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CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!
It's that time again! Our Annual Fried Chicken Dinner Sale.
Saturday, November 7, 2015 in the Parish Hall
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Donation is \$10. The dinner includes Fried Chicken parts,
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8:30, 11:00 A.M.
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7:30 A.M.
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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 of 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.

“For the Son of Man did not come to serve but to be served and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:



As I am writing this, I am sitting in the parish hall at St. Paschal Baylon Church, just up the street from St. Benedict. The priests of the Diocese of Oakland are gathered for their Fall Clergy Study Days, and the focus is on Presbyteral Unity, or how priests working in the diocese are called to journey together.

There are so many things that divide us as priests in the East Bay. Many of us are defined by the events which dictated the life of the church over the past 50 years, such as the Second Vatican Council, the election and papacy of John Paul II, and perhaps now the papacy of Francis. As priests in the East Bay, we are also defined by where we were born and raised, and where we received our theological training.

Folks here at St. Benedict have been blessed by having the best of both worlds. Previous pastors such as Fathers Bill Kennedy, Paul Vassar, Jay Matthews, and today myself, are native Berkeley/Oakland folks, born and raised, and all of us trained and educated at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park.

St. Benedict has also been graced by the presence and ministry of Fathers Bert Aronyu and Benedict Ehinack, who bring a global perspective to our parish, and they enrich the preaching and sacramental life of the Catholic community in the East Bay.

As people are drawn to the Bay Area from all over the world, priests from throughout the globe are also attracted to the Bay Area, and in particular the East Bay, due to its educational opportunities, gentle climate, and a diverse, progressive and hospitable populace.

The influx of foreign-born priests has not been without issue. Throughout the diocese, I hear complaints about parishioners unable to understand their priests, or that cultural issues around the treatment of women and clericalism can make such situations problematic. But for the most part, and in the overwhelming majority of parishes in the diocese, the diverse presence of clergy has been a positive experience.

This clergy study day was an opportunity to know the many priests of the diocese, most of whom are foreign-born, and ordained after 1995. They tend to be fairly conservative theologically and politically, which often leads to much disagreement. However, the intent of the study day was to find ways that we can bond together as priests working in the East Bay.

Much of the small-group discussions focused on practical ways that we can connect fraternally, through mutual respect, understanding, acceptance, inter-parish cooperation, trust, sharing scarce resources, sensing the needs of our Catholic faithful and how we need to respond as clergy. Also discussed was the need to decrease jealousy and gossip among us, and to share social time with other priests outside of structured events such as clergy study days.

Many of us who were trained in the post-Vatican II church have worked for a more inclusive church, one where the talents of laity, particularly women, are nurtured and affirmed. Influenced by Jesus’ universal call to a lived faith, and aware of the East Bay’s uniquely expansive vision of inclusivity and justice, we continue to strive for that here in the Diocese of Oakland, and I hope that we continue to those ends here at St. Benedict, building on the work done by my predecessors, especially Fathers Jay Matthews and Paul Vassar. Please pray for us, that we may always be faithful to God’s call in our lives!

God bless,
Father Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY OF OUR LADY


Each Sunday during the month of October, we will pray the rosary at 8:10am (before the 8:30am Mass).

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT AND TRUNK-N-TREAT

Calling all ghouls and goblins. We are looking for volunteers to participate with our annual Halloween movie night and trunk-n-treat which will take place Saturday October 31st from 6-9pm. To make the event successful we are asking parishioners to decorate their trunks and hand out treats at the event. Donations of candy and or trinkets are also welcome. For more information see Ariana Catherine. Flyers for the event are in the back of the church.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we pray in a special way for all the deceased members of our families and parishioners. Specifically, you have an opportunity to list all those you wish to remember on all souls envelopes provided on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are placed on the altar throughout the month and your loved ones are remembered at each Mass celebrated.

<div>  MASS INTENTIONS </div>		
Sunday, October 18	8:30 a.m.	Bertha Aubry†
	11:00 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Monday, October 19	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, October 21	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, October 23	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, October 24	4:30 p.m.	Doralee Santi† Charlotte Santi†

CHURCH SUPPORT		
Collection:	October 11, 2015	\$3,150.50
Other Collection:	Catholic Voice	\$398.30
	Mother of Peace	\$30.00
	“100” Club	\$10.00
	“100” CLUB	
Beginning Balance		\$7,768.91
Total Income for September 2015		\$248.00
Total Expense for September 2015		\$1,100.00
Ending balance as of September 30, 2015		\$6,916.91
	PENNY HARVEST	
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2015		\$852.03

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OCTOBER 24/25, 2015		
4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
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SECOND COLLECTION
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/HOME MISSION
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND

JOIN US!

