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SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY OCT. 21ST

The Salesian College Preparatory Open House event will take place Sunday, Oct. 21st from 1pm-3pm and we hope you will join us. Voted Best Faith-Based High School in the East Bay by Parent's Press 5-years in a row, Salesian College Preparatory is known for its commitment to academics, faith and family and shaping the next generation of doctors, lawyers, business leaders and teachers. Learn about our Honors and Advanced Placement courses, enjoy a club car tour around our beautiful 21-acre campus, lively music from our band and Story and Song students, entertaining improvisation from our drama students, lunch catered by Berkeley's famous *Top Dog* restaurant, and meet our wonderful educators, coaches, parents and students. Pre-register your student online today and receive a special gift. Visit: <https://www.salesian.com/admissions/open-house>. We hope you will join us! A discounted application rate will be offered to students who apply at the Open House. For more information, please contact Christina Karabinis, Director of Admissions at (510) 234-4433, ext.1416 or ckarabinis@salesian.com. Please also visit www.salesian.com/admissions.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSION SAN JOSE CENTER FOR EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY PRESENT:

Spiritual Guides for Today: The Essential Henri Nouwen 4-Part Book Series 4 Thursdays in October 2018

October 4, 11, 18, 25 1-2:30pm \$20.00

Suggested \$10 offering per session

The Essential Henri Nouwen is available on Amazon.

Register by 9/27 for 1st session -<http://bit.ly/2018HenriNouwen>

Dorothy Day – The World Will be Saved by Beauty – by Kate Hennessy (Kate Hennessy is Dorothy Day's Granddaughter)

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 9am-11:30am \$20 Dominican Center

Register by 9/28/18 - http://bit.ly/2018Kate_Hennessy

The Five Languages of Love – presented by S. Rebecca Shinas

Three Tuesdays in October, 2018 – 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 – 7-8:30pm – \$10 each session

Register by 9/26/2018 at <http://bit.ly/2018FiveLove>

Register online or call (510) 933-6360 for info



PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

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

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

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.

ST. BENEDICT'S WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Sep. 23		
8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Church
11:00 am	Sunday Gospel Mass	Church
Monday, Sep. 24		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 25		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, Sep. 26		
9:00 am - 11:00 am	SVDP - Distribution of Food Bags	Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Hall
7:00 pm	Bible Study	Center
Thursday, Sept. 27		
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, Sep. 28		
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, Sep. 29		
10:00 am	Animal Blessing	Church Lot
4:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Church



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle	Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola	Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete	Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine	Linda Smith
Sidney Fernandes	Jaylynn St. Julian
Jules Garibaldi	Tara Sykes
Romel Lucas	Ofelia Wanzo

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Matt Sanchez (brother) and Mary Cervantez (aunt) of Corinna Guerrero. Please remember their families in your prayers.



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



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The Old Testament, in some cases, uses the term "Son of Man" as a title for the Messiah (Savior). We find an example of this in the Book of Daniel, where the author writes about four powerful but cruel rulers who attempt to conquer the world. In the Jewish mind, these rulers are so ruthless that the author pictures them as four fear-inspiring and hideous beasts (e.g., a leopard with four heads, a beast with ten horns, etc.). After the fourth beast rules, God sends the Son of Man to conquer the world and then rules not like an animal that instills fear but instead like a human being, with justice and compassion.

The apostles also have this picture of a Messiah who will be victorious. So they don't understand what Jesus means when he tells them in today's gospel that the Son of Man will be handed over to his enemies and be put to death. That simply wasn't supposed to happen.

Believing Jesus is the Messiah, the apostles think of themselves as generals in his army and they will share in his victories and be highly respected by the Jewish people. Feeling important, they begin to argue about which one of them ranks the highest. Overhearing their discussion, Jesus tells them that if they want to be great, they have to become lowly servant's and must even welcome children for his sake.

