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. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

2018 Mass Intentions

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. 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.

CBCF Scholarship Opportunities

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship
Amount: Varies ($500 - $8,200)
Application Deadline: May 18, 2018**

CBC Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program, sponsored by United Health Foundation
Amount: Varies ~ (Minimum $8000)
Application Deadline: Check website

Contact Regina Guillory, District Agent @ 510.467-9787 or https://cbcfinc.academicworks.com/opportunities For Details

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.

Looking for Housing

Hello St Benedict's. My name is MerrineMcDonald. I am very excited about moving to Oakland this summer. I am from Louisiana and have lived in Atlanta for many years. Now I am Moving to be close to my son and daughter in law. I have not been able to find housing. If you or someone you know has affordable housing for me and my two 8lb pups, please contact me by email : mtmcdonaldlcsw@yahoo.com, or call 202. 815.7094. Thank you very much. I look forward to worshiping again with you soon.

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

Sunday, May 6		
8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
11:00 am	First Communion	Church
Monday, May 7		
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Tuesday, May 8		
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
Wednesday, May 9		
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Wellness Program	Hall
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study	Center
Thursday, May 10		
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day	Center
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, May 11		
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, May 12		
4:30 pm	Mass	Church

PLEASE JOIN US!

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
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 ☐

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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

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Rev. Aris Martin, SVD
IN RESIDENCE

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

MASS TIMES

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)

CONFESSION

SATURDAY:
3:45 PM TO 4:15 PM
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

BAPTISM

INSTRUCTION OF PARENTS REQUIRED

MARRIAGE

6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and St. Joseph Cemeteries.
Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel at (510) 362-0424 or www.cfcsoakland.org

www.saintbenedictoakland.com

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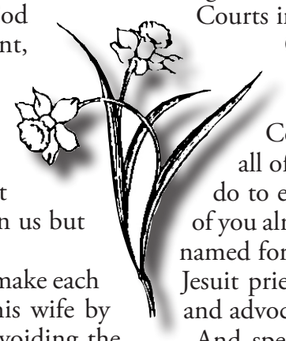
Sixth Sunday of Easter

From The Pastor's Desk:

The Bible often pictures God as a groom who jealously loves and cares for his bride (his chosen people), and time after time it compares God's love for us to the love between a husband and wife. This intense love relationship is what makes the Christian God different from the gods of most other religions. Some religions teach about a God who, because he is other-worldly and distant, is not concerned about our everyday lives; other religions teach about a powerful God or vengeful and punishing God. Along with Judaism and Islam, Christianity is one of the few religions that teaches about a God of love who is not only interested in us but who also wants to share his life with us.



Two people who love each other try to make each other happy. A husband shows love for his wife by doing the things that please her and by avoiding the things that make her angry. The wife, likewise, shows her love for her husband in the same fashion. But they first have to communicate what it is that pleases them. They need to make their likes and dislikes known to each other, telling each other how to love. This same process takes place in our relationship with God.

In today's reading, Jesus tells us we can show our love for him by keeping his commandments. This means we shouldn't think of the commandments just as a list of do's and don'ts but instead compare them to the husband who buys his wife flowers on her birthday or the wife with surprises for husband by taking him out to his favorite restaurant. Just as these are ways a married couple say "I love you" to each other, following the commandments are ways we can say "I love you" to God.

As in other relationships, our relationship with God is a two-way street. We not only show our love for God but God also shows love for us. Jesus showed the depth of his love by dying on the cross for us, a love so great he was even willing to suffer pain and endure humiliation on our behalf. As Jesus says in today's Gospel, the greatest love possible is for a person to give their life for their friends. We are Jesus friends if we do what he commands us.

Friends like to spend time together. Take a few minutes today to go someplace by yourself so you can spend some quiet time with your friend Jesus. Sit in a comfortable chair and relax. Forget about whatever is bothering you and simply be aware of Jesus presence . Do this for a few minutes each day and see the difference it makes.

Congratulations to our Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 336 for being awarded the KPC Western States Court of the Year at last week's Western States District Convention in Portland, Oregon. There are approximately 30 KPC Auxiliary Courts in the Western District, spanning Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. This is a very distinct and great honor to be acknowledged as the Court of the Year. Continued gratitude for all of the work that our KPC women and men do to enhance life here at St. Benedict! As many of you already know, the Knights of Peter Claver are named for St. Peter Claver, a 17th Century Spanish Jesuit priest who ministered to slaves in Columbia and advocated for the abolition of slavery.

And speaking of slavery, I am still aghast at the comments made by Kanye West (on TMZ) about the "choice" slaves had regarding their situation. If you missed that interview earlier in the week, Mr. West said, "When you hear about slavery for 400 years - for 400 years? That sounds like a choice. Like, you was there for 400 years and it's all of y'all? It's like we're mentally in prison."

Some of us clergy from Oakland Community Organizations have been involved with pressuring the City of Oakland, more specifically city leadership, with putting an end to trash and garbage in our flatland streets and illegal dumping in our neighborhoods. This past week, the City of Oakland announced that they were hiring more inspectors and an enforcement component to trash mitigation. This is good news for all of us who live in flatland Oakland.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Hip Hop exhibit at Oakland Museum of California, please make it a point to do so. It's a great opportunity to become more informed about hip-hop's roots in the musical, cultural and sociological milieu of the African American experience. It's also a chance to see the local connection to the evolution of this vital musical genre.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

May 6, 2018

Announcements

Congratulations
to the following students who will receive their First Communion this weekend:

Stefon Johnson, Jr.
Jamir Knox
George Conrado Partible
Ghaycelle Magdalena Partible
Emelina Perez Reese

Rosary of Our Lady
Each Sunday during the month of May, the rosary will be recited at 8:10 am (before the 8:30 am Mass).

National Night Out
National Night Out 2018 will be here before we know it. Anyone interested in serving on the NNO committee please contact Tara Sykes at tsykes6526@aol.com or Linda Palmeri at lindapalmeri@sbcglobal.net so that we can start planning for this event. We encourage everyone to get involved.

Parish Picnic
Sunday, July 8, 2018. Please mark your calendars.

Human Trafficking
Be aware that online technologies give traffickers the ability to exploit a greater number of victims and advertise their services globally. Social media opens the door for predators to gain access to our child. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Website: Sistersagainsttrafficking.org**

Life Line Screening
Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Holy Redeemer Center on 5/25/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

Save The Date
Saturday, June 2, 2018
12PM - 6PM
St. Benedict Parish Center
Knights of Peter Claver St. Benedict Council 336
Annual Fish Fry Dinner Sale
More info to follow soon.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 6	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Nedra J. Fowler Tuttle✝
Monday, May 7	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, May 9	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 11	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, May 12	4:30 p.m.	

Church Support

Collection: **April 29, 2018** $2,947.55

"100" Club

Beginning Balance	**$13,431.53**
Total Income for April 2018	$460.00
Total Expense for April 2018	$650.00
Ending balance as of March 31, 2018	**$13,241.53**

Penny Harvest
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2018 **$1,296.68**

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

May 12/13, 2018

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
I. Dees	M. Soublet	L. Dixon #
H. Santi	J. Grant	J. Wilson #
		O. Wanzo *
		M. Trevigne *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Eva Augillard
Charles Gault
Kalene Parker
Anita Recania

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Second Collection
"100" Club - This Weekend
Catholic Communication - Next Weekend