

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 11 8:30 am Kathi Britton - In Peace
11:00 am Dorgan McDade - Happy Birthday

Saturday, September 17 4:30 pm Geraldine Walker- For Healing

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	Allegra Pugh
Bobbie Coleman	John Rowell
Marquise Colwart	Rick Santi
Kenneth Greer	Heidi Schmitt
Leslie Moton	Esperanza Tervalon
Noel Nakahara	Geraldine Walker

Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

SECOND COLLECTION

Diocesan Priest Retirement

Please support the retired priests of the Diocese of Oakland by giving to the Priests Retirement Benefits Trust this weekend. 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.

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: September 4, 2022 **\$3,115.00**
Other Collection: "100" Club **\$782.00**
Saint Vincent de Paul **\$10.00**

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 17/18, 2022

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
L. Palmeri	L. Robertson	T. Clay



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

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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



Most city folks might think that the shepherd who left 99 sheep in the pasture while he searched for the one that was lost was foolish to leave the flock unattended and vulnerable to attack by wild animals. But that was not the case. No shepherd would purposely expose their flock to any kind of danger.

Because a very close relationship existed between a shepherd and the sheep, that shepherd gave each of the sheep a name and a sheep came whenever it heard the shepherd calling it. The shepherd in the parable not only knew a sheep was missing but also knew which one it was. This close relationship between the shepherd and the sheep makes caring for the animals easier. Several shepherds often combined their flocks in a single pasture and then took turns watching them. They didn't worry about which shepherd owned which sheep. All the shepherds had to do was call his sheep by name and they would come running because they knew his voice. So, the shepherd in today's Gospel did not leave his sheep unattended when he went in search of the one that was lost, but left it in the care of another shepherd.

The parable about the woman who swept the entire house looking for a single coin might sound a little ridiculous because it's difficult for us to imagine anyone going through all that trouble for a small sum of money. The explanation for the women's actions lies in an understanding of ancient courtship and marriage customs.

An unmarried woman often wore a special headband or head covering made of coins or precious jewels that, like a dowry, would go to the man who married her. They may have been very elaborate or could've looked as simple as a bent wire on which she strung coins with holes punched through them. The more coins or jewels, the easier it would be for the girl to attract a husband.

A girl like the one in today's Gospel was not a rich if she had only 10 coins on her headband. Losing one of those coins would greatly reduce her chances of marrying a suitable husband. That's why she would sweep the entire house until she found the coin. She would then have a good reason for celebrating.

Both parables end with scenes of great joy. Jesus uses these stories to teach that there will be great joy in heaven when we repent and return to Almighty God in heaven. When was the last time we asked God to forgive our sins?

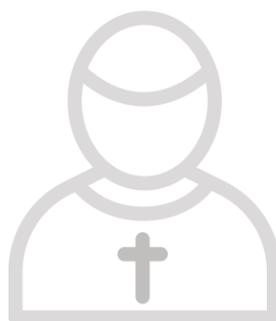
We continue to journey in our new reality in having to share me with Divine Mercy Parish (St. Lawrence O'Toole Church and St. Paschal Church). One of the issues has been my ability to navigate the Mass times at these locations, in addition to my responsibilities here at St. Benedict. In considering the survey results, it's my hope that we as a parish will continue to fully embrace our 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.

My sense is that beginning the First Sunday of Advent, we will change our Saturday evening Vigil Mass from 4:30 PM to 4:00 PM - aside from reflecting more late afternoon light at the end of Mass, it syncs it with the 4:00 PM Mass at Divine Mercy (St. Paschal Baylon site). If I have a 4:00 PM at St. Benedict, I can still preside at the 5:30 PM Mass at Divine Mercy (St. Lawrence O'Toole site). For now, we will keep the Sunday Mass time schedules as it is - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. St. Benedict has more support priests available for those Masses than Divine Mercy has at the St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Paschal sites.

Continue to stay tuned to more information about our St. Benedict parish Homecoming Weekend and Mass on Sunday, October 2nd at 10:00 AM, with Father Ken Hamilton, SVD, presiding and preaching.

I will be away this week from this Monday afternoon to Thursday afternoon - International Conference of Police Chaplains Region 2 Training Seminar at Hotel RL Olympia in Olympia, Washington.

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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

Is there someone from your life that you have not spoken to or seen for years because of a hurt or disappointment in your relationship caused by them, or you? Is the relationship lost and need to be found? Would you let the Spirit come into your heart to reconcile your situation? It's all about mercy and forgiveness. Mercy is loving unconditionally.

LOVE NO MATTER WHAT! A loving and forgiving heart create in me, O God!

Pray Psalm 51 and call your friend or family member.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday, September 11th, is the last day to register your child for their first Sacraments!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

10 AM MASS OCTOBER 2, 2022, ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH HOMECOMING.

Come and walk through our doors, we're waiting for you. Come worship and praise and feel the love. Enjoy family and fellowship in a downhome atmosphere at the luncheon to follow. Fr. Ken Hamilton will be our celebrant and homilist.

LET'S PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS!!!!

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Discernment Sessions. Your pastoral council will conduct regular discernment sessions as a part of its regular monthly meetings. Our PC members will continue to implement our four adopted goals: **Enhanced Usher Program, Increased Parishioner Participation, Discipleship, and Security of the Parish Plant.** At times we will invite particular parishioners to assist us in this discernment process. For example, we will invite Janet Hall, who was very instrumental in the Diocese of Oakland Disciple Maker Index Survey process and who has ideas as to how we can become true disciples of Jesus Christ. We may call upon you to lend your talents regarding specific goals. We hope you will accept the invitation to aid us in our important task. All comments can be submitted to saintbenedictcrh@aol.com.

ST. BENEDICT FAMILY

St.Vincent de Paul needs Volunteers for our monthly Food Distribution to our neighbors in need. We need help Wednesday, September 21 from 9-11 am to prepare food bags and distribute them to our neighbors. All volunteers should wear a mask throughout the interaction with our neighbors. If you know of anyone who might be food insecure please have them call St.Benedict-SVdP Conference Hotline, 510-632-2063. We are also in need of paper bags. Thank you, St. Benedict Family. Blessings, Wallita Sykes-Bush, President St.Benedict SVdP

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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Brandon Hemphill
Rhonda Rambo

Welcome to our Church Family!