A wonderful way to grow in prayer and live the Sunday Gospel more fully is being offered each Tuesday evening from October through December at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse. **Lectio Divina** or *praying toward the Sunday Word* of God, facilitated by Sister Ingrid Clemmensen and Sister Marcia Krause. For further information please go to www.msjdominicans.org and click on NewsandEvents/Taize page.

2015 MASS BOOK

The parish Office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2015 Mass Book. 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.

YOUTH MINISTER

Keeping up with the wonderful spirit and energy of our recent retreat we are looking for individuals who are interested in being mentors or volunteers with our youth and young adult activities. If interested, sign ups are available in the back of the church. For any questions see Ariana Catherine.

Any young adults 21-40 interested in participating in various young adult activities and be mentors to the youth of the parish and parish community, please sign up in the back of the church. For any questions contact Ariana Catherine or Jennifer Fernandes.

PENNY HARVEST

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.

ASPIRE COLLEGE ACADEMY

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READING I *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

Thus says the LORD:
Shout with joy for Jacob,
exult at the head of the nations;
proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has delivered his people,
the remnant of Israel.
Behold, I will bring them back
from the land of the north;
I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst,
the mothers and those with child;
they shall return as an immense throng.
They departed in tears,
but I will console them and guide them;
I will lead them to brooks of water,
on a level road, so that none shall stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
Ephraim is my first-born.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are
filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. R.

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. R.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those that sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. R.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. R.

READING II *Hebrews 5:1-6*

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him:

You are my son:

this day I have begotten you;

just as he says in another place:

You are a priest forever

according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL *Mark 10:46-52*

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Practice of Faith

Mark describes Bartimaeus sitting alongside Jesus's fateful road to Jerusalem. Bartimaeus began with enough faith to call Jesus "Son of David" and to beg for help. When Jesus gave him sight, Bartimaeus's faith increased to the point that he chose to follow Jesus on the road toward the Cross and Resurrection. ♦ The song "Amazing Grace" proclaims "I once was blind, but now I see." Use your journal to describe one time when God opened your eyes to greater faith or understanding. ♦ Together with your faith group or a friend, read and discuss numbers 515 and 517 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Share your experience of encounters with the mystery of Christ that have brought you growth in faith. ♦ The crowds tried to hush Bartimaeus. This week, make a point of seeing people who are crying out and respond to them or help them find someone who can help.

Download more questions and activities for families, Christian initiation groups, and other adult groups at <http://www.ltp.org/t-productsupplements.aspx>.

Scripture Insights

Today's First Reading is from a section of the Book of Jeremiah, the prophet, referred to as the book of consolation (30:1—31:40). It offers a hopeful view of the future, when God will rescue Israel. That time will be like a new exodus. God, like a loving parent, will gather and guide Israel. Among the returning people are the blind and lame, the poor, the humble, those without status or power who depend upon God as their sole source of hope and help. These people are traditionally referred to in the Old Testament as the *anawim*.

Mark's Gospel account for this Sunday tells us about one of the *anawim*, Bartimaeus, a blind man outside Jericho. Bartimaeus demonstrates his incipient faith by calling out to Jesus, in spite of the disciples' efforts to silence him. In turn, Jesus calls Bartimaeus, inviting him to come forward toward Jesus and also to move toward insight, relationship, and faith. When he hears Jesus's voice, Bartimaeus springs up, an expression of his readiness and hope. In response to his approach, Jesus poses his question, and Bartimaeus requests his sight. Mark tells us that he immediately receives it and follows Jesus on the way. Of course the sight he received isn't just physical vision, but the insight of faith that each of us receives with our call from and encounter with God. Faith and spiritual sight set Bartimaeus on a new path; he couldn't go back to live as he had, nor can we after an encounter with God. We simply must accompany Jesus into our hopeful future.

Like all Second Readings, today's passage from the Letter to the Hebrews, is a *lectio continua*—that is, a selection that follows last week's excerpt. Thus the theme of Jesus as the great high priest appears again: Christ, in his humility, as one of the *anawim*, did not glorify himself. The Father exalted him.

- ♦ What themes in Psalm 126 parallel the reading from Jeremiah?
- ♦ Who are the present day *anawim*?
- ♦ How has God called you to hope?