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PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

For those who have not had their pictures taken already, photo sessions will take place on Saturdays after 12:00 noon on December 19th and January 9th and 16th. Sunday photo sessions will take place after the 11:00 AM Mass on December 20th and January 17th and 24th.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE 2016 JUBILEE OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 20-29

Camille Tompkins, 510-419-1081, ctompkins@oakdiocese.org, Pentecost Tours, Inc., 800-713-9800 travel@pentecosttours.com, CatholicVoiceOakland.org. The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome. Celebrate Mass at some of the most beautiful basilicas in Italy, visit the treasures of Vatican City, and see Pope Francis during the Papal Audience. Join the 10-day pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for \$3,999. Costs includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, and most breakfasts and dinners. **\$100 Early Bird Discount is available to those who register before December 23.** For brochures, contact Camille Tompkins, see above. For additional information and reservations, contact Pentecost Tours, Inc., see above.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESENTS -

Have a hard time explaining your faith? If so join Trent Horn, radio talk show host, author and speaker for answers to life's tough questions on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10:00 – 1:00 PM., 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565. \$10 donation includes lunch. To order tickets: Call 925-303-6914 or email n.sarao87@gmail.com by Thursday, January 7.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, (WWME)

Does the way you live your life and especially your marriage give praise and glory to God? Let God transform your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **February 26-28** or August 5-7. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ 916.806.4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND - SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

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??

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 # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Send Me A Registration Form

Change of Address Moving out of Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jayson Landeza
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Fr. Bert Aronyu
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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

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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.



Christmas 2015

*“See I pray that love will rule and reign
And I pray that time will rid the pain of this world
As we learn to trust and care
This is my Christmas prayer”
(BeBe Winans, “My Christmas Prayer”)*

A few days ago, I joined old friends for the 16th year in a row in experiencing the *Colors of Christmas* at the Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco. Two of the performers, BeBe Winans and Peabo Bryson, sang the song whose lyrics appear above. When I was listening to them sing, it struck me that the song seemed so appropriate for the current state of affairs of our world. With many people gripped with fear and insecurity on so many different levels, as well as the pain and distrust that seems to characterize the political, social and religious dialogue, folks are deeply hurting.

I know that we at St. Benedict have had our share of upheaval and transition. While Fr. Jay’s transfer and appointment as the Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral Parish of Christ the Light in downtown Oakland was a moment of tremendous pride and joy, I know that he is deeply missed by so many of you – some of you grew up with him or grew with him during the 26 years Fr. Jay served as your Pastor here at St. Benedict. So I know that in the midst of sadness and challenges, we continue to experience each other as blessed to be part of this wonderful, special and unique place we call our parish home.

My hope in this Christmas Season, Kwanzaa and upcoming New Year is that you will experience the joy of Christ’s presence in your life by a heart filled with gratitude for the blessings you have received, and that your heart and our world will be characterized by God’s goodness in your life.

On behalf of the parish staff, Deacon Ron and the Parish Council, I want to wish for you and your families and friends a joy-filled Christmas Season and God’s abundant blessings throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas,
Father Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECOME A PART OF CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Help us create a beautiful environment for the Christmas Season. Your gift of Poinsettias may be made in honor of, in memory of a love one, or simply as a gift. Please drop-off your Poinsettias on Saturday, December 19 through Tuesday, December 22nd. Please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott at 510-612-3176 for drop off.

CHURCH DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

We need volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott at 510-612-3176 or LeAnn Hall-Ervin at 510-912-1353. Thank you.



2015 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

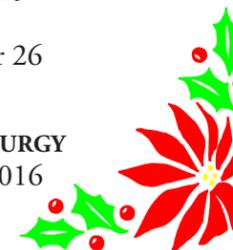
Thursday, December 24
11:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling and Music
12:00 midnight - **Midnight Mass**

CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

Friday, December 25
10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 26
4:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR’S DAY LITURGY

Friday, January 1, 2016
10:00 a.m.



2016 CALENDARS

The 2016 Catholic Calendars are available at the back of the church. One per family please.

LINE DANCING CLASS

St. Benedict’s Line Dancing class will be on vacation for two weeks (Dec. 25, 2015 and Jan. 1, 2016). Class will resume on Fri., Jan. 8, 2016 at 1:00 PM

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Monday, December 21	7:30 a.m.	Odile Fisher†
Wednesday, December 23	7:30 a.m.	Ray Cronin†
Friday, December 25	12 Midnight	Adelaide Williams 96th Birthday
	10:00 a.m.	Ray Cronin†
Saturday, December 26	4:30 p.m.	Lamar Larry†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	December 13, 2015	\$3,158.33
Other Collection:	Religious Retirement	\$632.00

“100” CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,177.91
Total Income for November 2015	\$1,364.18
Ending balance as of November 30, 2015	\$8,542.09

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of November 30, 2015	\$852.03
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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 26/27, 2015

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
H. Santi	P. Johnson	Leon Watson #
B. Burns	J. Outley	C. McIntyre
		W. Sykes-Bush *
		O. Wanzo *

January 1, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. - New Year’s Day

M. Soubllet
J. Soubllet

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
FREDDIE MARTIN, SR.
Please remember his family in your prayers.

*The Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, December 22nd
at 6:30pm.*