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2016 MASS BOOK
The parish Office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2016 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.

ASPIRE COLLEGE ACADEMY
is currently accepting application for grades 1st - 3rd grade. Parents are welcome to apply by filling an application at the school or online by visiting aspire.schoolmint.net. Visit us at 8030 Atherton Street, Oakland. We look forward seeing you soon and welcoming you to our community this 2015 – 2016 school-year!

ARE YOU A FAN OF ST. BENEDICT?
Well if you're a Facebook member, Like our Page! You can find us under the following title:
Fans of St. Benedict Church Oakland, CA
Make sure that you like our page as well as spread the word to many of your family and friends. This is a great way to keep up with the latest News and Updates with St. Benedict Church.

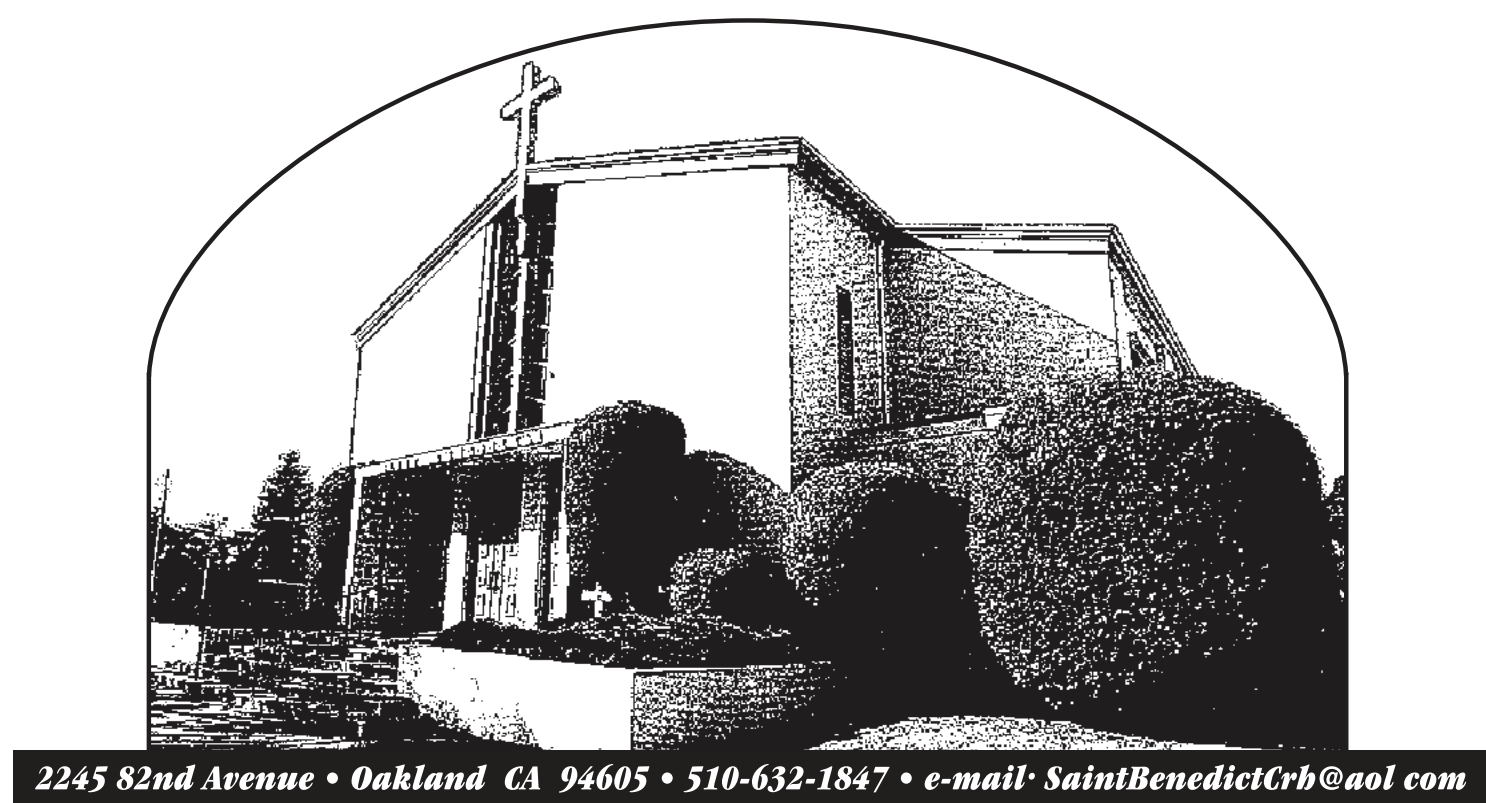
THE CHOIR'S CORNER
What's going on??
VOTE FOR US! KBLX GOSPEL FEST 2015
The **VOICES of St. Benedict** name was submitted to the 102.9 KBLX Gospel Fest 2015 and we are on the ballot. The Top 5 Choirs will be invited to perform at the Historic Bal Theater in San Leandro, CA on **Saturday, November 21, 2015**.
If you want to see the VOICES of St. Benedict in the Top 5, go to kblx.com and vote for us. SPREAD THE WORD to your California Family and Friends. We thank you in advance for your continued love and support. God Bless.
Interested in joining any of the Choirs?
Please feel free to contact Music Director, Leonard Pete.
Phone: 510-917-2390
Email: thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com
Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.
Are you on Facebook?
Like our page! We're titled **The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA**

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? To request a *registration form*, please complete and drop in the offertory basket.
Have you moved? Had an information change?
Let us know by completing and returning.
We respect your privacy! This information is for St. Benedict Parish use only.

Name: _____
Phone # _____
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Send Me A Registration Form ☐

Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐



St. Benedict

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Youth Minister

SUNDAY LITURGY
8:30, 11:00 A.M.
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
WEEKDAY LITURGY
7:30 A.M.
Monday • Wednesday • Friday
HOLY DAYS
8:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sundays: 9:45 - 10:45 A.M.
RECONCILIATION
(Confession)
3:45 - 4:15 P.M. Saturday
other times by appointment
BAPTISM
Instruction of parents required
MARRIAGE
6 month advance notice required

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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



I've been deeply moved by the events that have transpired out of Columbia, Missouri, during this past week. The climate of racial hostility that has marked the University of Missouri's flagship campus at Columbia had gotten to the point where people of justice and goodwill stood up against the inaction of the university administration. The campus group "Concerned Student 1950", the hunger strike by graduate student Jonathan Butler, the boycott by African Americans and others on the University of Missouri football team, and the subsequent resignations of the UM system-wide president and the UM-Columbia chancellor, speaks of the continued struggle for justice and racial equality and respect, as well as the power of voices coming together to enact needed systemic and institutional change. The fight continues, and there is a new generation of African American leaders who have picked up the mantle of their forbearers and have inspired us with their hope and sacrifice in addressing racial and social disparities.

Some words and thoughts about this weekend's Gospel from Mark 13:24-32. Today's gospel is an example of apocalyptic writing, a special type of literature that uses symbolic language and deals with both a specific historical situation as well as the end of time. For instance, some biblical scholars believe the words in today's gospel describe what happened when the Romans captured Jerusalem in 70 A.D. But many people also think this reading refers to the end of the world.

Because enemies were usually persecuting the intended audience, the authors of apocalyptic writings used symbolic language to give hope without risking increase persecution should the writing fall into the wrong hands. For instance, if the author simply tries to encourage people to persevere by saying the king will one day die and his oppressive tactics will end, there was a possibility the king may intercept this writing and persecute his subjects even more because of it. However, if the author writes that the lion (the king) with 10 horns (symbolizing power) will one day be slain, the

king will not know what this means and will probably dismiss it as just gibberish.

