

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	September 15	8:30 am 11:00 am	Eucharía Ajagu - Healing Estrellita Andres - Birthday Michelle Amores -Birthday
Monday	September 16	7:30 am	Eucharía Ajagu - Healing
Wednesday	September 18	7:30 am	
Friday	September 20	7:30 am	
Saturday	September 21	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

Eucharía Ajagu
Najida Burns
David Cola
Leroy Gipson
Paeo Moa

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	September 8, 2019	\$4,973.00
Other Collection:	“100” Club	\$30.00
	Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$564.00

“100” CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,126.84
Total Income for August 2019	\$704.25
Total Expense for August 2019	\$1,738.05
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2019	\$6,093.04

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of August 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 21/22, 2019

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

4:30 PM L. Palmeri J. Soublet	8:30 AM R. Cunningham-LeBlanc J. Grant J. Matthews (EM)	11:00 AM J. Smithson-Bell (Lec) L. Brown-Parker L. Watson (EM) W. Sykes-Bush (EM)
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SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Vincent de Paul - Next Weekend



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

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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

WWW.SAINTBENEDICTOAKLAND.COM

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 15

8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Church
11:00 am	Sunday Gospel Mass	Church
9:45 am - 10:45 am	Faith Formation Class	Parish Center
9:45 am - 10:45 am	Confirmation Class	Parish Center
9:40 am - 10:45 am	RCIA	Rectory

Monday, September 16

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
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Tuesday, September 17

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall
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Wednesday, September 18

9:00 am - 12:00 noon	SVDP - Distribution of Food Bags	Parish Hall
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wellness Group	Parish Hall

Thursday, September 19

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
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Saturday, September 21

4:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Church
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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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The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



Most city folks might think the shepherd who left 99 sheep in the pasture while he searched for the one that was lost was foolish to leave the flock unattended and vulnerable to attack by wild animals. But that was not the case. No shepherd would purposely expose their flock to any kind of danger.

Because a very close relationship existed between a shepherd and the sheep, that shepherd gave each of the sheep a name and a sheep came whenever it heard the shepherd calling it. The shepherd in the parable not only knew a sheep was missing but also knew which one it was. This close relationship between the shepherd and the sheep make caring for the animals easier. Several shepherds often combined their flocks in a single pasture and then took turns watching them. They didn’t worry about which shepherd owned which sheep. All the shepherd had to do was call his sheep by name and they would come running because they knew his voice. So the shepherd in today’s Gospel did not leave his sheep unattended when he went in search of the one that was lost, but left it in the care of another shepherd.

The parable about the woman who swept the entire house looking for a single coin might sound a little ridiculous because it’s difficult for us to imagine anyone going through all that trouble for a small sum of money. The explanation for the women’s actions lies in an understanding of ancient courtship and marriage customs.

An unmarried women often wore a special headband or head covering made of coins or precious jewels that, like a dowry, would go to the man who married her. They had been may have been very elaborate or could’ve looked as simple as a bent wire on which she strung coins with holes punched through them. The more coins or jewels, the easier it would be for the girl to attract a husband.

A girl like the one in today’s Gospel was not a rich if she had only 10 coins on her headband. Losing one of those coins would greatly reduce her chances of marrying a suitable husband. That’s why she would sweep the entire house until she found the coin. She would then have a good reason for celebrating.

Both parables end with scenes of great joy. Jesus use these stories to teach that there will be great joy in heaven when we repent and return to Almighty God in heaven. When was the last time we ask God to forgive our sins?

I am writing this from St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church on the beach at Waikiki, in Honolulu, Hawai’i. In fact, as I’m submitting this, a number of our folks are on small planes going into the leprosy settlement. A week ago last Sunday, I joined 46 Catholic pilgrims from the East Bay, 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 briefly joined us for a portion of the pilgrimage, which will focus of two of Hawai’i’s saints, St. Damien de Vuester and Sr. Marianne Cope, who worked at the Leper Colony at Kalaupapa, on the Hawaiian Island of Moloka’i (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. Bishop Larry recently had prostate cancer surgery, so although he was hoping to spend more time with us, Bishop Larry’s recovery process has been a bit slower than he anticipated, so he wasn’t quite as present to us as anticipated. But please be assured that we’ve been keeping you in our prayers throughout this pilgrimage to Hawai’i here. Of course, by the time you’re reading this, we will have all returned from Hawai’i. St. Benedict parishioners on this pilgrimage included Dionne Cola, Arianna Catherine, Rufus Fisher, Jules Garibaldi, Kami Jackson, Kayla Romans, Chiquita Tuttle, Ofelia Wanzo, and Sylvia Parker. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers, as we have for you.

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 generous 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.

Continuing from last week’s article and once again referencing Wikipedia, Sister Thea Bowman taught at an elementary school in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and then at a high school in Canton, Mississippi. She later taught at her alma maters, Viterbo College in La Crosse and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., as well as at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.[2] Bowman became instrumental in the publication in 1987 of a new Catholic hymnal, *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal*, the first such work directed to the Black community. James P. Lyke, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland (also an African-American), coordinated the hymnal project, saying it was born of the needs and aspirations of Black Catholics. Bowman was actively involved in helping select hymns to be included. The hymnal includes an essay that she wrote, titled «The Gift of African American Sacred Song.» In it, she says, «Black sacred song is soulful song» and then describes it in these five ways:

1. holistic: challenging the full engagement of mind, imagination, memory, feeling, emotion, voice, and body;
2. participatory: inviting the worshiping community to join in contemplation, in celebration and in prayer;
3. real: celebrating the immediate concrete reality of the worshiping community – grief or separation, struggle or oppression, determination or joy – bringing that reality to prayer within the community of believers;
4. spirit-filled: energetic, engrossing, intense;
5. life-giving: refreshing, encouraging, consoling, invigorating, sustaining.

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 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 Quantico (October 1-11) for almost two weeks of service to the Bureau, then returning just in time for my 40th Saint Mary’s College High School (Berkeley) Class of 1979 reunion.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. 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.

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 a 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.

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. 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.

RIP

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Dennis Leroy Bridges
(past Parishioner)

Shawn Donahue
(past Grand Knight of Knights of Peter Claver Council #212)

Huey Dubon
(Deacon Ron Tutson’s uncle)

Marlon B. Lewis
(Deacon Ron Tutson’s brother-in-law)

Please remember their families in your prayers.

Funeral Service for Shawn Donahue:

Friday, September 27th at 10:00am
CP Bannon

Memorial Service for Dennis Leroy Bridges:

Saturday, September 28, 2019
11:00 am
St. Benedict Church