

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**2021 MASS INTENTIONS**

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2021. 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	June 27	8:30 am	For The People
		11:00 am	Yvonne Matthews†

**SICK MINISTRY**

If you know someone who is sick and is in need of prayers, please contact the church office (510) 632-1847. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Collection:	June 20, 2021	<b>\$5,090.00</b>
Other Collection	"100" Club	<b>\$26.00</b>

Thank You For Your Generosity

**PENNY HARVEST**

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/MINISTERS**

**JULY 4, 2021**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
J. Garibaldi	J. Moore	M. Trevigne

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Saint Vincent de Paul - This Weekend  
"100" Club- 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

**ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, June 27</b>	8:30 am Sunday Mass	Church
	11:00 am Sunday Gospel Mass	Church
<b>Monday, June 28</b>		
<b>Tuesday, June 29</b>		
<b>Wednesday, June 30</b>		
<b>Thursday, July 1</b>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, July 2</b>		
<b>Saturday, July 3</b>	4:30 pm Saturday Vigil 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	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.

Like our page on Facebook! We're titled The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA.

**f** 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.

**PARISH STAFF**

<b>Mrs. Divina Cabrera</b> OFFICE MANAGER	<b>Rev. Jayson Landeza</b> PASTOR	<b>Rev. Paul Vassar</b> CLERGY SUPPLY	<b>Dr. Chiquita Tuttle</b> PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR
<b>Mr. Leonard Pete</b> MUSIC DIRECTOR	<b>Mr. Ron Tutson</b> DEACON	<b>Rev. Vincent Cotter</b> IN RESIDENCE	
<b>Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo</b> CCD DIRECTOR	<b>Ms. Dionne Cola</b> PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	<b>Rev. Aris Martin, SVD</b> IN RESIDENCE	
			<b>Miss Ariana Catherine</b> YOUTH MINISTER

**MASS TIMES**

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

**SUNDAY .....8:30 am**

..... **11:00 am**  
GOSPEL MASS

**CONFESSION**  
BY APPOINTMENT  
510-632-1847

**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



Today's Gospel reading contains two very different miracle stories. In one, a woman is suffering from a hemorrhage experiences a healing when she touches Jesus' clothing and, in the other, Jesus brings a twelve year old girl back to life. As different as these two miracles are, they do have one thing in common. Each miracle required faith.

Having touched Jesus, the woman feels that she has been healed. Being aware that healing power has gone from him, Jesus turns around and asks who touched him. After the woman admits that she is the one, Jesus says that she has been healed because of her faith. She didn't regain her health because of what she did but because she believed in Jesus' power to heal her.

Something similar happens in the story about Jesus bringing the little girl back to life. When the messengers from the synagogue official's house bring word that the girl is dead, Jesus responds by telling them that fear is useless and that they need to learn to trust (have faith) in him.

When he arrives at the synagogue official's house, Jesus hears people crying and carrying on because, according to custom, the family probably hired professional mourners to help them express their grief. Flute players usually accompanied these professional mourners because ancient people associated the flute's ominous sound with death and tragedy.

Another Jewish mourning custom involved tearing a piece of one's clothing upon hearing the news of the death of a friend or relative. The tear was on the left side when the deceased was one's parent and on the right side for everyone else. The Jews believed this expression of grief was an outward and visible sign of the damage death did to the mourner's relationship with the deceased. Just as the piece of clothing would never be the same again, the mourner's life also could never be as it was before the person died. Hassidic and Orthodox Jews continue this practice even today.

The Gospel story ends when Jesus enters the room where the little girl is laying and tells her to get up. She immediately stands up and walks around. Faith, once again, makes a miracle possible.

In the Gospel, there is only one example of Jesus not being able to perform a miracle. Look up the story in Mark 6:1-6. What reason does Mark give for Jesus' inability to heal in this instance?

We continue to look for miracles as we seek to reduce the level of violence in our beloved Oakland. As of this past Wednesday, Oakland has experienced 60 homicides since the beginning of 2021. The last two homicides - the shootings at Lake Merritt last Saturday and another at 345 Capistrano last Monday night, had me working with grieving mothers on both incidents. I can't think of anything more tragic and sad than the moment a mother is informed of the unexpected death of a child, no matter how old the son or daughter is. It's difficult not to be moved to tears at that instance. It's a ministry that I've been doing for many years, but I never lose a sense of the deep and profound pain of such senseless violence. That is why I continue to work alongside other like-minded folks in the

city to help in bringing awareness and reducing gun violence in Oakland. As an extension of this work in our parish involvement in Ceasefire Walks and our participation in monthly vigils. Our next Elmhurst Park, 98th and B Streets, this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 PM. Bishop Barber, who has made gun violence a personal and diocesan priority, will be there. He was a recent victim of an armed robbery a few weeks ago, so the Bishop has been a first-hand witness to this violence.

Last Sunday, the 11:00 AM liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light was disrupted by an intruder armed with a knife. No one was hurt and the perpetrator remains at-large.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have lost treasured St. Benedict parishioners Beverly Harris and James Flowers. Beverly, the wife of the late John Harris, is the sister of St. Benedict parishioner Betty Evans, whose husband John passed away a year ago. James Flowers' service was held this past Saturday afternoon in the church, while Beverly's rosary/vigil will be this Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM at St. Benedict, and the funeral will be on Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM, with a committal to follow at Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito, and a repast back here at St. Benedict. May Jim and Beverly rest in peace.

I'm sure that as a people of faith, you've been able to experience Jesus' role in everything, particularly over these past 15 months as we've endured this pandemic. Quite a number of you have lost treasured loved ones during this time, though not necessarily from the virus. The events of this past week, with the relaxation of the masking and social distancing guidelines, enables us to return to some sense of normality.