The author of the words in today's Gospel reading addresses early Christians whom the Romans were persecuting and killing because of their faith in the risen Lord. Mark tells him that even though they have to endure many terrifying ordeals (The reference to the sun and the moon being darkened is symbolic apocalyptic language for trials and tribulations) they should remain faithful to Jesus who promises to save them. Mark quotes Jesus as saying that even if heaven and earth pass away, he will still fulfill his promise to be with them in their time of need.

We have to remember that authors of apocalyptic literature wrote to give hope, not to instill fear. The message of apocalyptic writings is that no matter how bad the situation becomes, God will intervene in history and will vindicate those who remain faithful to him. So anyone who uses apocalyptic writings like the book of Revelation to scare us is either deliberately misusing Scripture or really does not understand it.

According to New Testament apocalyptic writings, those who believe in Jesus have nothing to fear because he is more powerful than anything else. All we need to do is put our faith and trust in him and he'll take care of the rest. Do we trust the Lord enough to do that or we tend to rely on our own power and abilities?

This weekend is the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection. This collection assists local community organizations with addressing various issues to improve livelihoods of our neighbors. Please be generous with your collection.

Don't forget about our Challenge Study Sessions which will begin on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 PM. Please see the bulletin for more details.

God bless,
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!
Re-training session for (ALL) Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, The re-training will be held on Monday & Tuesday, November 16 & 17, 2015, at 7 pm in the church. New reading materials will be distributed. (ALL) Lectors and Eucharistic ministers are required to attend one of these sessions. Please make every effort to attend. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this important matter.

SAVE THE DATE:
Wednesday, November 18th. We will begin our new faith formation session. Following the, "Challenge Study" sessions, you expressed interest to continue in your journey. We will continue with a session on, "Catholicism." Sessions will begin on time, at 7 pm. Unfortunately, the attempt to start a second session of the "Challenge Study" was unsuccessful due to the lack of turnout. The next session will not be offered again until September 18th of next year. We will do pre sign-ups to determine your interest for the session at that time.

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND ADULT FAITH FORMATION
St. Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry is renovating its program in light of the vision of Pope Francis for the New Evangelization. The courses are newly designed to equip parish ministry leaders, catechists, parents and all adults to be more effective in communicating the relevance of the Catholic faith for their lives. A new stable of instructors models a style of teaching that fosters transformation in Christ and a missionary outlook focused on witnessing to God's mercy within our families, parishes, and the wider world.

Classes meet one Saturday a month. If you're hesitating, "come and see" by auditing a course. And if you are a graduate of the program, come back and take a new course or retake one with a new instructor at half price. Spring 2016 courses are: Old Testament, Christian Prayer and Spirituality, the Sacraments, and the Creed: Part I (Trinity, Jesus Christ, and the Cross Event). Each course provides 12.5 hours of ongoing adult education. The fee per course is \$120. **Click here** for more information <http://www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-formation/adult-faith-formation/spm> or contact Sandra Martinez at 510-267-8371. Deadline to register is December 18th. Check out our SPM Facebook page and view our video with Bishop Barber's endorsement and student testimonials!

DOMINICAN SISTERS HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
November 21-22, 2015 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont, enter off Mission Tierra Pl.
Dominican Fruitcakes, Baked Goods, Art, Entertainment, and Homemade Articles. www.msjdominicans.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 15	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, November 16	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 18	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, November 20	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, November 21	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	November 8, 2015	\$4,199.09
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$158.00
"100" CLUB		
Beginning Balance		\$6,916.91
Total Income for October 2015		\$261.00
Ending balance as of October 31, 2015		\$7,177.91
PENNY HARVEST		
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2015		\$852.03

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

NOVEMBER 21/22, 2015

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	L. Robertson	S. Gressel
L. Palmeri	L. Bornor #	D. Cola
	J. Matthews *	L. Brown-Parker *

THANKSGIVING
November 26, 2015 - 9:00 A.M.
C. McIntyre
L. Robertson

SECOND COLLECTION

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - THIS WEEKEND

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND