animal Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. I'm tentatively planning on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 am at St. Benedict. Please bring your pets to be blessed.

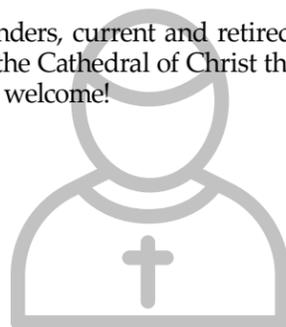
A reminder that Fr. Aris Martin, SVD, will be away for five months to assist in caring for his mother, who is seriously ill and in failing health back in the Philippines. Please continue to hold Fr. Aris and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Fr. Vince Cotter, our new retired priest in residence at St. Benedict, will be helping out with liturgies in Fr. Aris' absence. We anticipate Fr. Aris' return sometime in the early part of 2018.

One of the most discussed topics on the priest retreat this past has been clergy abuse crisis within the Catholic Church, particularly as it relates to three areas: the recently-released Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on sexual abuse by priests within the Catholic dioceses of the state; the resignation from the College of Cardinals and the removal of canonical faculties from retired Washington, DC Archbishop Theodore Cardinal McCarrick; comments by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, former Apostolic Nuncio (Vatican Ambassador) to the United States, directly criticizing Pope Francis regarding accusations against Cardinal McCarrick.

Just to let you know where I stand in all of this. My childhood best friend was sexually abused by a trusted priest (of the Diocese of Oakland) when we were growing up at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Berkeley. For seven years, I was a member of the Diocese of Oakland's outreach efforts to survivors of clergy sexual abuse, "No More Secrets", and I met twice a month with those abused by priests. I've been on a survivor retreat, although I have not been abused. I consider myself pretty informed on this issue and sensitized to the needs of survivors. I would like to schedule some time for us to discuss this as a parish community. I am hoping to do so within the next couple of weeks.

Blue Mass - honoring First Responders, current and retired. Sunday, October 7th, 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, downtown Oakland. All are welcome!

God bless,  
Fr. Jayson Landeza



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**PARISH BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesday,  
Sept. 12, 2018 thru Sept. 26, 2018  
at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2018-2019**

The deadline for our Religious Education program is October 7th. No child will be accepted after this date. Registration forms are at the back of the church.

**SAVE THE DATE**

KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 336 Luncheon & Fashion Show on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 12 noon - 3:30 pm at the parish hall. Donation \$35.00. 50/50 raffle tickets, door prizes, and good food. For more details please contact Gloria McCullough at 510-823-2055.es to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

**RCIA (RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

If you are an adult who has never been baptized or received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, then the RCIA process is for you because it will prepare you to receive all or any of this Sacraments. If you were baptized in another Christian denomination but wish to become a Catholic, then the RCIA is for you because it will bring you into the Catholic Church. It starts on Sunday, October 7th and meets every Sunday from 9:30am to 11:00am.in the Parish Center. Please sign-up at the back of the church.

**BLUE MASS 2018**

The Mass of Thanksgiving honoring those in service to our community and families. This is an opportunity for the Catholic Community of the East Bay to join together in prayerful thanksgiving and support of those who work to keep our communities safe. All are welcome to join us for the Mass. First Responders are invited to attend in uniform with their families. The service will include memorial prayers for those who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year. Hospitality to follow the Mass. Parking at the Cathedral will be limited. Please carpool or make use of public transportation. **Sunday, October 7, 2018, 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612.** For details, please visit us at oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2018.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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.

Sunday	September 9	8:30 am 11:00 am	For The People
Monday	September 10	7:30 am	
Wednesday	September 12	7:30 am	
Friday	September 14	7:30 am	
Saturday	September 15	4:30 am	

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Collection	September 9, 2018	\$5,380.83
Other Collection	Priest Retirement "100" Club	\$975.91 \$45.00
<b>100" CLUB</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$8,474.42
Total Income for August 2018		\$551.00
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2018		\$9,025.42

**PENNY HARVEST**

Ending Balance as of August 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**

**September 15/16, 2018**

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

<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>11:00 pm</b>
K. Webster	L. Robertson	L. Brown-Parker
I. Dees	J. Grant	M. Nubie C. Hadnot *

**SECOND COLLECTION  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND**