

## 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 call the parish office at 510-632-1847 and we will call you back. Donation for a Mass is \$10.00. Thank you.

Sunday, September 5 8:30 am Visesio Moa - 91st Birthday  
 11:00 am Heidi Schmitt - For Healing  
 Gloria Marti†  
 Death Anniversary  
 Saturday, September 11 4:30 pm Eyvest Joseph James, Sr.†  
 Alma Aikens James†

### SICK MINISTRY

If you know someone who is sick and is in need of prayers, please contact the church office (510) 632-1847.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diana Munoz  
 Adelaide Williams

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

### 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 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

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: August 29, 2021 **\$2,806.00**  
 Other Collection "100" Club **\$11.00**  
 Saint Vincent de Paul **\$50.00**

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

SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021

4:30 PM H. Santi 8:30 AM L. Robertson 11:00 AM D. Blake

## SECOND COLLECTION

"100" Club - This Weekend  
 Diocesan Priest Retirement - Next Weekend



### 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.

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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  
 OFFICE MANAGER

Mr. Leonard Pete  
 MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo  
 CCD DIRECTOR

Rev. Jayson Landeza  
 PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson  
 DEACON

Ms. Dionne Cola  
 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Rev. Paul Vassar  
 CLERGY SUPPLY

Rev. Vincent Cotter  
 IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Aris Martin, SVD  
 IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle  
 PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine  
 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



The story in today's Gospel begins with some people bringing to Jesus a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Taking him aside, Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears and touches the man's tongue with saliva. Looking upwards as if he was asking God for help from above, Jesus says to the man, "Ephphatha", an Aramaic word that means "be open". Immediately, the man is able to hear and he begins to speak clearly.

While it may sound a bit crude to us, touching the man's tongue with saliva was an accepted medical practice. After observing animals licking their wounds to ward off infections, ancient people concluded that if saliva could promote healing in an animal, it could also help humans. But because people in Jesus' day didn't understand how or why saliva worked, they thought they could use it to sure all kinds of ailments, including blindness, deafness, and speech impediments.

Since Greek is the original language of the Gospels, some people wonder why the Gospel writer (Mark) didn't translate an Aramaic word like "ephphatha" into its Greek equivalent. Because Aramaic was the everyday language of first-century Palestinian Jews, including Jesus and the apostles, biblical scholars think the Gospel writer preserved "ephphatha" (and a few other Aramaic words we find in the Gospel) in its original language because Jesus actually spoke this word on the occasion described in this story. The written accounts of what Jesus said, although accurately reflecting the substance of the message, are not word-for-word transcripts of his sermons.

The fact that Mark tells us what "ephphatha" means indicates to us that his audience did not know Aramaic and was probably not Jewish. So Mark most likely wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians

Give thanks to God for giving us the ability to hear and speak! Pray this week for those who are unable to do so. Pray also for those who work with the hearing impaired and for speech therapists.

We ask God's blessings on the gift of labor, as the nation pauses to commemorate Labor Day. We take for granted our work and jobs, and rarely take the time to see it as a gift. I remember as a child Labor Day picnics that my father's Teamster Local #315 would sponsor on Labor Day. There was also a time when priests were actively involved in the labor movement. Not so anymore. We tend to mark this weekend as the end of summer and the beginning of Fall. Happy Labor Day to all of you.

Like many of you, I've been following the events surrounding Hurricane Ida and its impact on Louisiana, specifically the New Orleans area. Many of you have deep roots and connections there, particularly family and friends living within the hurricane's path. I'm guessing that the diocese will have some sort of National Collection to assist victims of the hurricane. Like Hurricane Katrina 16 years ago, the images coming from the affected areas continue to move and disturb us. We continue to pray for our people down there and we remain ready to help however we can.

We also keep abreast of the Tahoe Fire and the damage such wildfires inflict on our neighbors to the north. We pray for their safety and well-being at the same time.

Twenty years will mark the 9-11 commemoration of the terrorist attacks on our homeland and the war in Afghanistan. We are grateful to have withdrawn and ended our presence there, and we continue to work and pray for peace in that region of the world.

In the upcoming Fall, we will begin a discernment process for those wishing to serve on the St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council. The current term expires in 2022, and we'd like to initiate the process and have folks in place by the end of this calendar year. Please stay tuned and pray if this might be a way you can serve our St. Benedict parish family.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having its National Assembly in Houston, Texas, at the end of August, and the St. Benedict parish conference will be represented by our own Wallita Sykes-Bush. It's important for our folks in parish leadership positions to participate in such national gatherings and training opportunities in order to keep us abreast on the latest developments and practical applications of best practices from throughout the country. Wallita will give us a summary report upon her return from the SVDP National Assembly.

As the fall draws nearer, I'll be speaking more about the Diocesan Mission Alignment Process, or MAP, which is the process by which the Diocese of Oakland and Bishop Barber will determine the viability of parishes and the possible pooling or redistributed of resources in order to maximize parishes in light of declining clergy, parishioner attendance and financial resources. Part of that process is an instrument that parishioners (throughout the diocese) will be asked to participate. Disciple Maker Index Survey, scheduled to be introduced in September, will help the Diocesan MAP committee in their task of compiling data and helping to make sound decisions about our resources

for the future. Janet Hall will be coordinating and leading our St. Benedict efforts to engage as many parishioners as possible to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey. We look forward to your eventual participation in this survey. I have been asked personally by Bishop Barber to serve on the Diocesan MAP Committee, so I'll see the survey implications first-hand. Thank you, Janet, for your willingness to help with this survey.

With the increased COVID 19 Delta variant counts and the mandatory indoor masks requirements instituted by our health officials, we are asking that all those attending Mass here at St. Benedict adhere to the requirements - mask wearing and social distancing. The Diocese issued a statement, effective September 1st, opening everything up, but with these increased infection rates, I'm sure that the Diocesan officials will retract those guidelines and perhaps reissue regulations suited to reflect the current situation.

God bless,  
**Fr. Jayson**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION!

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

### CCD Classes

It is 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 begin September 12, 2021 at 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 3, 2021.

### 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.

### WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Is Spirit calling you to a ministry? Listen closely and decide which one it will be and make the commitment. Your Church family humbly request the pleasure of your time and talent to be shared in any of the following ministries: Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Alter Servers, Ushers, Choir Voices, Youth Group Members, Knights, Ladies, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Environment Committee, Facilities Clean-up and Repair Volunteers, or start a new ministry. We look forward to your stewardship commitment.

## Wine & Jazz Festival Fundraiser WITH BISHOP'S VINEYARD

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021**

**TIME: 12:30PM**

**St. Benedict Church Grounds**

2245 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (Bancroft Ave.)

Oakland, CA 94605

*Enjoy a wonderful selection of wines from Bishop's Vineyard, Music by the Bay Area Jazz Society and delectable hors d'oeuvres while helping us raise funds for our Church. Sponsored by the St. Benedict Pastoral Council in collaboration with Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services.*

**Donation: \$35** (includes complimentary wine glass)

**RSVP | (510) 519-1913**

CONTACT: Meeting Recorder, Mr. Leonard Pete  
[StBenedict.PastoralCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedict.PastoralCouncil@gmail.com) for reservations.

**\*\*YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND\*\***

### Ways of Payment:

ZELLE: [MrLeonardDPete@yahoo.com](mailto:MrLeonardDPete@yahoo.com)

PayPal: (510) 917-2390

CASH or CHECK (Payable to St. Benedict Church) at the door.