

MASS INTENTIONS

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

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, August 21 8:30 am All Parishioners of St. Benedict living and deceased
11:00 am Candelaria Bantay†
Nancy Nieves†

SICK MINISTRY

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY

Stella Brown	Leslie Moton
Bettye Burns	Noel Nakahara
Theresa Butler	Janie Outley
Mike Casey	Frances Porter
Bobbie Coleman	John Rowell
Marquise Colwart	Rick Santi
Bishop John Cummins	Heidi Schmitt
Kenneth Greer	Romel 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.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Kelvin Thompson

(son of Jimmie Thompson)

Please remember his family in your prayers.

Funeral Mass

Wednesday, August 24, 2022
11:30 am
St. Benedict Church

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: August 14, 2022	\$5,458.00
Online Giving - Diocese of Oakland	\$3,010.00
Other Collection: "100" Club	\$57.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$15.00
Mission Cooperative	\$779.00

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

August 27/28, 2022

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
L. Brown-Parker	M. Soublet	S. Gressel

SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Vincent de Paul - Next Weekend



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

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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
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Rev. Vincent Cotter
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Mr. David Krashna
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Mrs. Sherril Gressel
FINANCE COMMITTEE 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



In today's Gospel, someone who came to hear Jesus preach asks him if only a few people will be saved. Modern Christians usually interpret this as a question about how many people God will allow into heaven, but it really refers to how many will enter into the reign of God. Although we often use the terms heaven and the reign of God interchangeably, they have very different meanings.

Because the Jewish people of Jesus' day understood heaven to be God's home, they believed no one was in heaven except God and the angels. Some Jews believed human beings who led good lives on earth did not go to heaven but had to wait in the land of the dead (also known as Hades or She'ol) until the end of the world when God would reward them by allowing them to enter into God's reign.

The term "reign of God" refers to the time when God will take control of the world and wipe out all pain and suffering. There won't be any more wars or oppression and God will transform the earth back into what it was like before woman and man sinned. God will then invite those who live good lives into this kingdom to enjoy the world as God originally meant it to be but will leave the wicked outside where they will be wailing and gnashing their teeth. Noticed that God reign is not up in the cloud somewhere but is an earthly reign separate and distinct from heaven.

The Jews often pictured the reign of God has a fantastic banquet and which God will serve the finest foods. Those whom God will invite to this feast enjoy the honor of sitting down at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (the three patriarchs of the Jewish people) and will be able to eat all they want without getting sick.

There were many Jews of Jesus day who thought reign of God it was an exclusive club. Because they were God's chosen people, they believe they were the only ones God would invite to the big feast. God would turn away everyone else at the door. In today's Gospel, Jesus rejects this way of thinking.

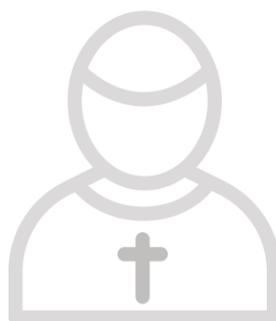
Jesus wants his audience that being one of God's chosen people does not, by itself, entitle them a spot in the reign of God. Jesus says it is possible they will be on the outside looking in as many people (even the despised and hated Gentiles from the north, south, east, and west) sit at the table enjoying the feast. So Jesus tells his fellow Jews not to be so smug.

Being a baptized Christian doesn't guarantee we will have a spot in the reign of God. We have to be Christian indeed and not just in name. Besides going to church on Sunday, how was your faith in Jesus obvious to those around you?
Cycling Through the Gospels, Jerome Sabatowich, (Resource Publications, 1993)

Fr. Ken Hamilton wanted me to let folks know about a couple of events related to Black Catholic Ministry; the Bowman Francis Catholic Men's Conference. Just Google "Bowman Francis Catholic Men" and that should take you to their website to register for the conference. Fr. Hamilton also wanted to remind folks about the Catholic African World Network on August 28, 2022 (The Feast of St. Augustine). You are invited to RSVP at catholicawn@gmail.com. Fr. Clarence Williams will be the featured speaker.

