

## 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, February 6 8:30 am For The People  
 Analydia Cazares - Birthday  
 11:00 am Dionne Cola - Birthday  
 Judge David Krashna-Birthday  
 Saturday, February 12 4:30 pm Will Demetrius Parker†

## 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

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: January 30, 2022 **\$3,925.00**  
 Other Collection "100" Club **\$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

February 12/13, 2022

<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
L. Brown-Parker	J. Grant	D. Cola



### 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

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

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



Today's gospel from Luke contains one of the best-known stories in the New Testament. After preaching to the crowd on shore while drifting in shallow water in Peter's boat, Jesus tells Peter to throw his net overboard. Peter does as Jesus says but he doesn't expect to catch anything. To his surprise, the net fills with so many fish that he needs help hauling it in. Peter and his friends then leave their boats and follow Jesus.

Fishing and fisherman have played an important role in the history of Christianity. Some of the twelve apostles were fishermen (Matthew 4:18, Luke 5:6-9, and John 21:3). Although Peter and his partners immediately left everything and followed Jesus, we shouldn't conclude that they gave up fishing completely. On one occasion, Jesus tells Peter to cast a line into the sea. Peter then finds a coin in the mouth of a fish he catches and uses this coin to pay the Temple tax for himself and Jesus (Matthew 17:27). In another incident, the apostles are in the upper room when Peter announces that he's going fishing. A few of the other apostles join him and, while they're in their boats, the resurrected Jesus appears to them (John 21:1-14). These passages suggests the apostles were active fisherman even while they were Jesus' disciples.

A fish became an early symbol of Christianity because Greek was the most common language in the Roman empire and the letters of the Greek word for fish are i-c-h-t-h-u-s. These are the same letters that begin the Greek words for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" (iesous christos theou huios soter).

The early Christians also hung an anchor, another fishing related symbol, on the door of houses where they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. Because it resembled the cross, the secret symbol identified a place where followers of Jesus could meet and pray and to hear of the word of God.

Peter left his boat behind and followed Jesus because Jesus was even more important to him than his job. What are the three most important things in your life? Is our relationship with Jesus one of those priorities?

Fr. Ken Hamilton, SVD, will be our preacher and presider for this first weekend of Black History Month. Although Fr. Ken is no stranger to us, it's good for us to be reminded of the uniqueness and importance of his ministry. Fr. Hamilton holds a PhD in Religious Studies and has worked with the Bowman-Francis Institute for 40+ years to more deeply evangelize Black Catholics through their own spirituality and cultures. Join us as we are nourished by Fr. Ken's powerful preaching and witness. He's a dear friend of our St. Benedict family, and a brother to me over the years!

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!

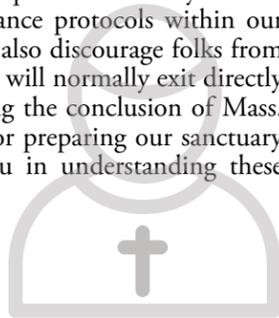
I am grateful for a team of St. Benedict parishioners who have been reviewing a 50 page draft contract between Aspire Public Schools and the Diocese of Oakland, acting on behalf of St. Benedict parish - much heartfelt thanks to Sherril Gressel, Dionne Cola and Judge David Krashna for the gift of their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

### WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THE THEME:

*"Revive Our Life, O Lord - Spiritual Strength of Our Heritage."*

Welcome to our speakers:

Fr. Ken Hamilton, February 6th

Sr. Eva Lumas, February 13th

Dionne Cola, February 20th

Pastor Jacqueline Thompson, February 27th

### NEXT CEASEFIRE WALK

scheduled from St. Benedict will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We would love to have you join us to walk or simply sit and pray while we walk. Hope to see you there.

St. Benedict Church presents...

**A TASTE OF LOUISIANA!**

Mardi Gras Celebration|Fundraiser 2022

Join us as we celebrate Mardi Gras on **Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12 Noon** on the Church Grounds w/ a little 2nd Line & Line-Dancing and immediately following, we'll have **Plate Lunches ready for PICK-UP** beginning at **12:30pm** until **3pm**.

### What's your choice?

**1) Gumbo** (w/ Rice & Potato Salad)

(Chicken/Sausage)- **\$10**

(Chicken/Sausage/Shrimp) - **\$12**

**2) Red Beans & Rice - \$8**

(w/ Sausage/Potato Salad/Cornbread)

**3) Hot Link Poboy - \$7**

(w/ Potato Salad/Chips)

Make your Reservation today!

**RSVP HERE:** <https://forms.gle/eSk1xuZHcJZgVny9A>

For More Info, Contact/Text/Email/Call **Mr.**

**Leonard Pete, Chair: (510) 519-1913**



**\*\*YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION\*\***

**Deadline for Reservations are Tuesday, 02/22/22.**

### Ways of Payment:

**Zelle:** MrLeonardDPete@Yahoo.com

**PayPal:** (510) 917-2390

**CASH, CARD** or **CHECK** (payable to St. Benedict Church) at the Door.

### 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 the 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.

### 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](mailto: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](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.

### 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.