

## 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

Dino Blackburn	Lottie Sonnier
Monique Salgado	Romel Tapscott
Rick Santi	Esperanza Tervalon
Heidi Schmitt	Geraldine Walker

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

## SECOND COLLECTION

Saint Vincent de Paul - This Weekend  
"100" Club - Next Weekend

### Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$1,897.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit <https://CCHDEastBay.org/>.

### 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: November 20, 2022	<b>\$4,497.00</b>
Diocesan Online Giving	<b>\$2,165.00</b>
Other Collection: "100" Club	<b>\$75.00</b>
Saint Vincent de Paul	<b>\$60.00</b>
All Saints	<b>\$40.00</b>
All Souls	<b>\$40.00</b>
Campaign for Human Development	<b>\$1,897.00</b>

### 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

### December 3/4, 2022

<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
J. Garibaldi	M. Trevigne	T. Clay



### 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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 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

## PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Divina Cabrera  
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Mr. Leonard Pete  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

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Mr. David Krashna  
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Mrs. Sherril Gressel  
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine  
YOUTH MINISTER

## MASS TIMES

SATURDAY.....4:00 pm  
VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY .....8:30 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](http://www.cfcsoakland.org)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Christians usually call Jesus "the Son of God" but that was not Jesus' favorite way to describe himself. Jesus preferred the title "Son of Man", which occurs 82 times in the Gospels. To this day, Scripture scholars can't agree about what this title means.

The book of Daniel and another Jewish writing called the Similitudes of Enoch contain the term "Son of Man." In both places, it refers to a messiah-like figure that God will send at the end of the world to bring salvation and judgment to all people. Some scholars believe this term applies to an individual while others think it stands for Israel. Jesus may have used this title to identify himself as the Messiah.

Some of the Jewish people expected the Messiah to be a political and military figure who would lead them in battle against their enemies. They believed he would be a human being who, because he was gifted with God's own spirit, would be victorious in battle and would conquer the world. Through him, God would establish a new order in the world, in which there would be no more wars, famines or evil of any kind. This new order is what some Jews called "the reign of God" or "the kingdom of God."

Although Jesus didn't fight any human enemies, he did score a victory over the most important and powerful enemy, the devil, and he promised to return one day to finish the job. When that happens, God will be in complete control of the world, and because the reign of God will be here in its entirety, there won't be any more wars or evil of any kind.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus tells us to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man, he is really telling us to prepare for his own return. We don't know when this will happen so we must always be ready.

Two sentences in today's Gospel particularly interest some Christian groups. Jesus says that two men will be in the field and two women will be at the grindstone. One man and one woman will be taken and the other two will be left. Because of this passage, some Christians believe that at Jesus' second coming he will take up bodily those who are faithful to him and will take them into heaven so they will be spared the suffering that will take place at the end of the world. This is what some Christians call "the rapture."

If the world ended today, would we be ready to meet Jesus, the Messiah? How will we prepare ourselves and our loved ones this Advent Season to prepare for when we will Jesus again.

This weekend we begin our new liturgical year with this First Sunday of Advent. According to the teachings of the Catholic Church, as expressed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Advent (from Latin meaning "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help us to fully enter the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please stay tuned for more seasonal information to help increase our faith journey during this Advent Season.

The scripture readings for the new liturgical season will be taken from Year A, with the Gospel taken from the Book of Matthew. I would encourage you to become more familiar with this book as the liturgical year progresses.

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.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Communion Mass is at 6:00pm.

### HEALING MASS

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### THANKSGIVING

We here in St. Benedict's Parish have much to be thankful for. As pastoral council chair, I start with our pastor, Fr. Jason Landeza, who has guided us through the straits of the diocesan restructuring, which, for now, has preserved our unique, vibrant, and faithful expression of Roman Catholic liturgy and spirituality. Now I stop with name calling - for fear of failing to name someone who deserves our thanks. Throughout the past year, and challenged by the Covid pandemic, our parish staff has provided remarkable and creative leadership. Parish leaders and volunteers have spearheaded our ministries, be it by conducting faith formation, securing our physical plant, providing liturgical music, virtual masses, lectoring, faith sharing, food giveaways, a bake sale, the parish picnic, National Night Out, you name it. We are blessed by the grace of God to have our pastor, parish staff, leaders, volunteers, and we are thankful. Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to All. As always, feel free to submit your comments to saintbenedictcrh@aol.com.

### 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)

### 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](http://teresasykes.inteletravel.com). Any questions or inquiries please email Teresa at [sykessightstravelandleisure@gmail.com](mailto:sykessightstravelandleisure@gmail.com). A New Adventure Awaits!

### DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?

Would you like to 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](mailto: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](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.



### Coffee & Donuts

Next Sunday, December 4, 2022, Coffee and Donuts will be served after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses sponsored by the Environmental Committee.

### 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.