

**2017 MASS BOOK**  
The parish office will be accepting Mass Intentions for the 2017 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.

**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 or fill out one of the request forms at the back of the church. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

**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.

**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**



St. Benedict's Weekly Events		
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>		
<b>Monday, May 29</b>		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, May 30</b>		
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, May 31</b>		
9:00 am - 12:00 noon	SVDP Food Distribution	Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Thursday, June 1</b>		
6:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Parish Center
<b>Friday, June 2</b>		
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, June 3</b>		
<b>PLEASE JOIN US!</b>		

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING	
Dr. Chiquita Tuttle	Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola	Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete	Meeting Recorder
<b>MEMBERS</b>	
Ariana Catherine	
Sidney Fernandes	
Jules Garibaldi	
Romel Lucas	
Emma Morton	
Linda Smith	
Jaylynn St. Julian	
Tara Sykes	
Ofelia Wanzo	

**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 ☐



**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

PARISH STAFF		
<b>Mrs. Divina Cabrera</b> SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER	<b>Rev. Jayson Landeza</b> PASTOR	<b>Mr. Rufus Fisher</b> PLANT MANAGER
<b>Mr. Leonard Pete</b> MUSIC DIRECTOR	<b>Mr. Ron Tutson</b> DEACON	<b>Dr. Chiquita Tuttle</b> PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR
<b>Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo</b> CCD DIRECTOR	<b>Rev. Paul Vassar</b> CLERGY SUPPLY	<b>Ms. Ariana Catherine</b> YOUTH MINISTER
	<b>Fr. Sylvester Odurinde</b> IN RESIDENCE	
<b>MASS TIMES</b> SATURDAY: 4:30 PM (VIGIL MASS) SUNDAY: 8:30 AM 11:00 AM (GOSPEL MASS) MON, WED & FRI: 7:30 AM (8:00AM ON HOLIDAYS)	<b>CONFESSION</b> SATURDAY: 3:45 PM TO 4:15 PM (OR BY APPOINTMENT) <b>BAPTISM</b> INSTRUCTION OF PARENTS REQUIRED <b>MARRIAGE</b> 6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED	<b>CATHOLIC CEMETERIES</b> HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY: 510.581.2488 ST. MARY'S CEMETERY: 510.654.0936 ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY: 510.223.1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



The early Christians originally passed on the Gospel stories orally and did not write them down until several years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Whenever they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, they recalled some of the things Jesus said, repeating the stories about Jesus for those who were not fortunate enough to have heard them themselves.

First-century Christians sometimes recalled and retold stories to help them solve a problem. The story about the Pharisees asking Jesus if they should pay taxes to the Emperor is a good example. This same question came up in one of the Christian communities and the apostles settled the dispute by recalling Jesus' his own response in a similar situation.

Sometimes, the Christians use stories about Jesus to convince others he really was the Messiah. And in the Acts of the Apostles, we find that they used a short synopsis of Jesus' life to persuade nonbelievers to repent of their sins, accept Jesus as Lord, and be baptized. Those who did become Christian then studied Jesus' life and teaching in more detail.

Early Christians also repeated certain stories when they celebrated the sacraments. For example, they told the story of the wedding at Cana out whenever Christians married. They sometimes recalled accounts of miraculous healings when the Christian community anointed and prayed for someone who was sick, especially when that person have the same sickness as someone Jesus healed.

There are two likely reasons why the early Christians preserved the story in today's Gospel. In this reading, Jesus commands the apostles to recruit and baptize disciples from throughout the world. The early church recalled the story at baptisms but also used it to settle heated debates.

We know from the Acts of the Apostles and from some Epistles that the early Christians originally preached only to the Jews. As Paul began preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles, some of the Jews objected to his efforts. When Paul brought this matter to the attention of the Apostles, they recalled that Jesus commanded them to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. This helped to settle the dispute and the early Christians eventually excepted the Gentiles into the church.

Today's Gospel ends wit Jesus promising to be with us always. Find a quiet spot and for a few minutes try to relax and block out all that is in

your mind. Focus on Jesus' presence. Make this a daily habit and you'll soon be more where of Jesus working in your life.

