

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, April 24 8:30 am Symphani Luna -
Strength in Her New Faith
11:00 am Marie McCarthy†
Saturday, April 30 4:30 pm Frances Porter - Healing

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

Bettye Burns	Noel Nakahara
Theresa Butler	Janie Outley
Mike Casey	Frances Porter
Bobbie Coleman	Rick Santi
Marquise Colwart	Heidi Schmitt
Michael Colwart	Romel Tapscott
Bishop John Cummins	Sylvia Williams

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

SECOND COLLECTION

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

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Please scan this QR code:



We are so BLESSED to have you visiting with us today and we hope that you've enjoyed Worshiping with us.

Please fill out the online form so that we can keep in touch with you and keep you informed of any upcoming events or information about St. Benedict. If you need to update your current information, you can fill out this form as well.

Please note that we respect your privacy. This information is ONLY for the St. Benedict Church Communications/Technology Committee.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection: April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday **\$10,017.00**
Other Collection: "100" Club **\$35.00**
Saint Vincent de Paul **\$280.00**
Rice Bowl **\$1,543.00**

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

April 30/May 1, 2022

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
J. Garibaldi	L. Robertson	D. Cola



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

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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BUILDING MANAGER

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



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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MEETING RECORDER

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine	Julie Hadnot	Romel Lucas	Alex Schmitt	Ofelia Wanzo
Dionne Cola	Erita 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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In the resurrection stories in John's Gospel, the author emphasizes the physical characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body. He does so because some early Christians questioned the idea of a bodily resurrection and said that what the apostles really saw was Jesus' spirit or ghost, not his physical body. Responding to those beliefs, The author of the fourth Gospel was careful to point out that the resurrected Jesus had flesh and bones and that he ate and drank. He wants to make it clear that the resurrected body was none other than the crucified one, Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins with all of the apostles except Thomas hiding in a locked room in fear that they would be arrested and killed just as Jesus was. Without warning, Jesus appears in their midst even though the windows and doors are bolted shut. The apostles cannot believe it! They saw him crucified and they saw him die but now he is alive once again!

When Thomas returns, the apostles excitedly tell him all about their experience with the risen Jesus but he refuses to believe them without first putting his fingers in the nail marks in Jesus' hands and in the wound in Jesus's side. Notice that Thomas doesn't say anything about the nail marks in Jesus' feet, possibly because the Romans may have used ropes instead of nails to affix the criminals' feet to the cross. So there wouldn't have been any nail marks in Jesus' feet for Thomas to examine.

Thomas didn't accept what the other apostles told him until he saw Jesus himself. The nail marks and the other wounds were the proof he needed to believe the resurrected Jesus was neither a ghost nor the product of someone's imagination but rather the same Jesus who died on the cross.

Although we will always remember Thomas as the one who doubted, he was actually one of the bravest and most loyal of the apostles. And in John Chapter 11, there is a story about how Jesus was on his way to Bethany, even though he knew there were some men in that city who want to kill him. Thomas recognized the potential danger but he didn't back away from it; he suggested that he and the other apostles go with Jesus so they could die with him. Whatever faults Thomas may have had, cowardice was not one of them.

Many times we are like Thomas, wanted to see before we believe. Is there anything about our faith and we have difficulty believing? We can take our doubts and questions to Jesus in prayer and ask him to help us believe!

What a wonderful Holy Week and a magnificent Easter! There are so many people to thank for making this past week possible. All those setting up and hosting the dinner on Holy Thursday and for all the delicious dishes that we enjoyed. Thank you to our liturgical environment committee for creating such a beautiful sanctuary space and for all who donated lilies and flowers for the church. Much heartfelt thanks and gratitude! Thank you to the choir, the musicians, lectors/proclaimers and all of our liturgical ministers who enhanced our Triduum and Easter liturgical celebrations! Thank you Symphani Luna, who was baptized, confirmed and brought into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, and to her daughters Kataleya and Anjalena who were baptized as well. Thank you and Happy Easter!