Bishop Barber, on behalf of the Diocese of Oakland, released revised guidelines regarding worship in this new COVID-19 phase. There are no longer restrictions on indoor capacity; if you've been vaccinated, there's no need to wear a mask; if you have NOT been vaccinated, including minors, a mask must be worn indoors; the sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact; the rest of the updates were inserted into last weekend's bulletin.

Last weekend's Juneteenth celebrations enabled our company and others to recognize this new National Commemoration. May we take this moment to reflect on how this holiday came about and the continued work that we must do to achieve racial justice and equality, particularly for the African American community.

Fr. Aris Martin has been with us here at St. Benedict as he worked on his Doctoral degree in Sacred Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. Having defended his thesis and earning his Doctorate, Fr. Aris will be returning to the Divine Word Seminary in Epworth, Iowa, to begin teaching at his order's (SVD - Society of Divine Word) seminary. I will miss his easygoing personality, deep spirituality, and his willingness to be of assistance here at St. Benedict. We will have a good-bye Mass and reception next Sunday, July 4th - 11:00 AM Mass and a gathering in the hall after Mass. Please join us in saying "goodbye" and "thank you" to Fr. Aris!

You'll be hearing more about our upcoming St. Benedict Parish

Picnic (at San Leandro Marina) on Sunday, July 11th and our KPC Council 336 Fish Fry on Saturday, July 31st.

I'll be away from Saturday, July 10th to Saturday, July 17 - Greenville, South Carolina, for the Annual Training Session of the International Conference of Police Chaplain. In the past few years, I gave a presentation on the role of police chaplains during a riot, an experience that I have from working with various civil disturbances in Oakland. This year, I get to just take courses on responding to traumatic incidents.

God bless,  
Fr. Jayson Landeza

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION!

Due to health concerns, the cups of the Blood of Christ will not be available until further notice.

### PARISH PICNIC

St. Benedict Catholic church presents....  
**SUNDAY FUNDAY**

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 11, 2021  
**TIME:** 9AM - 5PM  
**WHERE:** San Leandro Marina Park/Seagull Site  
14001 Monarch Bay Drive  
San Leandro, CA

### MASS AT THE PARK BEGINS AT 10 AM.

Lunch bags containing Hot Link, Chips, Potato Salad, Fruit & Drink of your choice will be handed out immediately following Mass. There won't be a Picnic Potluck this year, but, you are more than welcome to bring your own food for YOUR AREA to share with YOUR HOUSEHOLD. Please Arrive Early!

Any other questions, comments or concerns, TEXT, CALL or EMAIL Music Director/St. Benedict Annual Sunday Funday Co-ordinator Leonard Pete at (510) 519-1913 - MrLeonardDPete@gmail.com

### THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER FR. JAY MATTHEWS COUNCIL #336 PRESENTS... FISH-FRY - SATURDAY!

**When:** Saturday, July 31, 2021  
**Where:** Fr. Jay Matthews Hall  
**Time:** Noon  
**Donation:** \$20  
**Contents:** Fried Catfish or fried Red Snapper (Your Choice)  
Potato Salad, Green Beans, Mac-N-Cheese, Cornbread & Dessert

Tickets By Reservation Only! Must have reservation to pick up Dinner! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Ways to pay:

<b>ZELLE</b>	Kpc.frjay.council336@gmail.com
<b>PAYPAL</b>	@KPC336 or (510) 917-2390
<b>CHECK</b>	Payable to KPC 336
<b>CASH</b>	at the door

For Reservations or more info: Text us/ E-Mail us/ Call us:  
(510-519-1913 Kpc.frjay.council336@gmail.com

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS BACK!

Tuesday, August 3rd we will be having our in person National Night Out at St. Benedict Church parking lot. We will be having music, fun and prizes. All are invited to attend along with your family and friends. We are currently looking for donations to raffle like gift cards, tickets and other items. We are also looking for donations of pre-packaged cookies and chips, water and drinks like capri suns. Please bring any donations to church on Sundays and leave them with Leonard Pete or Tara Sykes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tara Sykes at [tsykes6526@aol.com](mailto:tsykes6526@aol.com). Thank you.

### REMINDER AND PLEA

The rear area of the Church building has been marked **NO PARKING** and **KEEP CLEAR**. There are also **NO PARKING** signs posted on walls in other areas beside the Church and near the Parish Center. This is not merely for decoration. This is to note that these areas should be kept clear at all times. We do not have a parking lot attendant, therefore, we must do what is necessary to help the flow of traffic in the parking lot, always. The Priest who reside in the rectory absolutely need to have access in and out of their home at all times. When we are on the grounds for whatever reason, we should also expect to have clear access in and out of the lot. It is imperative that **EMERGENCY VEHICLES** be able to have clear access to all buildings in case of medical emergencies. Parking to the rear of the rectory and hall is designated for "staff only." Off loading and on loading is permitted, however, your vehicle must then be moved to an allowed area of the lot. Thank you so much for your cooperation. It is truly appreciated.

### 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](mailto:saintbenedictcrh@aol.com). Thank you.

### ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT PARISHIONERS!

#### Important Information about St. Benedict's Electronic Newsletter

Have you been receiving emails from St. Benedict Parish? If not, we want to be sure we have your correct and current email address so that you don't miss out on current Parish news and activities. When you have a moment we'd appreciate your sending a quick email to [SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com](mailto:SaintBenedictCrh@aol.com) with your full name and email address. Also, be sure to check your SPAM folder just in case the messages have been going there instead of your INBOX. The St. Benedict Communications Team thanks you for your attention to this matter.