

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 27 8:30 am All Souls
11:00 am All Souls

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2023. 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.

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

Mercidita Musni
Noel Nakahara
Louise Noriega
Monique Salgado
Rick Santi

Heidi Schmitt
Lottie Sonnier
Romel Tapscott
Esperanza Tervalon
Geraldine Walker

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Campaign for Human Development - This Weekend

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support organizations that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling locally and across the country. In 2022, CCHD awarded \$150,000 to nine organizations in the Oakland Diocese that are empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about CCHD can be found at <https://CCHDEastBay.org/>.

Saint Vincent de Paul - 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 Worshipping 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: November 13, 2022 **\$3,799.00**
Other Collection: "100" Club **\$46.00**
Saint Vincent de Paul **\$20.00**
All Saints **\$2.00**
All Souls **\$2.00**
Archdiocese for the Military **\$219.00**

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

November 26/27, 2022

4:00 PM L. Brown-Parker 8:30 AM M. Soubllet 11:00 AM D. Blake



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

David Krashna
CHAIR/FACILITATOR

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Dale Blake
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Ariana Catherine Dionne Cola Julie Hadnot Elrita Larry Romel Lucas Leonard Pete Alex Schmitt Chiquita Tuttle Ofelia Wanzo 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2022



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

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Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY.....4:00 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

WWW.SAINTBENEDICTOAKLAND.COM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Because a king is the embodiment of his kingdom, whatever you do to him, you also do to his subjects. So insulting the king is just like insulting all the people he rules, and honoring him is like honoring the entire kingdom. The king, for his part, acts in the name of all of his subjects. When he forgives or pardons, the entire kingdom forgives or pardons through him.

Being our king, Jesus died on the cross not as an individual but as our representative. In a way, we were also tortured and nailed to the cross with him. That is why Jesus' suffering and death atone for our sins, something that would not have been possible if Jesus were not our king.

Just as we can say we hung on the cross and died with Jesus, we can also use the same reasoning to claim we have risen from the dead with him. Death no longer has power over Jesus nor any power over us. At the end of the world, we will rise from our graves, never to die again. This is a central teaching of our Christian faith.

In today's Gospel, the crowd, the soldiers, and one of the thieves crucified next to Jesus mock him, contemptuously asking if he is the Messiah they are expecting. Because God was supposed to anoint the Messiah with his spirit, some of the Jews believed the Messiah would lead them in battle against their enemies and would eventually gain control of the world. Jesus, who is neither a successful military leader nor a powerful political figure, failed to meet these expectations when he suffered a very disgraceful death as a common criminal. It seemed like Jesus was the exact opposite of what the Messiah was supposed to be.

When the Romans led a man outside the city for crucifixion, a soldier usually went before him carrying a sign announcing the man's crime. The soldier later nailed this sign to the top of the cross. In today's Gospel, the inscription above Jesus' head identifies him as the king of the Jews, a charge, that according to John's Gospel, appeared in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. In pictures of the crucified Jesus, this sign usually contains letters INRI, the first letters of the Latin words Iesus Nazarensus, Rex Judaeorum, which means "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals crucified next to Jesus recognized him as the Messiah after everyone else gave up on him. How do we give up on Jesus when he doesn't respond as we expect? Pray today for the faith to expect Jesus as our own Messiah and Savior even when things do not go our way.

If there is any time that the Lord's presence as King in our world is most sorely needed, it would be at this time! We

continue to feel the effects of our political and economic anxieties, and there's a deep feeling of unease in our country and across the world in light of our current situation.

This Catholic Feast of Christ the King came about after World War I during the rise of Communism in Russia, Fascism in Italy and National Socialism in Germany. Pope Pius X wanted the world to know that neither Hitler, Stalin nor Mussolini were kings but Christ was/is the King. It would be good for the world to heed that in today's environment.

Today marks the end of the Catholic liturgical year, as we begin the First Sunday of Advent next weekend!

By the way, it's good to have Fr. Ken Hamilton back with us this weekend here at St. Benedict.

Please take special notice of the African American Catholic images that are around the church, particularly this month of November, as we commemorate the Feast of All Souls and Black Catholic History Month. As I have been mentioning, placing images of Black Saints or those preparing for veneration, beautification or canonization was something that I did during the month of November when I was pastor at St. Columba in North Oakland. I invite you to pay particular attention to the images that currently grace us here at St. Benedict. These folks, heroes and heroines in our African American Catholic heritage, remain models of faith for all of us, and their stories are familiar to some of you. Get to know some of them over the next few weeks!

Don't forget about our Thanksgiving Day Mass here at St. Benedict - 10:00 AM, Thursday, November 24th, followed by our traditional post-Mass reception with light snacks and Gin Fizzes, courtesy of the Santi family. Fr. Paul Vassar will be your presider for the Mass, since I'll be at Divine Mercy parish. Please join us as we start off the holiday season!

This weekend is the National Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection. This annual appeal assists in supporting local efforts to enable entities to assist through self-sustaining and enabling others to improve their conditions and situations. St. Benedict parishioner Janet Hall is on the Catholic Charities of the East Bay CCHD subcommittee, and we support their on-going efforts to help others help themselves. I hope that you're willing and able to support this effort as well.

Please don't forget about our monthly Healing/Anointing Mass, held in collaboration with Divine Mercy parish.

This will be held on the First Saturday of every month, at St. Paschal Baylon Church, 3700 Dorisa, Oakland. Our first Mass will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 AM. Looking forward to seeing you there!

God Bless!
Father Jayson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!

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

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Are we living in ways that show us worthy of Jesus' companionship and worthy to enter into His Kingdom? Do we acknowledge Jesus' kingship or do we scorn His kingship and doubt His power because we expect Him to save us by taking us off our own cross?

The second criminal in the Gospel this weekend acknowledged Jesus' kingship and was found worthy to be with Jesus in Paradise.

Jesus became bone of our bones and flesh of our flesh to experience our trials of human life and become our King who offers us life in His eternal Kingdom.

(Make sure to re-read the November 20th Readings from last week's bulletin and the insights)

ALL SOULS DAY

As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, we are reminded that throughout the month of November we remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and are experiencing eternal life in Christ. Please use the All Souls offering envelopes to remember loved ones, and there will be a Book of the Dead near our picture shrine so that others may be able to place names in that book. Please start bringing pictures of your beloved dead (no 8x10 please) to be placed on the table as well.

THANKSGIVING DAY

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HEALING MASS

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ANNUAL ADVENT SCHOLARSHIP TEA

Join the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** for their annual Advent Tea on:

Saturday, December 10th, 2022
12:00 - 2:30, St. Felicitas Gym
1662 Manor Blvd.
San Leandro, CA 94579
(See flyer insert in the bulletin)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. Let's prepare ourselves in special ways for the coming of our King.

ST. BENEDICT HOLIDAY LINE DANCING PARTY

Friday, December 9, 2022
Father Jay Matthews Hall
Doors open at 1PM - 4PM
Bring your own Lunch & Drink
Donation: \$10.00
Limited tickets - No tickets will be sold at the door.
(Mask & Vaccination Card Required)
For more information and tickets contact Walter Matthews
510-325-2643

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Saturday's Vigil Mass begins at 4:00PM
Sunday's Mass schedule remain the same:
8:30AM & 11:00AM Gospel Mass.

SYKES SIGHTS TRAVEL AND LEISURE

Planning a vacation for the Holiday Season? How about the next 3 years? Let Teresa Sykes of Sykes Sights Travel and Leisure be your new Travel Agent. Cards are available in the back. Check out the exclusive deals and offers at teresasykes.inteletravel.com. Any questions or inquiries please email Teresa at sykessightstravelandleisure@gmail.com. A New Adventure Awaits!

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?

Would you like to make a short announcement about your business or trade to the Church family? Maybe you would like to hold a workshop for anyone interested in a particular subject. Let us know. Leave a message with your name and phone number at 510 632-1847 or email saintbenedictcrh@aol.com.

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.

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.