As I have been mentioning, longtime parishioner Gladys Green passed away. She has been such an integral part of the parish and the wider East Oakland community. A recipient of countless awards and recognitions by the City of Oakland and other community groups and organizations, Gladys has epitomized the definition of servant leadership. She was indeed someone whom community and civil leaders consulted on a regular basis. Gladys' ministry with St. Vincent de Paul and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver is legendary. We last spoke when she was at Summit Medical Center a couple of weeks ago - Gladys was in good spirits, and we had a wonderful discussion on her many achievements here in the parish and community. Funeral details are forthcoming - Gladys was particularly close to Fr. Paul Vassar, so I'm sure that depending on his availability, he'll probably preside over her services. Rest In Peace dear Gladys, and thank you for your life of service.

Gladys' services will be this Friday, April 29th at 3:00 PM (Vigil/Rosary) and 4:00 PM (Funeral Mass), with a repast to follow in Fr. Jay Matthews Hall. Gladys' burial will take place the following morning, Saturday, April 30th, at 10:00 AM at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

The priests of the Diocese of Oakland recently gathered at St. Isidore parish in Danville to be briefed on the results of the year-long Diocesan Mission Alignment Process, otherwise known as MAP. The Diocese's MAP is evaluated the data from all of parishes in the diocese, and having amalgamated the data, made recommendations to Bishop Michael Barber, who endorsed our conclusions. As a member of the MAP Commission, I've been at a number of all-day meetings to look at possible parish configurations. We on the MAP Commission have formally concluded our work and now it gets much more complicated. Our parish leadership will now begin conversations within other Oakland parishes, and later with the East Oakland Deanery (neighboring parishes) to see how we can begin to collaborate together as East Oakland parishes - I have already spoken to the pastors of Divine Mercy (the old St. Lawrence O'Toole) and St. Bernard to begin initial discussions about joint and shared ministry opportunities. We will most likely begin working closely with Divine Mercy, since we more in common with them than our neighboring parish, which are overwhelmingly Spanish-speaking. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to do God's will and the right thing. These regional (Oakland-wide) parish forums should be taking place within the next few weeks, while the Deanery-wide consultations should be completed by mid-June, before the summer. I will keep you updated on these developing events.

Thank you to those who were at our most recent Ceasefire walk here at the parish a few weeks ago. We continue working diligently to reduce violence, particularly gun violence, in our Eastmont and Deep East Oakland neighborhood. Our next Ceasefire walk will be Friday evening, April 29th, after Gladys Green's Funeral Services.

We continue to ask that all those attending Mass here at St. Benedict adhere to masking and social distancing requirements. We will continue to 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 for understanding these continued health protocols.

On behalf of our staff here at St. Benedict, abundant blessings to each and everyone of you during this Easter Season!

**God bless,
Fr. Jayson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Even those who have seen with their eyes, could struggle with belief. Let our actions be such, that we are able to help others who struggle with their faith.
"The Church is a place for everyone, with all their problems."
Pope Francis*

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS
Keep the Pastoral Council in your prayers as they work diligently to improve and sustain our parish. Talk to them about your ideas to renew and restore St. Benedict Parish. What are your ideas to help us grow? The process of developing new ministries is taking place. What would you like to see developed that you would be willing to be involved in? The Pastoral Council is hard at work attempting to improve the security of the facilities. That is difficult in the midst of today's challenges, and particularly in this community. What are your thoughts? Your thoughts are always welcomed and appreciated.

STAY TUNED
Church family, stay tuned for, "Let's Talk," "Spiritual Conversations of Our Faith." These faith formation sessions will be open to all interested parties. The date and time for these sessions is still pending.

ARE YOU READY?
The St. Benedict Wellness Crew returns tomorrow, Monday, April 25th at 5 pm in the Fr. Jay Matthews Hall. We're looking forward to shaking off the COVID blues and maximizing our overall wellness. Join us, and please come prepared. You **MUST** be vaccinated and you **MUST** show proof of at least 1 booster. Also, for now, we will mask up. Hope to see you tomorrow!

TAKE NOTICE
We have removed the pew markings and tape from our pews, however, we respectfully request that everyone remain cautious and show courtesy to others. Continue distancing, and sanitizing. Masking is still suggested while inside the Church building. Our efforts will continue to keep everyone safe as we move forward in faith. Thank you!

2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
The Knights of Peter Claver Council #336 and The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #336 will award a \$2000 scholarship to a young man and a young woman of color attending a Catholic High School in Alameda County. For applications/information contact Leonard Pete 510-917-2390 or Mallory Trevigne 510-3894-6540.

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.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Herbert Houston
Please remember his family in your prayers.