

MASS INTENTIONS

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2022. 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. Donation for a Mass is \$10.00. Thank you.

Sunday, January 30 8:30 am For The Parish Community
Noel Nakahara - Healing
11:00 am Fr. Bert Aronyu -
Continued Healing
Saturday, February 5 4:30 pm Candelaria Bantay†

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

Betty Burns	Noel Nakahara
Theresa Butler	Janie Outley
Mike Casey	Heidi Schmitt
Bobby Coleman	Romel Tapscott
Michael Colwart	Adelaide Williams
Bishop John Cummins	Sylvia Williams

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

SECOND COLLECTION

"100" Club - Next Weekend

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	January 23, 2022	\$3,646.00
	Diocese Online Giving	\$3,205.00
Other Collection	"100" Club	\$100.00
	Saint Vincent de Paul	\$197.00

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

February 5/6, 2022

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
J. Soublet	M. Soublet	T. Clay



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

David Krashna
CHAIR/FACILITATOR

Linda Palmeri
VICE CHAIR
ASSISTANT FACILITATOR

Dale Blake
MEETING RECORDER

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine	Julie Hadnot	Romel Lucas	Alex Schmitt	Ofelia Wanzo
Dionne Cola	Elrita Larry	Leonard Pete	Chiquita Tuttle	Regina Wilson-Henry



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



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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

Mr. David Krashna
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

MASS TIMES

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

SUNDAY8:30 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

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



During a synagogue service in Nazareth, the town where he grew up, Jesus takes the scroll and read aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Through the passage he chooses, Jesus claims he possesses the Spirit of the Lord and that the spirit is sending him to bring good news to the poor, to set captives free, and to give sight to the blind.

The reference to the Spirit of God is the key to understanding what Jesus was talking about. Many Jews believed God would send them a Messiah, military / political leader whom God would anoint with his spirit. This anointed one (that's what "Christ" means) would usher in a new era, a time when the Messiah, the champion of the poor, would heal the sick and set the captives free. By declaring that these things were already happening through him, Jesus was claiming to possess God's spirit and was thereby claiming to be the Messiah.

Jesus knew that this assertion would not go unchallenged. Those present wanted proof he was indeed who he said he was because other self-proclaimed messiahs at the time disappointed the people who put their faith in them. So we can easily understand why the Jews in the synagogue that day were a little skeptical.

Jesus says that providing proof for his claim would be useless because prophets are usually more readily accepted by strangers than by those who knew them the best. One of the greatest Jewish prophets of all time, Elijah, did not go to one of his own people during a famine in the land but helped a poor widow in Zarepath who was not Jewish. As well, there were many lepers in Israel, but Elisha (Elijah's successor) helped only Naaman the Syrian. Jesus is saying that no matter what he does, the people of Nazareth will not accept him as the Messiah. Like the prophets Elijah and Elisha, Jesus will turn to the Gentiles to manifest God's power in the world and through them he will bring good news to the poor, set captives free, and restore sight to the blind.

The people of Nazareth didn't appreciate Jesus because they knew him too well. Is there one person in our lives whom we don't appreciate as we should? Perhaps we could give thanks to God for that person! Are there also ways in which God is inviting you to be prophetic in your own particular situation and context?

With the announcement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement later this year, folks are looking for President Joe Biden to appoint an African American woman to take Justice Breyer's place on the Supreme Court. This was a commitment that Biden made when he was in the South Carolina Democratic primaries in 2020. I am excited about the possibility of such a groundbreaking appointment! I hope that you are too!

As I have been mentioning over these past weeks, I know that many of us have been thinking and praying about the situation in Tonga. I know that this has been heartbreaking for our Tongan community here at St. Benedict, particularly our beloved Moa family. Please keep the people of Tonga and our Moa family close to your heart and soul as the news slowly unfolds.

Our hearts remain heavy for parishioners who have recently lost precious loved ones over these past few weeks: Jana Hadnot, sister of Julie Hadnot; Deja Robinson, daughter of Leon and Felicia Robinson, granddaughter of Vicki Evans Robinson, great-granddaughter of the late John and Betty Evans; Jose Antonio Echevarria, brother of Carmen Echevarria Tillman; Annette Carrier, wife of Andrew Carrier. May they all rest in the peace of the Lord's loving arms.

St. Benedict begins our annual Black History Month, which extends from the beginning of February to the Lenten Season in March. We have a number of distinguished guest preachers who will be speaking as part of our series. Father Ken Hamilton will join us for our 1st week; Sr. Eva Lumas will share her inspired preaching and ministry in our 2nd week; our very own Pastoral Associate Dionne Cola for week 3; Dr. Jacqueline Thompson, Senior Pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church, will grace us with her presence on the last weekend of Black History Month. Please come to honor and remember our African American heritage.