I am into my second week here as the Pastor of Divine Mercy, and frankly, I'm overwhelmed. I'm the only priest in the Diocese of Oakland that is formally Pastor of two parishes, with three sites. I'm also the only priest with an official assignment among these three places, since retired priests are at St. Benedict and St. Lawrence O'Toole. I am so grateful to a wonderful staff at St. Benedict - Divina Cabrera, Deacon Ron Tutson, Dionne Cola, Leonard Pete, Jules Garibaldi, among others who are bearing the burden as I am absent from my beloved St. Benedict. I'm also grateful to Fathers Paul Vassar and Vince Cotter for providing clergy coverage. I'm afraid to look at how the Christmas Season, Lent and Easter is going to look like. But as the Divine Mercy Chaplet states, "Jesus, I Trust in You". We've all been there, overwhelmed with our particular responsibilities. I trust that this is where God put me for now. May God use me as an instrument of healing here at Divine Mercy.

God Bless!
Fr. Jayson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!

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

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

How difficult faith can be. It is necessary for us to be disciplined and patient. We must go through formation, growth, and change. While going through the process some things may seem harsh and we may be humbled in the course. But, at the end of the journey, we should come forth as pure Gold!

Faith demands action; "Go out to all the world and spread the Good News."

There are those who give their all to fight injustice. Can we point to those in our pews who have done and are doing that? How can the rest of us follow their example through the narrow gate?

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday classes will start on Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 9:00 am to 10:00 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 September 11, 2022.

R. C. I. A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Introductory meeting for the team and the RCIA candidates is Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 9:40 am in the Hall or Center. The sessions are for one hour each Sunday. Requirements to participate:

Registered member of St Benedict parish; Proof of COVID vaccination; 18yrs and above, baptized or not. To defray the cost of the text materials, there is a goodwill donation of \$20; Student text: "Open Wide the Doors to Christ". This is open to ALL Parishioners seeks to know more about becoming Catholic. Adult seeking to be confirmed. Join us on this journey in faith. For more information, please contact **Beverly Ervin** at (510) 717-1346 or by Email: teach1018@icloud.com

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Fear of Dying. Earlier this month I attended a Celebration of Life at St. Joseph's Church in Pinole for one of my son's grade school classmates. I was the young decedent's - who passed away at 49 years of age due to a medical condition - basketball coach at the former St. Cornelius School in Richmond. The Mass celebrant was St. Joseph's pastor, Fr. Geoffery Baraan. Firstly, Fr. Geoffrey proclaimed the gospel without reading from the Book of the Gospels that he held open in his hands. Okay, I was impressed. Then, during the homily, Fr. Baraan remarked: **Fear will not stop dying, fear will stop living, so live life fully.** What do you think about Fr. Baraan's statement? You may address your comments to Pastoral Council Chair David Krashna at saintbenedictcrch@aol.com.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR PARISH?

1. **Online:** oakdiocese.org
Click on giving then click on support your parish.
2. **Mail:** You can mail your envelopes to the Parish Office at 2245 - 82nd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605 or, if you prefer, we have a mailbox slot inside the porch to the right of the security door.
3. **Bring contribution to Mass** to be deposited into the collection baskets during the Offertory.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - DIOCESE OF OAKLAND African American Catholic Pastoral Center Coordinator

The Diocese of Oakland has an opening for Pastoral Center Coordinator. The Coordinator is the AACPC's senior leadership role and will report to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization of the Diocese. In partnership with Diocesan Leadership and the Diocese's Task Force for Racial Justice, the Coordinator will have primary responsibility towards shaping AACPC strategy and effectuating its goals. Please submit letter of intent and resume to: Gloria Espinoza, Director of Human Resources gespinoza@oakdiocese.org Deadline to apply: September 9, 2022. (You will find the full job description and salary on the bulletin board at the side entrance of the church by the parking lot).

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.