

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.

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| Sunday, May 8 | 8:30 am | Adelaide Williams† |
| | 11:00 am | Ofelia Bombino† Adelaide Williams† |
| Saturday, May 14 | 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

Bettye Burns
Theresa Butler
Mike Casey
Bobbie Coleman
Marquise Colwart
Michael Colwart
Bishop John Cummins
Noel Nakahara

Janie Outley
Kaleme Parker
Frances Porter
Paul Santi
Rick Santi
Heidi Schmitt
Rommel Tapscott
Sylvia Williams

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

IF YOUR REQUEST FOR "PRAYER FOR THE SICK" HAS BEEN LISTED FOR OVER A MONTH NOW AND THE REQUEST IS ABLE TO BE DELETED, PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE. THANK YOU.

SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Charities - 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

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| Collection: May 1, 2022 | \$4,356.20 |
| Other Collection: "100" Club | \$648.00 |
| Saint Vincent de Paul | \$200.00 |

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

May 14/15, 2022

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| 4:30 PM | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM |
| J. Soublet | M. Trevigno | 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 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

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
Mr. Jules Garibaldi
BUILDING MANAGER

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Since Easter, the Sunday Gospel readings all have had something to do with Jesus' resurrection. Today's reading seems to be an exception until we look at it more closely.

The reading begins with Jesus saying his sheep knows his voice and follow him. The Bible mentioned sheep over 500 times but that's not so unusual when we consider how important sheep were to every day life - providing meat to eat, milk to drink, and wool to make clothing. Ancient people even used their horns as containers for oil and as musical instruments.

Because shepherds had a very close relationship with their sheep, all the shepherd had to do was call his sheep and they immediately would come to him even if several flocks had mingled together. The same sheep would not budge an inch if a stranger called them.

The sheep in today's reading represent those people who have a very close relationship with Jesus. Jesus promises to give eternal life to his sheep and he says he will never let them perish, just as he himself will never die again. In other words, Jesus vows that those who are faithful to him will share in his resurrected life, with death no longer having any permanent power over them either. This eternal life is what we mean when we say we believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

The reading ends with Jesus claiming he and the Father are one, making him equal to God. The Jews would have considered this assertion blasphemous and their law required them to stone to death the person who spoke those words. Being good Jews, the apostles also would have had problems with this statement unless Jesus had already died and been raised. Only after the resurrection would they have been able to accept what Jesus was saying. So although we find today's reading in the middle of John's Gospel as if Jesus spoke these words before he died, it's more likely that John is recalling words the resurrected Jesus spoke to his apostles.

Practice being a good sheep. Learn to recognize Jesus' voice by listening to him. Find a quiet place, get comfortable, and relax. Clear our mind of all distractions and for a few minutes let Jesus speak to us. Don't say anything and don't try to imagine what Jesus would say. Just sit quietly and listen. The more often we do this, the easier it becomes.

Abundant blessings and best wishes to all those who are mothers, mothers-to-be, mother figures, those who were mothers with children in-utero, and all those who identify with this day of tribute. For many of us, Mother's Day is everyday, as we reflect upon their unconditional love and presence to us in a variety of ways. If your mother is in heaven, we pray that she is looking upon you with love, protection and intercession from above. If your mother is still with us on earth, may we not take her for granted. I will be joining my mother at Mercy Retirement in the Fruitvale immediately following today's 11:00 AM liturgy. Thank you, Jo Soublet, for sharing your reflections this weekend as well!

Herb Houston's passing was a surprise to many of us, although we know that he had some health struggles over the past couple of years. His Memorial Service is scheduled for Tuesday morning, May 17th at 11:00 AM here at St. Benedict - a cousin will be leading this non-Eucharist service. Herb was a Knight of Peter Claver, and I first met him years ago when I gave a talk at the Montclair Rotary Monthly meeting, held at the Sequoyah Country Club, above 580. Did you know that Herb also had a career as a composer of R&B songs back in the 1960's? It was a joy to speak with his daughters and to find out more about Herb - may he rest in peace as well!

