

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	November 4	8:30 am	For The People
		11:00 am	
Monday	November 5	7:30 am	
Wednesday	November 7	7:30 am	
Friday	November 9	7:30 am	
Saturday	November 10	4:30 pm	

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Betty Kennedy-Tapscott Anita Recania
Kalene Parker Laura Scotlan

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: October 28, 2018 \$3,075.92
Other Collection: Saint Vincent de Paul \$743.00
"100" Club \$25.00

100" CLUB

Beginning Balance \$9,025.32
Total Income for September 2018 \$ 788.01
Total Expense for September 2018 \$762.32
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2018 \$9,051.11

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of September 30, 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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 10/11, 2018

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

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
J. Garibaldi	C. Ologbosele	Leon Watson (Lec)
B. Burns	A. West	Lucia Watson
		C. Hadnot (EM)
		M. Trevigne (EM)

SECOND COLLECTION

"100" Club



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



ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, November 4	8:30 am Sunday Mass	Church
	11:00 am Sunday Gospel Mass	Church
	9:45 am - 10:50 am RCIA Class	Rectory
	9:30 am - 10:45 am Faith Formation Classes	Center
Monday, November 5	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, November 6	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, November 7	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
Thursday, November 8	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, November 9	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, November 10	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

MEMEBERS

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



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CHOIR'S CORNER

What's going on??
Interested in joining any of the Choirs? Please feel free to contact

Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

510.917.2390
thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com

Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6:00pm.

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

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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

SUNDAY8:30 & 11:00 am
GOSPEL MASS

MON, WED, & FRI.....7:30 am
8:00 AM ON HOLIDAYS

CONFESSION

SATURDAY.....3:45-4:15 am
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



Jewish men had more education than most people in the ancient world even though they knew only enough to be able to read from the Scriptures when the leader of the synagogue call upon them to do so during synagogue services. By today's standards, most people of the first century C.E. (A.D.) were illiterate.

A scribe was an important person because he was one of the few people who could read and write fluently. People relied on scribes to copy laws onto parchment scrolls and to draw up contracts and treaties. Some Jewish scribes spent their time copying the Jewish Scriptures, a very tedious task because the rabbis decreed a scroll could not be used in synagogues services if it contained more than two copying mistakes. Because they didn't have erasers, the scribes had to be very careful.

The Jewish people call their Scriptures the Torah, a word that literally means "the law" because it contains the laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Torah includes the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy – the same five books we find at the beginning of the Christian Bible.

The Jews expected the scribes who copied the books of the Torah not only to know all of the Jewish laws but also to interpret them. The scribes debated among themselves about such things as whether or not the law permits someone to eat an egg laid by chicken on the Sabbath and how far one could walk on the Sabbath before breaking a commandment to keep holy the Lord's day.

Soon, the scribes created 613 new laws (called the oral traditions) to clarify the original laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. These scribes then challenged each other to sum up all of these laws at once in as few words as possible. The scribe in today's Gospel is asking Jesus to do just that.

Jesus responds with Deuteronomy 6:4, a passage which says there is only one God and we should love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The Jewish people call this passage the shema (Hebrew for "hear," the first word of this verse), and they regard it as a fundamental teaching of their faith.

The second part of Jesus' answer is that we should love our neighbor as ourselves and this is from Leviticus 19:18. Linking these two passages is what makes Jesus' response unique because by doing so Jesus proclaims that we can't love God unless we love our neighbor as well.

Jesus challenges his followers to his great advocates of love. Love is more than a feeling; it is wanting what is best for someone and being willing to do whatever we can for that person. Is it possible, then, to love someone you don't like?

Like many of you, I've been closely following the sad and tragic events leading up to this midterm election week on Tuesday. Although these events are not publicly discussed here at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, I'm sure that folks have very strong opinions on what has transpired and the current political climate that exists in the country.

In so many ways, the FBI has been at the center of the investigations underway regarding the mail bomb attempts against Presidents Obama and Clinton, their families, and other opponents of 45, and the FBI is the lead agency regarding the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, PA. Folks here are deeply aware of the Bureau's role in bringing the bomb mailer and Pittsburgh shooter to justice.

I also wanted you to know that in the immediate aftermath of the Pittsburgh Synagogue mass shooting, I expressed my condolences and that of the St. Benedict family to Rabbi Jacqueline Mates-Muchin, the Senior Rabbi at Temple Sinai in Oakland. I assured her that we are in solidarity with and in support of her congregation during this time of increased anti-Semitism in our country. Along with the political rancor and vitriolic hate speech unleashed in this current climate, we stand with those who are victims of such hate - they are, without a doubt, our sisters and brothers.

