

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**

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Linda Davis
Kalene Parker
Anita Recania
Laura Scotlan



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS WILL BE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN FOR ONE MONTH AND EXTENDED UPON REQUEST.

Congratulations

Mr. Rufus Fisher

recipient of the

Diocesan Medal of Merit

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, September 2

8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses Church
After 11:00 am Mass Reception for Mr. Fisher Hall

Monday, September 3

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Hall

Tuesday, September 4

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Hall

Wednesday, September 5

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group Hall

Thursday, September 6

6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Center

Friday, September 7

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class Hall

Saturday, September 8

4:30 pm Mass Church

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola Vice Chair/Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine
Sidney Fernandes
Jules Garibaldi
Romel Lucas
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

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Rev. Vincent Cotter
IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Aris Martin, SVD
IN RESIDENCE

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



The oral traditions were interpretations of the laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, which explain how the Jews were to apply the laws in every day life. At first, the rabbis did not write down these interpretations but pass them on by word-of-mouth.

By Jesus' time, some of the scribes who belonged to one group of Pharisees considered the oral traditions as important as the laws themselves, so they taught that a person who wanted to be holy have to follow both the 613 oral traditions and the laws in Sacred Scriptures. All people who failed to observe them, even those who didn't know what they were and those who accidentally broke one, were sinners.

Some oral traditions outline how Jews were to wash their hands before eating a meal and spelled out in detail such things as which direction they should point their fingers when they poured water over them, how much water they should use, and the type of container they should store the water in. Overlooking nothing, who are all traditions he even gave an exact step-by-step procedure describing how one hand he should wash the other!

Anyone who did not observe these oral traditions were ritually unclean. This did not mean the person was dirty, but it did prevent the person from taking part in any formal religious worship. And a clean person had to go through even more rituals to be cleansed of the impurities.

One could also become and clean by coming in contact with something touched by an unclean person. So pious Jews sprinkled food they purchased in the marketplace with water because they didn't know who touched it. They also washed plates, cups, drugs, and utensils in a special way before using them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus objects to these oral traditions because they became more important than how one treated family and friends. Jesus points out that being hateful, or gossipy, or adulterous is much more serious than failing to properly wash hands or utensils before eating. We don't find holiness in a ritual but in how we treat each other.

We can't go to church each Sunday, perform the proper ritual, and then hate our neighbor the rest of the week. Take time today to examine how we treat others. Is there anyone whom we treat poorly? Let's make an effort this week to get along better with that person.

I am writing this while on my annual canonical priest retreat with about 50 priests of the Diocese of Oakland at the Sisters of the Holy Names retreat and conference center in Santa Cruz, Villa Maria Del Mar, right on the beach. I know many of you have been here, since your St. Benedict parish retreats have been held here in years past.

This weekend, we will honor Mr. Rufus Fisher with the Diocesan Medal of Merit. I had asked and recommended

to Bishop Michael Barber that Mr. Fisher be awarded this distinguished honor in recognition of his many years of service to the parish and the Diocese of Oakland. I will present the medal to Rufus at the **11:00 AM Mass this Sunday**, and we will have a reception in his honor following the liturgy. **September 1st** is also his birthday, so we honor Rufus in that context as well! Congratulations, Mr. Fisher!

A reminder that Fr. Aris Martin, SVD, will be away for five months to assist in caring for his mother, who is seriously ill and in failing health back in the Philippines. Please continue to hold Fr. Aris and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Fr. Vince Cotter, our new retired priest in residence at St. Benedict, will be helping out with liturgies in Fr. Aris' absence. We anticipate Fr. Aris' return sometime in the early part of 2018.

One of the most discussed topics on the priest retreat this past has been clergy abuse crisis within the Catholic Church, particularly as it relates to three areas: the recently-released Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on sexual abuse by priests within the Catholic dioceses of the state; the resignation from the College of Cardinals and the removal of canonical faculties from retired Washington, DC Archbishop Theodore Cardinal McCarrick; comments by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, former Apostolic Nuncio (Vatican Ambassador) to the United States, directly criticizing Pope Francis regarding accusations against Cardinal McCarrick.

Just to let you know where I stand in all of this. My childhood best friend was sexually abused by a trusted priest (of the Diocese of Oakland) when we were growing up at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Berkeley. For seven years, I was a member of the Diocese of Oakland's outreach efforts to survivors of clergy sexual abuse, "No More Secrets", and I met twice a month with those abused by priests. I've been on a survivor retreat, although I have not been abused. I consider myself pretty informed on this issue, and sensitized to the needs of survivors. I would like to schedule some time for us to discuss this as a parish community. I am hoping to do so within the next couple of weeks.

I will be gone this week - I will be serving as chaplain on the West Coast Post Trauma retreat, a program dedicated to addressing the needs of First Responders who have been traumatized and are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) as a result of their work as police officers, fire fighters or paramedics. This Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon.

Have a blessed and restful Labor Day weekend!

**God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LABOR DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be at 8:00 am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 6th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 thru September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

CCD CLASSES

Registration forms for students in grades 1 – 8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes will start on September 9, 2018 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 7, 2018.

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Just a reminder folks: You can continue to support our fundraising efforts. If you enjoyed our wine tasting event and found one you especially liked, please continue to order and enjoy as the Church will receive a percentage of the purchase price which then goes to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES

The Sisters of the Holy Names are celebrating 150 years of presence and ministry in California. Bishop Michael Barber will preside at a Eucharist Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. A reception will follow. All are welcome. Please RSVP to <http://www.snjmca150.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 2	8:30 a.m.	Visesio Moa – 88 th Birthday For The Parishioners
Monday, September 3	11:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 5	8:00 a.m.	
Friday, September 7	7:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 8	7:30 a.m.	
	4:30 p.m.	

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	August 26, 2018	\$4,295.74
	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,334.43
	"100" Club	\$1000.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,794.42
Total Income for July 2018	\$680.00
Ending balance as of July 31, 2018	\$8,474.42

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2018	\$1,296.68
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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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 8/9, 2018

There is a practice and faith sharing session for these Lectors on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Rectory.

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
D. Dixon	A. West	Leon Watson
J. Garibaldi	J. Outley	J. Wilson
		O. Wanzo *

SECOND COLLECTION

"100" CLUB - THIS WEEKEND

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT - NEXT WEEKEND