

### KPC LADIES AUXILIARY COURT 336

October 6 & 7 after all the Masses for our Bake Sale, which help raise money for our Scholarship Fund. Please save the date.

### 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](mailto:ckarabinis@salesian.com). Please also visit [www.salesian.com/admissions](http://www.salesian.com/admissions).

### DAY OF RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN:

Do you wish to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today's culture? The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi monastery will be hosting Janua Caeli retreat for young women ages 18-38 on Saturday October 13th at the monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.opnunsmenlo.org](http://www.opnunsmenlo.org) or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at [vocations@opnunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@opnunsmenlo.org).

### 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](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

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse

43326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra),

Fremont, CA 94539



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### ST. BENEDICT'S WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Sep. 30</b>	8:30 am Sunday Mass	Church
	11:00 am Sunday Gospel Mass	Church
<b>Monday, Oct. 1</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 2</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 3</b>	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
	7:00 pm Bible Study	Center
<b>Thursday, Oct. 4</b>		
<b>Friday, Oct. 5</b>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class	Hall
<b>Saturday, Oct. 6</b>	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



### 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

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

**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



At one time, kings try to marry the daughter of the king of the stronger nation because the stronger king would not likely be clear war on a land where his daughter lived. Like kings who married foreign women often ended up worshipping their wives' gods. In pagan countries this didn't cause a problem because Peg is not only believed they were many gods but often worshipped several gods at the same time. The Jews, on the other hand, believe there was only one true God. So Jewish kings who married for and wives were exposing themselves to a dangerous in Floyd's that might lead them to be unfaithful to their Jewish beliefs. For this reason, the old testament prophets often warned Jewish kings not to marry foreign women.

The Bible tells us that some of the Jewish kings didn't he take foreign wives and, as a profit as predicted, they began worshipping pagan gods. Because the pagans believed a few of these gods demanded human sacrifice, some Jewish kings sacrificed their own children to the gods in attempt to appease them.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says that it would be better to cut off ahead and enter eternal life maimed than to end up in Gehenna with both hands intact. The Hebrew word Gehenna means "valley of Hinnon" which was a ravine located south west of the city of Jerusalem with some Old Testament Jewish kings offer their children as holocaust sacrifices to the pagan god Molech. Its history led the Jews to believe the valley of Hinnon was good for nothing except for dumping garbage. Because the smell from the trash accumulating was terrible and smoke from smoldering fires always covered the area, Gehenna was good only as a breeding place for worms thriving on the garbage.

Gahanna was so repulsive that some Jews who believed in a life after death used it as a symbol of the punishment awaiting all those who led wicked lives. Worms eat those who were in Gehenna and flames continuously consumed them. According to some of the rabbis, the only relief came on the Sabbath, when God had mercy and caused the fire to cease. Biblical scholars sometimes translated Gehenna as "hell" even though the two concepts differ in significant ways.

God lets us choose if we want to be with God or not. We don't make our choices verbally but by how we live our lives. Based on our lifestyle, is there any doubt about what our choice is?

As you will well hear in our scriptures this weekend and through Dionne Cola's reflections of them as well, there is much going on within our body politic and our Catholic Church as well. By the time you are reading this, the hearings over Judge Brett Kavanaugh's qualifications to

serve on the Supreme Court will perhaps have been adjudicated, but the lingering question of sexual abuse continues to linger over his nominations and possible appointment.

Sexual abuse was the topic of last week's homily time at the 11:00 AM liturgy, and folks availed themselves the opportunity to express their thoughts, opinions and feelings regarding the continuing saga related to clergy sexual abuse of minors within the Catholic Church. This is a phenomena that is taking place all over the world, not just in the U.S. Germany is reporting that over 1300 priests have been credibility accused of abusing over 5000 minors throughout a 50 year period. Experts say that once Catholic countries like Poland and the Philippines begin to investigate their cases, it will reach a boiling point. Although the presidents of the Episcopal (Bishop's) Conferences from every country will be meeting with Pope Francis in February, it's difficult to imagine what creative directions and solutions may come forth from the gathering. Until then, and anticipating that more states and countries will initiate investigations similar to that of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury released this past summer, we will have to see how all of his proceeds and evolves.

I hope that you had a chance to have your pet blessed yesterday. I don't think we've ever had a pet blessing here at St. Benedict, but I could be mistaken. Pets are a very important part of our lives, and many of us view them as members of our families. They function as companions and guardians for us and our families.

Fr. Bert has finally arrived home to Uganda. His nephew accompanied Fr. Bert from San Francisco to Kampala, with one stopover in Germany. He is safe and sound in his native land, where Fr. Bert's family have provided him a place to live out the rest of his days. May Fr. Bert enjoy his retirement in peace, serenity and stability, surrounded by his loving family and friends in Uganda.

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



### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday,  
October 4th at 6:30 pm  
in the Parish Center

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar servers are a group of boys and girls who assist at the altar during Mass. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please come and see Deacon Ron for three Saturdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 2018 from 11:00 am - 12 noon at the Church.

### 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.

### 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 Street, Oakland, CA 94612.** For details, please visit us at [oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2018](http://oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2018).

### 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 510-604-3833.

### 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.

## 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 30	8:30 am	For The People
		11:00 am	Iola Larry +
Monday	October 1	7:30 am	
Wednesday	October 3	7:30 am	
Friday	October 5	7:30 am	
Saturday	October 6	4:30 pm	

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection	September 23, 2018	\$3,758.42
Other Collection	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,221.53
<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

### October 6/7, 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
B. Burns	G. Johnson	L. Brown-Parker
L. Palmeri	A. West	C. Dixon

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - "100" CLUB