

MASS INTENTIONS

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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	September 1	8:30 am 11:00 am	Visesio Moa - 89 th Birthday Rufus Fisher - 90 th Birthday
Monday	September 2	7:30 am	St. Benedict Parishioners
Wednesday	September 4	7:30 am	
Friday	September 6	7:30 am	
Saturday	September 7	4:30 pm	Leroy Gipson - Healing

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

Eucharia Ajagu
Najida Burns
David Cola
Leroy Gipson
Paeo Moa

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	August 25, 2019	\$3,219.25
Other Collection:	“100” Club	\$10.00
	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,892.00

“100” CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$6,697.59
Total Income for July 2019	\$429.25
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2019	\$7,126.84

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2019	\$1,352.04
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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.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 7/8, 2019

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

4:30 PM K. Webster D. Dixon A. Swayne (EM)	8:30 AM L. Noriega J. Grant C. Ologbosele (EM)	11:00 AM R. Guillory G. McCullough C. Hadnot (EM) D. Cola (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

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson
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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

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

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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

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ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, September 1 8:30 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Gospel Mass Mr. Fisher's Retirement Party	Church Church Hall
Monday, September 2		
Tuesday, September 3		
Wednesday, September 4		
Thursday, September 5 6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, September 6 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, September 7 4:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Church

PLEASE JOIN US!



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



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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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We're titled
The VOICES of St. Benedict -
Oakland, CA.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



When there is a large dinner banquet, the seating arrangement usually reflects the status of the invited guests. The place of honor is always at the main table with the most important guests sitting next to the host. It was no different in Jesus' day.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns audience not to assume that they deserve the coveted places of honor, because of someone more important arrives late the host may ask them to make room for that person. The resulting embarrassment will be great indeed if the only space left is in the lowliest spot.

The Jews often used a banquet as an image of the reign of God. Many of the Pharisees with whom Jesus sat at table believed they deserved the place of honor in God's reign not only because they were good Jews but also because of their strict observance of the Jewish laws. Jesus warned them against making this assumption.

In the story Jesus used to illustrate his point, the dignitary who came late and displaced the other man symbolized a sinner. Since many Jews believe sickness resulted from sin, people such as the lame, the blind, and lepers would've been in this category. The displaced guest symbolized the Pharisees who thought they were holier than others.

Jesus' audience would not have missed the point of his message. Jesus was telling the Pharisees they better not be too smug because the people whom they considered sinners might actually be holier and deserving of more honor in God's reign. Pride cannot only blind us to our own shortcomings but can also make us overlook the good in others.

A woman dreamt that when she died and went to heaven, she was surprised to see some people whom she considered spiritually inferior. Then she noticed that each of these people also looked surprised because, it seems, none of them expected to see her there either. Pray this week that God will teach us how to be humble.

Humble service to the parish, our community and to the country is what characterizes our beloved Mr. Rufus Fisher as he celebrates both his 90th birthday and his official retirement as our parish facilities manager. On behalf of St. Benedict parish, words can begin to express my deep and profound gratitude for all that he has done for us. Even this past week, Mr. Fisher guided us as we went through a facilities inspection from the Oakland Fire Marshal's office, and we passed with flying colors because of Mr. Fisher. He has been so faithful to so many of us, and this celebration is the very least we can do to express our thanks. Please join us for our 11:00 AM Sunday liturgy and a very wonderful lunch as we honor and thank Mr. Fisher for his dedicated, faithful and faith-filled presence and ministry, as well as celebrating 90 years of God-given life in our midst.

Some of you may have noticed that we have a picture of Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, who is currently in the process of beatification within the Roman Catholic Church. The picture was generously donated by Dr. Chiquita Tuttle. Sr. Thea (December 29, 1937 – March 30, 1990) was a Catholic religious sister, teacher, and scholar who made a major contribution to the ministry of the Catholic Church toward her fellow African Americans. She became an evangelist among blacks, assisted in the production of an African American Catholic hymnal, and was a popular speaker

on faith and spirituality in her final years. She helped found the National Black Sisters Conference to provide support for African-American women in Catholic religious institutes. Bowman has been designated a Servant of God, a step towards beautification and eventually canonization to sainthood.

According to Wikipedia, Sr. Thea was born **Bertha Bowman** in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937. Her grandfather had been born a slave but her father was a physician and her mother a teacher. She was raised in a Methodist home but, with her parents' permission, converted to the Roman Catholic faith at the age of nine and later joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at La Crosse, Wisconsin. Bowman attended Viterbo University, run by her congregation, and earned a B.A. in English in 1965. She went on to attend The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where she earned a M.A. in English in 1969 and a Ph.D. in English in 1972, writing her doctoral thesis on the American writer William Faulkner. More information about Sr. Thea next week.

I have been following the various news articles detailing the arrival of African slaves to America in 1619. Virginia commemorated the 400th anniversary of that day in August, 1619, when English privateer ship named the White Lion attacked Portuguese slave traders in the Gulf of Mexico and made off with twenty-some enslaved Africans. When it landed at Point Comfort in England's fledgling Virginia colony, the crew traded their human cargo to the governor and landowners for food. Thus began slavery in what is presently the United States.

