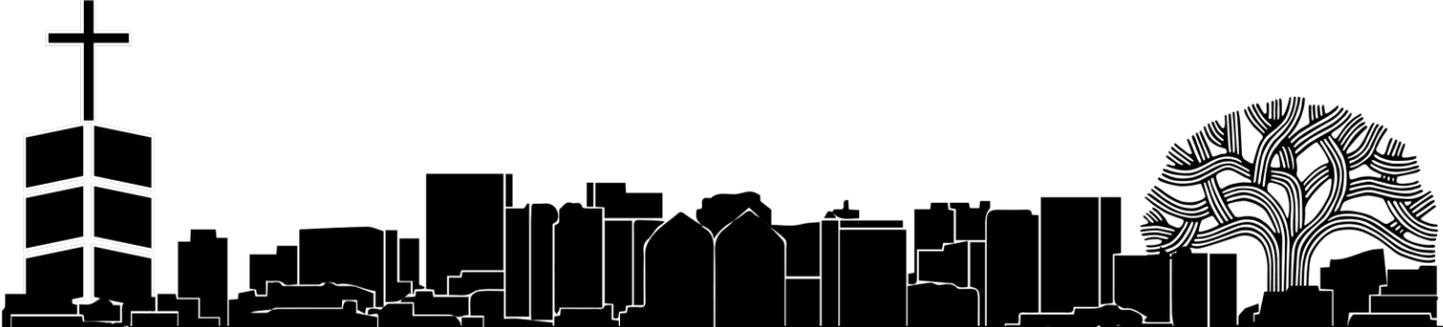


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is currently accepting application for grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Parents are welcome to apply by filling an application at the school or online by visiting [aspire.schoolmint.net](http://aspire.schoolmint.net). Visit us at 8030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

**THE CHOIR'S CORNER**  
What's going on??

**Interested in joining any of the Choirs?**  
Please feel free to contact Music Director, Leonard Pete.  
Phone: 510-917-2390  
Email: [thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

**FACING HOLIDAY BLUES WITH A BROKEN HEART**  
The holidays you have dreaded are approaching . . . . . at every turn, you are faced with your heartache and loss. Every conversation about family gatherings, every television commercial, every greeting card . . . . . each is a crippling reminder of the pain you bear after the death of a loved one.

*We are here for you . . . . . Come join us.  
We understand . . . . . We have been there too.*

You, your family and friends are welcome to join us. All are welcome regardless of religious orientation.  
*No registration is required.*

St. Joseph Parish Monday, Nov 16, 2015 at 7:00PM 837 Tennent Ave., Pinole, CA 94564 (510) 741-4900	Holy Angels / Cooper Chapel Saturday, Nov 21, 2015 at 11:00AM 1580 Fruitvale Ave. Oakland, CA 94601 (510) 741-4900
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Holy Angels / Sorensen Chapel Thursday, Dec 10, 2015 at 7:00PM	Holy Angels / Cooper Chapel Saturday, Dec 19, 2015 at 11:00AM
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**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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Me A Registration Form

Change of Address  Moving out of Parish

**PARISH STAFF**

**Fr. Jayson Landeza**  
*Pastor*

**Fr. Bert Aronyu**  
**Fr. Benedict B. Ehinack**  
*In Residence*

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
*Deacon*

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
*Secretary/Bookkeeper*

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
*Music Director*

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
*CCD Director*

**Mr. Rufus Fisher**  
*Plant Manager*

**Mr. Clifford Ologbosele**  
*Parish Council President*

**Miss Ariana Catherine**  
*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

**THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
*Of The Diocese Of Oakland*

**HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY**  
510-581-2488

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY**  
510-654-0936

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**  
510-223-1265

**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:



Unlike the calendar year, which begins on January 1, the Church's liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. Each new church year uses a different set of Sunday scripture readings.

Most of the Gospel readings for the Sundays of the next 12 months will be from the Gospel according to Luke (liturgical Cycle C readings). So let's begin this liturgical year by examining what we know about the author of this gospel.

Scripture scholars are certain the author of Luke's Gospel also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, a book about the early Church. But nowhere in either of these writings does the author tell us his name. Irenaeus, a bishop living at the end of the second century, was the first to identify the author as Luke, a companion of Paul.

Epistles attributed to Paul mention Luke three times and one of these passages calls him a physician, meaning he probably made salves and other medicines out of herbs and roots. Luke was not an apostle, so he was not an eyewitness to the events he records.

Scripture scholars believe Luke probably wrote his gospel around 85 C.E., and, like the Acts of the Apostles, he addresses it to a man called Theophilus, a name meaning "friend of God". Some biblical scholars suggest Theophilus may have been a wealthy nobleman who provided the papyrus scrolls (quite expensive in those days) on which Luke wrote the Gospel. But other scholars hypothesize he was not a real person at all but it was a character Luke created as a symbol of all Christians who believed in God.

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus talking about the end of the world (another example of the same apocalyptic writing style we found in the Gospel reading a couple weeks ago) and it warns us to remain watchful and pray constantly because the great day when Jesus will return will suddenly close in on us. We shouldn't be caught unprepared.

Most of us usually associate Advent with getting ready for the arrival of the baby Jesus, but that's not what this liturgical season is really all about. The soft and cuddly baby born in a manger has already come and gone. Today's Gospel tells us to be prepared for

Jesus second coming, his arrival as the triumphant ruler of the universe. So during Advent, Christians prepare our hearts for the return of the adult Christ.

Don't let Advent pass us by without taking some concrete steps to improve our relationship with the Lord. Pick a quiet time each day during which we will spend an extra few minutes in prayer. Do this faithfully and notice how it improves our relationship with God.

Again a word of thanks to all of those Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who attended the training sessions. It was upon the recommendation of the parish liturgy committee that we provided time for retooling. My understanding is that this is something that Fr. Bert used to do. Thanks to Deacon Ron and Fr. Benedict for facilitating this training and evening of reflection.

I am grateful again for the work of our parish committees and following up on the goals and tasks established at the parish retreat earlier this year. Many of those goals and objectives are being materialized. We will continue to streamline this process and work with the Parish Pastoral Council and providing for short-term and long-term care strategic planning.

Again, please check out our new phone app and our enhanced website. You may have read about the app in our insert in the bulletin last weekend. And those of you who have given your email addresses to the parish will have also received our first newsletter a couple weeks ago. I hope that this newsletter will be published at least once or twice a month.

God bless,  
Father Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm followed by potluck at Linda's residence. Please try to arrive by 6:00pm

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.

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 18<sup>th</sup>. Check out our SPM Facebook page and view our video with Bishop Barber's endorsement and student testimonials!

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29	8:30 a.m.	Mele Percival – 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Selimoni & Mele Percival 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, November 30	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 2	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, December 4	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, December 5	4:30 p.m.	Dorothy Johnson †

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>November 22, 2015</b>	\$4,059.72
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1060.40

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	<b>\$6,916.91</b>
Total Income for October 2015	\$261.00
<b>Ending balance as of October 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$7,177.91</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of October 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$852.03</b>
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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

DECEMBER 5/6, 2015

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
G. Green	J. Outley	W. Gullatt
H. Santi	J. Grant	B. Kennedy-Tapscott #
		B. Foster *
		J. LaFitte-Tutson *

