

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 15 8:30 am For the People of St. Benedict
 11:00 am Eyvest James, Sr.†
 Alma Aikens James†
 Sherry Allen - Healing

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

Eucharis Ajagu
 Dino Blackburn
 Deacon Earl Johson
 Louise Noriego
 Monique Salgado

Rick Santi
 Heidi Schmitt
 Lottie Sonnier
 Romel Tapscott
 Geraldine Walker

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

SECOND COLLECTION

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: January 8, 2023 **\$5,632.00**
 Christmas **\$50.00**
 Solemnity of Mary **\$62.00**
 Immaculate Conception **\$25.00**
 Other Collection: "100" Club **\$101.00**
 Saint Vincent de Paul **\$25.00**
 Diocesan Seminarians **\$481.00**

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

January 21/22, 2023

4:00 PM L. Brown-Parker
 8:30 AM R. Cunningham
 11:00 AM S. Gressel



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

David Krashna
 CHAIR/FACILITATOR

Linda Palmeri
 VICE CHAIR
 ASSISTANT FACILITATOR

Dale Blake
 MEETING RECORDER

MEMBERS

Ariana Catherine Dionne Cola Julie Hadnot Elrta 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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023



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
 CCD DIRECTOR

Mr. Jules Garibaldi
 BUILDING MANAGER

Rev. Jayson Landeza
 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.....4:00 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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In this weekend's Gospel reading, John the Baptist refers to Jesus as "Lamb of God", a title rich in meaning.

Today, when two people enter an agreement, they usually draw up a contract and sign it to make it official. In ancient times, this couldn't happen because most people were unable to read and write. Neither party could read the document or sign it. How then did the ancient people seal their agreements?

The answer to this question is that they made their agreement official by going through a little ceremony. They slaughtered animals, split them in two, and then walked between the two halves as a dramatic way of saying that if they weren't faithful to the terms of that agreement, may the same thing happen to them that happened to the animals. Periodically, they renewed their agreement with a similar ceremony

Although the ceremony is different somewhat with time and place, the one feature they all had in common was that they involved the shedding of the blood of an animal. Because ancient people believed blood was a source of life, the blood of the animal gave life to the agreement. Without the shedding of blood, the agreement was meaningless.

The early Christians believe they had an agreement with God, an agreement that, like a marriage, produced a very close and loving relationship. We call such an agreement a covenant.

The early Christians call Jesus "the Lamb of God" because his blood sealed the covenant between them and the Father. Jesus was the "animal" (the lamb) whose blood gave life to the very close and loving relationship between God and the Christian people. The crucifixion was the ceremony that made this covenant official, and it is Jesus' blood that renews the covenant each time we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus is the lamb who was slain to make possible or close and loving relationship to God.

Just as it takes much effort to make a marriage work, our covenantal relationship with God also requires effort. What will we do to make our relationship with God grow stronger?

On Monday, our nation commemorates the legacy, memory and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His life and

work continues to invite and inspire us to express our Christian faith by seeking healing in our American society and beyond. May we be a catalyst for his continued vision.

Now that the Christmas Season has concluded, we enter into a period in the Church's liturgical calendar that is referred to as "Ordinary Time". According to the Universal Liturgical Norms of the Roman Catholic Church, "there remains in the yearly cycle of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which there is no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as "Ordinary Time". Ordinary Time began on Tuesday, January 10th, and continues through Tuesday, February 21st, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. Ordinary Time will resume when the Easter season ends, which will be on Monday, May 29th, the day following Pentecost. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green.

Yes, we will begin our parish process of Lenten preparation, aware that this annual season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in preparation for the Triduum and the Easter Season, is fast approaching. Please be attuned to numerous activities that will help to prepare our hearts and minds for the annual "retreat" that the Catholic Church incorporates into our Liturgical Year.

Thank you to all those who attended this weekend's installation ceremony and reception as I was officially installed as the new pastor at Divine Mercy. As I understand, I'm now the only priest in the Diocese of Oakland now serving as pastor of two parishes. I know that dividing my time as Pastor of St. Benedict and Divine Mercy will lessen the time I spend here, I continue to ask for your forgiveness and prayers. I also express my deepest gratitude to Divina Cabrera, Dionne Cola, Leonard Pete, Deacon Ron Tutson, Jules Garabaldi, and many others who are here to assist the St. Benedict Parish community as we journey in this new reality.

**God Blesss!
Father Jayson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!

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

LECTOR TRAINING SESSION

Deacon Ron will lead a training session for Lectors on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in St. Benedict Church. This training is for new Lectors, any inactive Lector who is considering returning to active service and active lectors who missed the training session held last September.

Also, anyone who is interested in serving the St. Benedict Parish in this ministry of proclaiming the Word of the Lord please attend. We need to increase the number of Lectors for all 3 Masses. If we increase our numbers, you would be scheduled for 1 Mass possibly every 5 to 6 weeks. Please consider making a commitment to our Parish Family by joining this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Grant at (510) 757-0224 or (510) 895-6573.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Benedict's Mardi Gras Dance - our annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday, February 4, 2023, 6-10 pm at Fr. Jay Matthews Hall. Donation \$25.00, \$30.00 at the door. Food and drinks for purchase. Please no outside food and drinks. For more info, see any Mardi Gras Committee or text/call/email Leonard Pete 510-519-1913, StBenedictMardiGras@Gmail.com. Please mark your calendars.



SUPERBOWL TV RAFFLE 2023

Presented by The Knights of St. Peter Claver, Fr. Jay Matthews Council #336, Sunday, February 5, 2023, immediately following 11:00am Mass at Fr. Jay Matthews Hall. For tickets: see any KPC336 member. Donation: \$4 per ticket or (3) tickets for \$10. This is for our Scholarship 2023 Funds.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul needs Volunteers for our Food Distribution to our Neighbors in need. We need help Wednesday, January 25 from 9-11am to distribute food bags to our neighbors. If you know of anyone who might be in need of food, please have them call our St. Benedict SVdP hotline, 510-632-2063.

We are in need of Paper Grocery Bags; you can bring to Mass and leave in our barrel in the front of the Church. Please wear a Mask throughout your interaction with our neighbors.

Thank you, St. Benedict Conference
Wallita Sykes-Bush, President
St. Benedict SVdP Conference

SYKES SIGHTS TRAVEL AND LEISURE

Planning a vacation for this holiday season, 2023, and beyond? Let Teresa Sykes of Sykes Sights Travel and Leisure be your new Travel Agent. 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 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.