As you know, I'll be serving as the chaplain to the Diocese of Oakland's pilgrimage to Hawaii - an event that had its origins with our very own St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council. Diocese of Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva will be joining us for a portion of the pilgrimage, which will focus on two of Hawai'i's saints, St. Damien de Vester and Sr. Marianne Cope, who worked at the Leper Colony at Kalaupapa, on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai (where my mother is from). Bishop Larry was Vicar General for the Diocese of Oakland - born in Honolulu but raised in San Lorenzo, a proud graduate of Bishop O'Dowd High School. We will keep you in our prayers as we begin this pilgrimage to Hawai'i next Sunday.

The Voices of St. Benedict Choir took a well-deserved break in August (Dorgan McDade led the music in Leonard's absence). In the meantime, you'll notice that we have new overhead choir microphones, which will enhance our music here. Our Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver have lots of upcoming activities and pay attention to information regarding our St. Benedict homecoming weekend and hall dedication in honor of Fr. Jay Matthews, all of which is happening in October.

Next week I'll be on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hawai'i (September 8-14), and then to a meeting at FBI Quantico (September 16-20). Back to FBI

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

LABOR DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the holiday. The Mass on Monday will be celebrated at 8:00 am.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2019 - 2020

It's time to begin our Religious Education Program for the children of St. Benedict. Registration forms for students in grades 1 -8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday Classes will start on September 15, 2019 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 Faith Formation classes regularly. No child will be accepted after October 13, 2019.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2019 – 2020

The High School Confirmation Program will begin on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Students who want to begin the Confirmation process must be in their sophomore year of High School or celebrating their 15th birthday on or before September 2019. Sign up forms are on the table at the back of the church. Classes meet every Sunday at 9:40 am – 10:45 am. For more information contact Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo at 510-610-2465.

RCIA

Any adult interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation – or who would like to be received into the church – should sign up at the back of the church. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 8, 2018. Classes meet every Sunday at 9:45 am – 10:45 am. For further information contact Ms. Bev Ervin at 510-717-1346.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER SALE

The VOICES of St. Benedict will be having their Annual Southern Fried Chicken Dinner Sale after a 3 year hiatus on Saturday, September 14, 2019. The donation is \$12 per dinner. Dinner includes Fried Chicken, Mac-N-Cheese, Greens, Yams, Cornbread and Dessert. For tickets or more information, please contact any Choir Member or Music Director Leonard Pete.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER & LADIES AUXILLIARY COUNCIL & COURT 336 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Thunder Valley Casino
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Donation \$40.00 per person (5 hours stay)
Reservation deadline: September 11, 2019
(sorry, no refunds after deadline)

Proceeds from the trip help support our scholarship fund. For information call: Marvin Millet (510) 638-7263 or Morris Larry – (510) 562-3285

SAVE THE DATE:

October 13 - 20, 2019 will be our Homecoming Celebration. This will be an opportunity for all of those who have ever set foot in St. Benedict's, whether it be for a Church Service, an Event, A Fundraiser, A Funeral, Line-Dancing Class, whatever reason it may be to come back to your Home away from Home and Celebrate Life, Love, Family, Friends and our beloved Fr. Jay Matthews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It will be featuring Dr. Toinette Eugene and Sr. Eva Lumas. We will also have a ribbon cutting celebration to officially welcome everyone to Fr. Jay Matthews Hall. More details will be coming soon. In the meantime, take a flier found on the back tables and spread the word to your family and friends.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL'S 35TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 7, Berkeley Country Club, El Cerrito. The annual "Phil Doran '63 Memorial Tournament" benefits Saint Mary's Tuition Assistance Program. Registration for players and sponsorships is available online at www.saintmaryschs.org, or contact Joanne Marchetti Howe at (510) 559-6227 or at jhowe@stmchs.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are in need of Grocery Bags, If you have bags that are just taking up space please bring them to Mass Saturday or Sunday and place in the Barrel located near the doors as you enter Church. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with unloading, placing items on shelves and helping our clients take heavy bags to cars. Should be available to start at 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m. the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month or the 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month.

"ELEGANT LADIES PRESENTS A PURPLE RAIN EXTRAVAGANZA" SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Tickets available now at \$35 each for a delicious Luncheon and Fabulous Fashion Show!

When: Saturday, October 19, 2019

Time: 12pm-3:30pm;

Where: St. Benedict Church Hall doors open at 12 noon

Brought to you by: Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Ct. 336. Purchase Tickets: From the Ladies of Ct. 336, the immediate past Ct. of the year! Our Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser brought to you by and featuring the Ladies Auxiliary Court 336. Thanks in advance for your generous support! We welcome your business Ad which will be placed in our Souvenir Program, in support of the efforts of our Scholarship Fundraiser! Contact Lady Janice Moore, Chair (morel0420@att.net) and Lady Lil Brown-Parker (lilparkerhi@gmail.com) for questions, donations, and/or additional info.

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SECOND COLLECTION

"100" Club – This Weekend

Diocesan Priest Retirement – Next Weekend

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is the weekend of September 7-8, 2019. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "laboring in the vineyard" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.