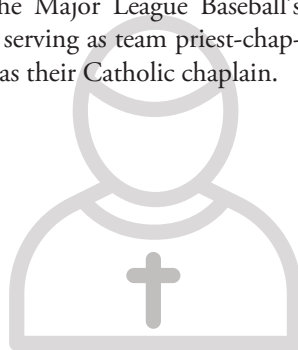
Along with the rise of bigotry and hate speech has been the scapegoating and racial animus fostered by the current administration (and its supporters) towards the stream of refugees that are traveling from Central America through Mexico, and apparently are heading towards the U.S. border. More troops have been ordered to the border than are currently serving in Iraq. There is even talk of revoking the 14th Amendment by Executive Order, as a means of posturing before the upcoming midterms.

I deeply and truly believe that God doesn't like ugly, and that Jesus is mostly likely present in the least, the poorest and most vulnerable. Yes, I include the homeless in Oakland, and desperate, fleeing refugees. This is where Jesus is likely to be. Our national response and vilification of their tragic plight is nothing short of shameful and un-Christian. This is not the love that Jesus invites us to embrace. The scapegoating falls along the lines of the birther talk that was promulgated by 45 and his minions. Sad indeed.

Many of us are still digesting the information gathered from Father James Mallon's talk to the staffs and clergy of the Diocese of Oakland. I have ordered materials for our team that attended the day-long presentation with the hopes that we can glean some of the material and appropriate it for our use at St. Benedict.

A reminder that next weekend I will be preaching at all of the Masses at one of my former parishes, St. Joseph/Mission San Jose, Fremont, as part of an outreach for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection in two weeks. When I return, I'll be in Oceanside (outside of San Diego) for the Major League Baseball's (MLB) annual retreat for Catholic priests serving as team priest-chaplains. I'll be representing the Oakland A's as their Catholic chaplain.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 8th at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Center.

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, we will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am. Please bring the bread and wine you will serve for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed during Mass. After Mass, there will be an Open House at the Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome. The Mass on Friday, November 23rd will be celebrated at 8:00 am.

RCIA (RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Purpose: An opportunity for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith. We welcome all. The program provides your materials. Format: conversations around the dining table in the rectory Time: Sundays, from 9:45 to 10:50 am. If you have not received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, then on Holy Saturday, you are ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Any and all Catholics, practicing or not, are welcomed to the conversations around the table. Blessings, Deacon Ron and Beverly Ervin

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Please join us as we kick-off the Holiday Season with a Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Hosted by The Voices of St. Benedict. Music by: DJ & Music Director, Mr. Leonard Pete. Donation: \$20 (\$25 at the Door). Food included - Drinks for Purchase. For Tickets or more info, contact Leonard Pete (510) 917-2390 - mrlleonardpete@yahoo.com. Attire: Dress to Impress.

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.

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.

A WELLNESS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Resolve to get well and be well this year. Join the St. Benedict Wellness Group on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm to make lifestyle changes that will help to improve your overall wellness. It's about preventative changes to insure quality of life. Feel better, look better, perform better everyday. Adding this year, Saturday morning walks. Join the wellness movement!

HOLIDAY TRADITION - SWING AND SOUL - LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 4:00 pm, Paramount Theater, Oakland Michael Morgan's inspired, multi-varied musical bash takes its inspiration this year from the soul of Nina Simon and the boogie-woogie of Fats Domino. Special guests abound in this annual rollicking holiday party. Tickets: Online - oaklandsymphony.org Phone: 510-444-0802, Box Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 pm-4 pm Group rate (discount) for 10 or more tickets ordered at the same time.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CELEBRATE ADVENT?

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast, December 8, 2018 9:30 -1:30. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30, followed by the breakfast. Crowne Plaza 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA. Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker Father Matthew Spencer! Starting out in a career in software engineering, it wasn't long before Fr. Spencer answered the call of the Holy Spirit and entered the seminary of the Oblates of St. Joseph. He now serves as the host of "St. Joseph's Workshop" on Immaculate Heart Media/Relevant Radio. Men are always welcome to attend! Tickets are \$33/\$40 after December 1st. For more information: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-reef/> Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter.

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.