

MASS INTENTIONS

2019 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2019. If you would like to offer a Mass for the (Living) Intentions of your family/friends, or for your deceased family members/friends, please come to the parish office between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Donation for a Mass is \$10.00. Thank you.

Sunday	March 17	8:30 am 11:00 am	Earline Gilbert† Bertha Aubry†
Monday	March 18	7:30 am	
Wednesday	March 20	7:30 am	
Friday	March 22	7:30 am	
Saturday	March 23	4:30 pm	

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kalene Parker
Laura Scotlan
Linda Smith

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: March 10, 2019 **\$3,955.51**
Other Collection: "100" Club **\$15.00**

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance **\$3,521.66**
Total Income for February 2019 **\$655.20**
Total Expense for February 2019 **\$1,000.00**
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2019 **\$3,176.86**

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2019 **\$1,307.02**

Thank You For Your Generosity

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend - Saint Vincent de Paul

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

MARCH 23/24, 2019

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

4:30 PM G. McCullough B. Burns	8:30 AM L. Robertson M. Soublet	11:00 AM M. Trevigne M. Nubie C. Hadnot (EM)
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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

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES
MANAGER

Mr. Leonard Pete
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Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Vincent Cotter
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Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Rev. Aris Martin, SVD
IN RESIDENCE

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY.....4:30 pm
VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY8:30 am

..... 11:00 am
GOSPEL MASS

MON, WED, & FRI.....7:30 am
8:00 AM ON HOLIDAYS

CONFESSION

SATURDAY..... 3:45-4:15 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



ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, March 17	8:30 am Sunday Mass 11:00 am Sunday Gospel Mass 9:30 am - 10:45 am Faith Formation Classes 9:45 am RCIA Classes	Church Church Center Rectory
Monday, March 18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
Tuesday, March 19	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group	Hall
Wednesday, March 20	9:00 am - 11:00 am SVDP Distribution of Food Bags 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wellness Group 7:00 pm Bible Study	Hall Hall Center
Thursday, March 21	10:00 am OPD Heroes Memorial Mass 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	Church Church
Friday, March 22	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, March 23	4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass	Church



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
CHAIR/FACILITATOR
Dionne Cola
VICE CHAIR
ASSISTANT FACILITATOR
Leonard Pete
MEETING RECORDER

MEMEBERS

Ariana Catherine	Linda Smith
Sidney Fernandes	Jaylynn St. Julian
Jules Garibaldi	Tara Sykes
Romel Lucas	Ofelia Wanzo



CHOIR'S CORNER

What's going on??

Interested in joining any of the Choirs? Please feel free to contact

Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

510.917.2390

thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com

Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6:00pm.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Jesus is at the top of a mountain, deep in prayer, when he changes in appearance. His clothes become dazzling white and Moses and Elijah suddenly appear and converse with him. Half asleep, Peter offers to erect three booths (tents), one for each of the distinguished visitors and Jesus. Without warning, a cloud envelope them and a voice comes from it. The vision quickly ends, and Jesus and the three disciples are alone again.

This Gospel story is rich with symbolism. Some Jews believed the righteous would wear white clothing in God's reign and would live in tents because the Jews lived in tents when God led them out of Egypt, through the desert, and into the Promised Land. All this symbolism makes it pretty likely that Peter thought he was in the kingdom of God.

The strangest feature of today's Gospel reading is the appearance of Moses and Elijah, two important Old Testament figures who had been dead for hundreds of years. Moses represents the laws God gave him on Mount Sinai, laws the Jews believed were a guideline to holiness. Some Jews believed following the laws was a sure way to please God and to reserve for oneself a spot in his reign. Elijah, on the other hand, was one of the greatest prophets in the history of the Jewish people. Many Jews believed he would return to the earth to prepare the way for the Messiah, God's chosen one who would usher in God's kingdom on earth.