St. Benedict continues to be engaged in the Diocesan MAP Process, seeking to find ways in which our parishes can work together in light of declining Mass attendance, scarce financial resources, and lack of priests.

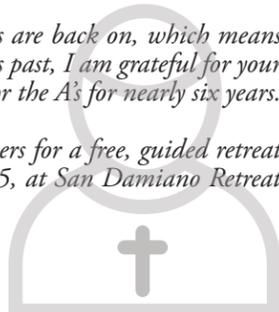
A set of meetings have been scheduled to begin the process of reviewing data - the first meeting is this Tuesday, May 3rd, and it will involve the parishes in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda (Region 1). Representing St. Benedict in this first round will be: Dionne Cola, Leonard Pete, Judge David Krashna, Sherril Gressel and Julie Hadnot. The second meeting (Tuesday, May 24) will involve our East Oakland deanery, and we will be additionally represented by: Chiquita Tuttle, Jules Garibaldi, Janet Hall, Judy Grant, Arianna Catherine. We will be reviewing information and data gathered to help determine the nature of our working relationship with other parishes in our East Oakland deanery. Deacon Ron Tutson and I will also be representing St. Benedict as parish clergy.

When you receive your copy of The Catholic Voice, my brother Patrick (and my family) will be featured on a front-page article. You'll find out a bit more about my background and family history. This May edition of The Catholic Voice will also have a nice article about our Diocesan Medal of Merit recipients: Leonard Pete, Ofelia Wanzo, Chiquita Tuttle, and Deacon Ron Tutson. Be sure to take a look at the most recent edition.

Oakland A's baseball season is back, and after a nearly three year absence, Sunday Masses for our home games are back on, which means that at least twice a month, I'll be leaving Mass at 9:15 AM to get to the Coliseum by 9:30 AM Mass. As in years past, I am grateful for your patience as I try to juggle these responsibilities on Sunday mornings. I've been the unofficial Catholic chaplain for the A's for nearly six years.

As many of you experienced last week, Jim and Liz Greer extended an invitation to our St. Benedict parishioners for a free, guided retreat after speaking at all of the Masses last weekend. This retreat is scheduled for next weekend, May 13,14 and 15, at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Please see the flyers and registration information at the entrances to the church.

God bless,
Fr. Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT THIS WEEK

Which of your gifts are you inspired to enhance the world with? Have you accomplished this? How so? Have you ever had to stand up to the powerful? Were you following God's voice? Would you do it today?

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Pastoral Council had its monthly meeting on this past Thursday. Updates are forthcoming. We continue to welcome ideas from the Church community on ways to restore, improve, and sustain our Parish. This information is extremely important as the MAP concerns are being processed.

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.

WE ARE BACK!!

As promised, the Wellness sessions have returned. Thank you to those faithful ones who turned out for the first session. Everyone was loving being back. Please join us if you would like to shake off the COVID blues and improve your overall wellness; mind, body, and spirit. Reminder: mask, proof of vaccination, and at least 1 booster required. Hope to see you soon.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES EAST BAY

offers services for families in need in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Food

Fresh and non-perishable food is available to all in need at Catholic Charities East Bay's monthly food distribution, held on the second Tuesday of each month at their Richmond office, 217 Harbour Way. The next event will be held May 10 from 10am to 1pm.

Vaccination Clinic

Thanks to support from the health services agency, there's an opportunity to receive vaccination for COVID-19 Vaccination or the flu.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSION

San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality and the South County Deanery Parishes present:

Tolton: From Slave to Priest
Performed life by Jim Coleman
May 14, 2022 - 2 pm
Holy Spirit Parish Center
\$20

For more information and to register: www.msjdominicans.org
Call 510 933-3546 for more information

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.

Herbert Houston's Funeral Service

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

11:00AM

St. Benedict Church