This weekend marks the final weekend that Fr. Sylvester will be with us before his return to Nigeria. St. Benedict parishioners have been very generous to Fr. Sylvester's request for contributions for his continued family and pastoral ministry. I hope that all of you have read his letter in the bulletins over the past few weeks. I am deeply grateful for Fr. Sylvester's presence this past year, particularly in light of my absence from the parish responding to the Ghost Ship Fire this past December. Thank you once again, Fr. Sylvester, for your ministry here over these past few months. Abundant blessings and best wishes to you on your future endeavor.

Next week is Pentecost Sunday, often referred to as the birthday of the church. It is also a time when we acknowledge the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The traditional color of this feast is RED, so you are invited to don your best red clothing in celebration of Pentecost Sunday.

Members of the newly-configured St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council will be installed on Pentecost Sunday. We will ask God's blessings upon the following parishioners in their new leadership role in the parish: Parish Pastoral Planning: Dr. Chiquita Tuttle, Chair/Facilitator; Dionne Cola, Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator; Leonard Pete, Meeting Recorder; Members - Ariana Catherine, Sidney Fernandes, Jules Garibaldi, Romel Lucas, Emma Morton, Linda Smith, Jaylynn St. Julian, Tara Sykes and Ofelia Wanzo. Blessings to all of you for your willingness to serve!

*This weekend we commemorate Memorial Day, where we honor and remember the sacrifices made on our behalf by those who have paid the ultimate price in defense of our country. We surround their families and friends with our love, prayer and support as they continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones during times of armed conflict. So as you enjoy this weekend and the unofficial beginning of the summer season, please remember the reason for this holiday, and bring to your thoughts and prayers those who lost their lives serving in combat throughout the history of the United States.*

God bless,  
**Fr. Jayson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.

SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedule for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for June, July, August and September, 2017 has been sent via e mail in both PDF and Word format. Please print, read and mark your calendar.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, July 9, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - St. Benedict Community Feeding

Dear St. Benedict Family,

The Cursillo Community of St. Benedict is planning for another community-feeding event on Saturday, June 10, between the hours of 11am and 2pm. The event will be held in the Parish parking area. We are requesting your assistance with this endeavor and hope you will consider donating side dishes and or personal hygiene products for distribution on the day of the event.

The day's agenda is as follows:

- Set-up from 8am – 10:30am
- Food serving and dissemination of personal hygiene kits from 11am to 2pm
- Clean up from 2pm to 4pm

Requested Items:

- Side Dishes Examples:** rice, greens, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, potatoes, green salad, fruit salad, potato salad and paper goods e.g. plates, cutlery, napkins etc...)
- Personal Hygiene Items:** toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, deodorant, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, bars of soap, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes

Additional Assistance is needed with:

- Set-up tables and chairs prior to the event
- Assist with serving food
- Clean up and take down tables and chairs after the event

We ask that you bring your donations of personal hygiene items to the Rectory no later than Tuesday, June 6. Side dishes may be brought the day of the event between the hours of 8am and 11am.

Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the back of the Church. Please sign-up today if you are able to assist with this community service project.

Should you have questions please contact:

- Name: Jaylynn St. Julian
- Contact Information: 510-635-6937

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 28	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Cheryl Green Birthday
Monday, May 29	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, May 31	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, June 2	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, June 3	4:30 p.m.	Jo Soublet - Birthday

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	<b>May 21, 2017</b>	\$3,314.06
Other Collection:	"100" Club	\$10.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$4,965.20
Total Income for April 2017	\$802.55
<b>Ending balance as of April 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$5,767.75</b>

PENNY HARVEST

<b>Ending Balance as of April 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$1,195.24</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

JUNE 3/4, 2017

<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
H. Santi	J. Grant	J. Wilson #
J. Soublet	L. Bornor #	J. Smithson-Bell
	J. Matthews *	L. Brown-Parker *
		S. Gressel *

Please pray for:

The Bowman Family  
Sean McVey  
The Pepino Family



(Will stay in the bulletin for one month)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THIS WEEKEND**  
**"100" CLUB - NEXT WEEKEND**