Since the Jewish people called their Scripture (what Christians call the Old Testament) "the Law and the Prophets," we can assume that's what Moses and Elijah represent when they appear together in today's Gospel. We can interpret their presence with Jesus to mean that just as God once worked to save the Jewish people from their physical enemies in the days of the Old Testament, God is now working through the son, Jesus, to save the world from its spiritual enemy, the devil.

All this symbolism points to Jesus being the Messiah, a conclusion the voice from the cloud supports when it identifies Jesus as the chosen one (another way of referring to the Messiah). The Old Testament sometime uses a cloud as a symbol of God's presence (see Exodus 13:21, Exodus 16:10, and 1 Kings 8:10-11). So, the voice must belong to God.

So, we'll miss the point of today's Gospel if we focus only on the change in Jesus' appearance. What's more important is that God used this occasion to confirm Jesus' mission as the Messiah, the person he chose to establish his reign on earth.

Just as Jesus was at prayer when all of this happened, prayer can also transfigure our lives. Identify an area in our life that needs change and ask God to transform us into a new person, pleasing to God in every way.

Lent, the church's annual retreat for the liturgical year, began this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent prepares us for the events of Holy Week, in which we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through our Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) and the subsequent Easter Sunday celebration and the Easter Season. Lent is the time where we focus our spiritual journey on the three traditional practices of the season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our hope is that by the end of the Lenten Season, our spiritual practices during Lent will have drawn us closer

to Christ and his will for us, not just during the Lenten and Easter Seasons, but throughout the rest of the year as well.

As we've done over the past few years, we will be washing both feet and hands at this year's Holy Thursday liturgy. Just wanted to give folks a heads up. The liturgical rites for that evening's celebration dictates the washing of feet, not hands. I know that the washing of hands has been the tradition here at St. Benedict, which is why, for this year again, we will give folks the option. Remember, according to Passion Narratives found in the Scriptures detailing the events leading to Jesus' death, Christ washed feet while Pontius Pilate washed his hands and wanted nothing to do with Our Lord.

Dr. Rita Bobino, a parishioner here at St. Benedict, participated in the Rite of Election into the Catholic Church at the Cathedral of Christ the Light this past week. This is in preparation for her full entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

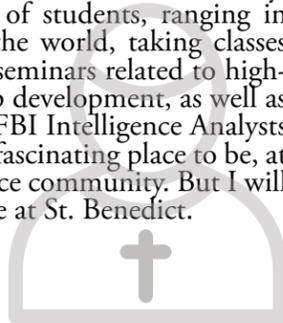
Like many of you, I've been following the recent Federal indictments of those parents, college admissions administrators, coaches and other people charged with unfair and dishonest practices in providing "advantages" for prospective high school seniors applying for entry into competitive and highly-selective institutions of higher education. Many of these same people would decry the use of traditional "affirmative action" programs that enabled a student like myself to enter and graduate from UC Davis. I find the hypocrisy sickening. It's always about the money, so it seems.

For those of you who follow college hoops, congratulations to Saint Mary's College (Christian Brothers) in Moraga, who were the champions of the West Coast Conference after defeating the #1 ranked college team in the country - Gonzaga University (Jesuit) of Spokane. I know that some of you attended Saint Mary's, while others went to Gonzaga. Thought I shed some ink this weekend and give a shout out to all you March Madness fans...

The diocese has issued a warning to be aware that there is a scam targeting parishioners, with emails disguised as coming from priests. We've already had our own parishioners fooled into believing that I sent email requests for gift cards, when it wasn't the case. I'll send out a "Constant Contact" email about this scam.

I'll be returning from the FBI Academy in Quantico on Monday, after having served as the resident, in-service chaplain for the Academy for the past two weeks. This is something that I do four weeks a year - two weeks in March and two weeks in October. It's my chance for me to give service to the country. I am basically the priest to the entire FBI Academy, which generally includes hundreds of students, ranging in all ages and coming from around the world, taking classes or attending workshops or training seminars related to high-level law enforcement and leadership development, as well as those studying to the FBI Agent or FBI Intelligence Analysts or FBI Surveillance Specialists. It's a fascinating place to be, at the center of this country's intelligence community. But I will be glad and relieved to be back home at St. Benedict.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone who is fourteen years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals) to all persons who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine.