Many things taking place over the next few weeks: Black History Month, Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) and the upcoming Lenten Season, our church's annual spiritual retreat.

You may have noticed that we started mentioning the names and praying for African American Catholics who are currently in the process of seeking beautification and canonization within the Catholic Church. We pray for the following as they prepare for journey towards canonization: Venerable Pierre Toussaint; Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange; Venerable Henriette Delille; Venerable Father Augustus Tolton; Julia Greeley; Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA. We pray for their journey as they pray for us in ours!

I am grateful for a team of St. Benedict parishioners who have been reviewing a 50 page draft contract between Aspire Public Schools and the Diocese of Oakland, acting on behalf of St. Benedict parish - much heartfelt thanks to Sherril Gressel, Dionne Cola and Judge David Krashna for the gift of their time in reviewing this document.

The Diocese of Oakland's Mission Alignment Process (MAP) is deeply involved in evaluating the data from all of parishes in the diocese, and we are in the process of amalgamating the data, with recommendations forthcoming by the middle of March. As a member of the MAP Commission, I've been at a number of all-day meetings to look at possible parish configurations. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to do God's will and the right thing.

The Diocesan Medal of Merit is the highest award given by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland. On the first weekend of Black History Month, four St. Benedict parishioners will be receiving this prestigious award, in recognition of their service to the Diocese of Oakland: Deacon Ron Tutson, Ofelia Wanzo, Leonard Pete, and Dr. Chiquita Tuttle. They will be joining Rufus Fisher, Dionne Cola, Nat Bornor, Julie Hadnot

and Divina Cabrera in becoming recipients of the Medal of Merit. Please join me in congratulating Ron, Ofelia, Leonard and Chiquita on this wonderful achievement.

With the increased COVID 19 Omnicron variant on the rise 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. As you have noticed, we have reestablished distance protocols within our St. Benedict seating space. We will also discourage folks from gathering after Mass, so the presider will normally exit directly to the sacristy immediately following the conclusion of Mass. Thank you again to Leonard Pete for preparing our sanctuary space (once again), and for all you in understanding these health protocols.

**God bless,
Fr. Jayson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUPERBOWL TV RAFFLE 2022
*Presented by The Knights of St. Peter Claver
Fr. Jay Matthews Council #336*

Sunday, February 6, 2022 immediately following 11:00am Mass at Fr. Jay Matthews Hall. For tickets: See any KPC336 member. Donation: \$3 per ticket or (2) tickets for \$5. This is for our Scholarship 2022 Funds. Be the Winner of a Philips 65" Class 4K Ultra (2160p) Smart LED TV w/ Google Assistant... just in time for Superbowl.

THANK YOU
to all who came out for the last ceasefire walk, especially those prayer warriors who made great efforts to be present, and although they did not walk, they did the most important job of praying for those of us who did. Thank you to the new walkers in attendance.

DON'T MISS IT
Next month is Black History Month. Each Sunday the theme: "Revive Our Life, O Lord - Spiritual Strength of Our Heritage," will be spoken on. We will welcome:

Fr. Ken Hamilton, February 6th
Sr. Eva Lumas, February 13th
Dionne Cola, February 20th
Pastor Jacqueline Thompson

DO NOT MISS THIS!

HITTING THE FLOOR RUNNING
Is what our newly formed Pastoral Council is doing. We had our first meeting of this new year, held on the first Thursday of this month. Our new Pastoral Council Chair, David Krashna facilitated the meeting which was both in person and by zoom, in order to accommodate all members. There is much to discuss and discern as this new Council begins to come together to formulate ideas for the good of our community in accordance with the St. Benedict Church's Mission Statement. Please pray for them and support them throughout this journey. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th.

REMINDER!
One of the decisions that came out of the Pastoral Council meeting was, due to the current status of the COVID reports, we have reinstated the use of pew markings in order to meet required distancing. We respectfully ask that everyone adhere to the signage displayed. In those areas where we rely on each of you to protect yourselves and the Church family, i.e. sanitizing, wearing masks, and distancing during communion and bringing up offerings, we ask you to please be conscientious and cautious about this. We love you all and want to keep everyone safe, and we want to keep our Church doors open. Thank You!

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.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
Is Spirit calling you to a ministry? St. Benedict Church family invites you to explore our ministries: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir Voices, Knights, Ladies, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Environment Committee, Altar Servers, or you may even start a new ministry. We anxiously look forward to you offering your expertise. Contact any member of the Church's Pastoral Council members. Call the office, leave a message and someone will contact 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 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.

PLEASE JOIN US
If you are looking for a Church home, we would love to have you as a part of our Church family. Please fill out the registration form located on the back of this bulletin and drop it into the offertory basket. Someone will contact you at the address provided. Thank you. God loves you and so do we.