

## 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, September 4 8:30 am Visesio Moa - 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
11:00 am Rufus Fisher - 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
Jahn Fifit

## 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

Kathi Britton	Allegra Pugh
Stella Brown	John Rowell
Bobbie Coleman	Rick Santi
Marquise Colwart	Heidi Schmitt
Kenneth Greer	Esperanza Tervalon
Leslie Moton	Geraldine Walker
Noel Nakahara	Sylvia Williams

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

### "100" Club - This Weekend"

### Diocesan Priest Retirement - Next Weekend

Please support the retired priests of the Diocese of Oakland by giving to the Priests Retirement Benefits Trust on the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Your gift, joined with thousands of donations throughout the diocese, helps us ensure that the men who have faithfully served the Church will have the resources to live in tranquillity and security. They have done so much for us; now it is our turn to care for them. Please give generously. To give online, please visit [www.oakdiocese.org/support-retired-priests](http://www.oakdiocese.org/support-retired-priests).

## 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 28, 2022                    **\$3,356.00**  
Other Collection: Saint Vincent de Paul        **\$428.00**

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

**September 10/11, 2022**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
J. Garibaldi	M. Soublet	D. Blake



## 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 PASTORAL COUNCIL

David Krashna  
CHAIR/FACILITATOR

Linda Palmeri  
VICE CHAIR  
ASSISTANT FACILITATOR

Dale Blake  
MEETING RECORDER

### MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine Dionne Cola	Julie Hadnot Elrita Larry	Romel Lucas Leonard Pete	Alex Schmitt Chiquita Tuttle	Ofelia Wanzo Regina Wilson-Henry
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## 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](mailto:thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com)



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The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA.

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Fans of St. Benedict Church Oakland, CA - Make sure that you like our page as well as spread the word to many of your family and friends. This is a great way to keep up with the latest News and Updates with St. Benedict Church.

## PARISH STAFF

**Mrs. Divina Cabrera**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Mr. Leonard Pete**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo**  
CCD DIRECTOR

**Mr. Jules Garibaldi**  
BUILDING MANAGER

**Rev. Jayson Landea**  
PASTOR

**Mr. Ron Tutson**  
DEACON

**Ms. Dionne Cola**  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**Rev. Paul Vassar**  
CLERGY SUPPORT

**Rev. Vincent Cotter**  
IN RESIDENCE

**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

**SUNDAY .....8:30 am**

.....11:00 am  
GOSPEL MASS

## CONFESION

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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Like other teachers of his day, Jesus sometimes used exaggeration to emphasize a point. To stress that our loyalty to him is most important, Jesus says in today's Gospel that anyone who wants to be his follower has to first turn their back on parents and family. Jesus doesn't literally mean we should sever all our ties with those we love but that we shouldn't allow anyone or anything to get in the way of being his disciple.

One of the most misunderstood passages in the New Testament is also part of today's Gospel. Jesus says that whoever wants to be his disciple must take up the cross and follow him, a passage some people interpret to mean that Jesus wants us to patiently accept whatever pains and sorrows come our way. Without rejecting this explanation, there's another possible interpretation we might consider.

The Greek word for "cross" in this passage is "tau", the name of one of the letters in the Greek alphabet. The "tau" looks something like a + or an X, and the Jews sometimes traced it on the forehead as a way of dedicating themselves to God. So taking up one's tau or tracing the tau on one's forehead meant that the person belonged to God just like the brand on a steer indicates that it belongs to a particular rancher.

When Jesus says that his followers should take their cross (tau), he means they should give themselves or dedicate themselves to God as the instruments he will use to bring his peace and love into the world. This dedication should be so complete that the person shouldn't even allow family or friends to get in the way of living as followers of Jesus.

Because Jesus realizes what he's asking isn't going to be easy, he warns those listening to him that they should first calculate what being his follower would entail. Like the man who built the tower or the king who went into battle, the person who wants to be a disciple of Jesus must first determine if it's possible to complete the task, which might include giving up family and friends and possessions, if necessary, for building God's reign. That's the challenge for us Christians each and every day of our lives.

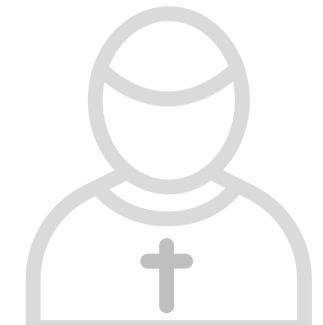
St. Francis of Assisi knew what dedicating one's self to God really meant. Francis' famous prayer begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; and where there is sadness, joy." Do we allow God to work through us, bringing God's peace, love, joy, and forgiveness to our family and friends?

We continue to journey in our new reality in having to share me with Divine Mercy Parish (St. Lawrence O'Toole Church and St. Paschal Church). One of the issues has been my ability to navigate the Mass times at these locations, in addition to my responsibilities here at St. Benedict. I know that Leonard Pete sent out a survey to address that issue, asking St. Benedict parishioners to express their preferences of possible Mass time configurations. I know that Leonard will share the results; it's my hope that as we review the outcome, our parish will continue to fully embrace its African American cultural and historic context, with the hope of preserving and fostering this unique aspect of Catholic life in the Oakland Diocese and the United States.

The Voices of St. Benedict Choir took a well-deserved break in August (Dorgun McDade led the music in Leonard's absence). As we head into the Fall, I invite you to pay attention to information regarding our St. Benedict homecoming weekend, which is happening in October.

### Father Jayson J. Landeza

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION!

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

### THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

We try to commit ourselves more fully to Christ, but some of us are bound to human masters. We can't continue to look at slavery as a thing of the past. We should see the reality of it that we live each day. **Discipleship** is the focus word for this week. What does it mean to/for you?

What would we give up to more closely follow or commit ourselves to Christ?

Are we able to give a resounding *Everything!*? Are we able to live fully committed to Christ and bringing others to the same decision?

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Next weekend, **September 11th**, will be the last chance to register your child for their first Sacraments. Please do not forget this important date.

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

Registration for RCIA is open until September 11, 2022. The sessions are for one hour each Sunday, from 9:40am – 10:40am in the Hall or Center. 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](mailto:teach1018@icloud.com)

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

**Women at St. Benedict's.** Our brilliant lector/faith sharer Mrs. Jo Soublet opined during her Faith Sharing last weekend that the Catholic Church would be better off if the church enhanced the role of women in the Roman Catholic Church. Amen, Sister. St. Benedict Parish possesses a wealth of talented, service-oriented, faith-filled women who serve our church and the entire Roman Catholic experience so well. The exhibit list includes our parish office manager, various council members, ministers, choir members, community service providers, faith formation directors, and the list goes on. These individuals, if they so desire, deserve an increased role in the Catholic Church. This male individual asserts that women should be co-equals with men in the Catholic Church. Yes, women should be Roman Catholic deacons and priests. If God calls a woman to be a priest, so be it. To be continued... Feel free to direct your comments to Pastoral Council Chair David Krashna at [saintbenedictcrh@aol.com](mailto:saintbenedictcrh@aol.com).

### THANK YOU!

To all who donated to the Wellness Group's Alzheimer's Longest Day Event, we wish to extend a heartfelt **thank you**, \$815 was raised and sent for their research efforts.

**THANK YOU** to those who stayed or showed up to show your love and support to the **FAB 40** last Sunday. It was a beautiful, love filled and happy time.

### 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.

### 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.

### HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR PARISH?

1. Online: [oakdiocese.org](http://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.