RICE BOWL

It is not too late to join other members of our parish community in participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. Remember, your contributions to Rice Bowl changes lives: **25% of the proceeds remain in the Oakland Diocese**, with a portion being given out as **grants to St. Vincent de Paul conferences** and other organizations working to alleviate hunger and food insecurity in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Last December **our own St. Vincent de Paul conference received a Rice Bowl grant of \$750.00**. The CRS Rice Bowl will be distributed at the back of the church. We will collect your CRS Rice Bowl on the weekend of Palm Sunday. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

ATTENTION!

We received a notice from the Bishop's Vineyard that the wine you ordered from the Wine Tasting Event will be delivered at mid - April as they are in the process of bottling. We will keep you posted.

4TH BI-ANNUAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL DRIVE

Our KPC Court/Council 336 kick-Off of the 4th Bi-Annual Children Hospital Drive began **Sunday, March 17th and will run to Sunday, April 14th, 2019**. Delivery on or before Good Friday! We humbly request your generous donation of all new items of: Stuff Animals/Toys, Socks for all ages, and an Assortment of Art Supplies suitable for Teen Patients, too! Advance thanks from the Ladies and Knights of Court/Council 336 domiciled here at St. Benedict, Oakland, CA. For questions, inquiries, and donations contact Chair Lady Lil Brown-Parker (510-206-9942) & Committee members Ladies: Wallita Sykes-Bush, Jewel Terrell, Theresa Gaudet, Madonna Billups, & Co-Chair/Poster Artist Lady Reese Fernandes!

SAINT MARY'S HIGH

Spend time learning at beautiful Peralta Park in Berkeley this summer, at Saint Mary's High summer academic enrichment programs and sports camps for youngsters in grades 6-9, June 17 through July 12. Week-long sports

camps led by Saint Mary's coaching staff will emphasize team-building, while students learn skills in: Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Flag Football, and Strength & Conditioning. The Middle School Academics Enrichment programs in Math and English are tailored to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. All information, grade level-specific program details, and online registration can be found at www.smssummer.org. **Saint Mary's is a Lasallian Catholic high school founded in San Francisco in 1863 and located in Berkeley since 1927. Visit www.saintmaryschs.org.**

HAWAII PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Voice invites you to join Fr. Jayson Landeza and Bishop Larry Silva of Honolulu to "Honor the Great Saints of Hawaii" St. Damien & St. Marianne Cope in Hawaii on September 8 - 14, 2019. Cost: \$2,899. Please contact Camille Tompkins at *The Catholic Voice* for a brochure at 510-419-1081 or ctompkins@oakdiocese.org.

KPCLA LADIES AUXILLARY COURT 336

Our annual scholarship fund raising event takes place Saturday, April 13, 2019, at Golden Gate Fields. Gates open at 11am. Price \$51.00 per person----- includes Valet Parking, Buffet ticket, Event Program and an afternoon of fun with family and friends. Please join us. For tickets and more information, please contact Lottie Sonnier: 510-635-3384; Audrey Ricks: 510-258-6470.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SISTER?

Come and See if God is calling you! **THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY** have an weekend Religious Vocation Retreat for single catholic women ages 18-40—April 26-28, 2019 in Los Altos Hills, CA. **CONTACT: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903** srllaguna@doc1633.org www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone has an announcement to be published in our weekly parish bulletin, it is due to the parish office on Wednesdays before 4:00 pm. Please submit your announcement to the parish office at this email address: saintbenedictcrh@aol.com. Thank you.

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. Thank you. God loves you and so do we.

RIP

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Alban Ekpu (uncle of Cliff Ologbosele). Please remember his family in your prayers.