Palestine was a dry and dusty land where people wore sandals on their feet. The master of the house usually welcomed their guests by washing their feet himself or by instructing a servant to do it. The more insignificant the guest, the more humiliating this task was. Washing the feet of a rabbi or prominent politician was not as degrading as washing the feet of a fisherman or a shepherd. Since children were on the bottom rung of the social ladder, welcoming a child (washing the child's feet) was the lowliest of jobs, a very humbling task. It is this type of humility, compelling a person to serve the poorest of the poor and the least significant of society, that should distinguish Jesus followers.

Pray for the ability to be humbler. Do something special this week for someone who would least expect your help.

Like many of you, I am closely following the confirmation process of Judge Brett Kavanaugh and the scheduled appearance of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who has stated that she was physically and sexually abused by Kavanaugh when she was a teenager in the Washington, DC area. At the time of this article, there is a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing scheduled for Monday to help determine Kavanaugh's culpability, with both Dr. Ford and Kavanaugh testifying before the committee. We'll see what transpires this Monday.

If you were at the 11:00 AM liturgy a couple of weeks ago, St. Benedict parishioner Fran Porter presented me with a gorgeous quilt that she lovingly made. I am hoping to display the quilt in the back of the church. Thank you so much for your beautiful gift, Fran!

We are having an Animal Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 10:00 am. Please bring your pets to be blessed. This will take place in the barking, eh em, I mean parking lot!

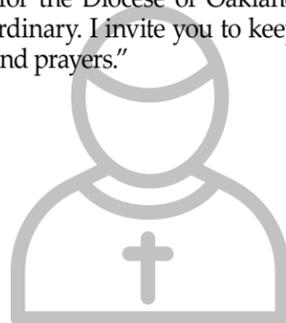
This weekend at the 11:00 AM, I will be discussing the current clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. I've also enclosed an article I wrote for the San Francisco Chronicle's website, SF Gate, when I had a blog column with the paper. Much attention to the clergy abuse crisis within the Catholic Church, focuses on 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 also became the Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Berkeley (while I was Pastor of St. Columba in Oakland) after the previous pastor was accused of sexual abuse with an underage teen, a charge which supposedly took place over 30 years previous. 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!

"We also mourn the loss of Carmen Vinella, who served as music director here at St. Benedict over 40 years ago, when Fr. Paul Vassar served as Pastor here. Her funeral will be this Friday at 10:00 AM at St. Felicitas Church in San Leandro. I will be the presider and Fr. Paul will be the homilist. Carmen also served as the Director of Liturgy and Music for the Diocese of Oakland when Bishop John Cummins was Ordinary. I invite you to keep the Vinella family in your thoughts and prayers."

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 Oct. 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. Proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund.

**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, Oct. 7th and meets every Sunday from 9:30am to 11:00am. in the Parish Center. Please sign-up at the back of the church.

SEARCHING?

Take some time out this week to ask if Spirit is calling you to a ministry and decide which one it will be. We need your talents and your time. On next Sunday we will be holding our Ministry Sign-Up Sunday. There will be tables set up with representatives from ministries in the Church to answer your questions, sign you up and get you started. Some of those ministries will be: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Alter Servers, Ushers, Choir Voices, Youth Group members, Knights, Ladies, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Environment Committee, Facilities Clean-up and Repairs Volunteers. We look forward to your stewardship commitment.

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, Oct. 7, 2018, at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison**

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 23	8:30 am 11:00 am	Peter Casey + For The People
Monday	September 24	7:30 am	
Wednesday	September 26	7:30 am	
Friday	September 28	7:30 am	
Saturday	September 29	4:30 am	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection	September 16, 2018	\$3,724.50
100" CLUB		
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
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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.

Thank You For Your Generosity

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 29/30, 2018

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

4:30 pm	8:30 pm	11:00 pm
J. Garibaldi	L. Noriega	J. Smithson-Bell
M. Trevigne	A. West	D. Dixon
J. Soublet*	J. Outley*	W. Sykes-Bush*
		A. Ricks*

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**