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1. ONLINE: [www.saintbenedictoakland.com/online-giving](http://www.saintbenedictoakland.com/online-giving)
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. IN PERSON: Bring contribution to any Mass to be deposited into the collection baskets during the Offertory.

#### CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	March 23, 2025	<b>\$3,001.00</b>
	Diocesan Online Giving (2/25)	<b>\$740.00</b>
Other Collection:	Saint Vincent de Paul	<b>\$475.00</b>
	100 Club	<b>\$30.00</b>

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

#### 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

Charles Abbott	Natalia Corena	Louise Noriega
Leonard Bermudez	Teddy Diaz	Teresa Porter
Cora Bird	Shirley Dorn	Anita Teresa Ramirez
Niles Blanchard	Jose Gressel, Sr.	Rick Santi
Ronald Bourne	Denise Kees	John Tuttle
Theresa Butler	Noel Nakahara	Diane Willis

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

#### PRAY THE ROSARY

The St. Benedict Prayer Warriors and members of St. Bernadette Church in Los Angeles, CA, pray THE ROSARY and read SCRIPTURE every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. on Zoom., Please join us, and if you need further information or assistance, please call Betty Kennedy-Tapscott @ 510-612-3176. Please invite your Catholic friends from other churches to join us and thank you.

##### The Monday & Friday ROSARY information:

ID-84384711027

Passcode-jesus (small j)

##### The Wednesday ROSARY information:

ID-827 1845 0359

Passcode – 2020PW

#### 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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, March 30, 10:00 am The healing of Denise Kees & for the happy repose of the soul of Karen Miller – Mathews & Fr. Jay Matthews +

Sat, April 5, 4:00 pm The McDade Family

#### 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2025. 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.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

##### Catholic Relief Services – This Weekend

The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps CRS address the needs of the people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper – and you also support five other Catholic organizations' outreach to other vulnerable people.



#### 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

APRIL 5/6, 2025

4:00 PM  
J. Garibaldi

10:00 AM  
D. Cola



#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

David Krashna  
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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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#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30, 2025



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#### MISSION STATEMENT

*Celebrating our Traditions, Rooted in Faith and Service  
as a Body of Christ in East Oakland*

#### PARISH STAFF

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BUILDING MANAGER

#### MASS TIMES

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

SUNDAY ..... 10:00 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)



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Most Pharisees strictly observed the smallest details of the Jewish laws (a practice they believed made them holier than others) and didn't associate with those whom they considered sinners out of fear of being contaminated by these people. In today's Gospel, this group is angry because Jesus doesn't act the same way. Instead of eating with the Pharisees, Jesus dines with tax collectors and those the Pharisees consider below them in social standing.

First-century Jews who believed God was their king had a strong dislike for tax collectors. The Jews felt outraged when the Roman armies conquered Palestine and declared that the emperor (not the one, true God) would rule over them. As if it wasn't bad enough that this mere human tried to take God's place, he also imposed taxes on the Jewish people, taxes the Jews believed should go to God, their king, for the upkeep of God's house, the Temple in Jerusalem. By collecting taxes, they believed that the emperor was actually stealing from God, and the tax collectors were helping him do it. That's why the Pharisees were so angry when Jesus chose to eat with the tax collectors instead of respected Pharisees.

In the parable in today's Gospel, the younger son asked for his share of the inheritance. Jewish law entitled the eldest son to twice as much inheritance as his brother(s) because he would become the head of the family and would have more responsibilities. If there were only two sons, they were supposed to divide the estate into three parts, with the younger son getting 1/3 of it. So, the younger son in today's Gospel caused a great financial hardship on his family.

After spending his money on loose living, the son gets a job feeding pigs. Since the Jews regarded pigs as unclean animals that they could not eat or sacrifice to God, the son had really hit rock bottom because he was caring for useless creatures.

Returning home, the son asked the father to take him back not as a slave but as a servant. Slaves had more security because they were part of the family, and the master had to take care of them. Servants, on the other hand, were not part of the family and could find themselves unemployed and out on the streets at any time.

Rejoicing that his son returned, the father gives him a robe (symbolic of royalty), a ring (a sign of authority and power), and sandals for his feet (worn by important individuals). He restores the son to his previous position in the family.

Return to your heavenly father this Lenten season.

I've been thinking about the late spiritual father of St. Benedict, our dear and beloved Father Jay Matthews, who anniversary of his passing into eternal life took place exactly six years ago this Sunday. I think about Jay every day, as many of you do as well. I'll invite folks to share about him at our 10:00 AM Mass this weekend.

Lent, the church's annual retreat for the liturgical year, began with Ash Wednesday. Lent prepares us for the events of Holy Week, in which we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through our Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) and the subsequent Easter Sunday celebration and the Easter Season. Lent is the time where we focus our spiritual journey on the three traditional practices of the season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our hope is that by the end of the Lenten Season, our particular spiritual practices during Lent will have drawn us closer to Christ and his will for us, not just during the Lenten and Easter Seasons, but throughout the rest of the year as well.

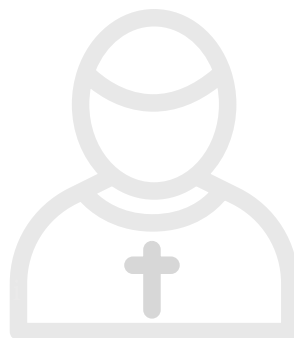
Please make sure to take home numerous copies of our Lenten prayer guides, located at the entrances of the church.

We also have Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons (at noon) during our Lenten Season. Divine Mercy Parish has theirs at 6:30 PM, with the Stations of the Cross alternating between St. Paschal Baylon Church and St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

Thank you to those who were at the Ceasefire Walk here at St. Louis Bertrand last week. Fr. Paul Vassar powerfully and emotionally addressed the murder of Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay (the former St. Elizabeth High School) student Derbing Alvarado. Fr. Paul volunteers his time (along with Jaylynn St. Julien) at the school. We continue working diligently to reduce violence, particularly gun violence, in our Eastmont and Deep East Oakland neighborhood.

Continued prayers and blessings as we together journey through this Lenten Season.

*God Bless  
Fr Jayson*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RICE BOWL

Throughout Lent operation Rice Bowl will help us pray, fast, learn, and give in solidarity with those in need around the world. We encourage you to be part of this Lenten journey at home with your family and loved ones. Rice Bowls are available at the back of the church. Please return the bowls the weekend of Palm Sunday

### ST. BENEDICT ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Through the efforts of Fr. Ken Hamilton and Dr. Chiquita Turtle, an archive committee has been assembled to collect the history of St. Benedict Church. In various phases, this will involve the collection of past and present photos, mementos, and recorded stories. Committee members Romel Lucas, Ariana Catherine, Jorge Watson, and Justin Cordona will continue to reach out to active families to learn about their journeys, which have contributed to the enrichment of St. Benedict as a worship space in Oakland. If you are interested in sharing your story or if you are a family member who has purchased a stained-glass window, please contact Ariana Catherine or Jackie Stewart by calling the Parish Office at (510) 632-1847.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH: The Bible Speaks; issues of translation, how Catholics view it, and how we can still learn from it.**

Next Spiritual Growth Session Sunday April 6 after the 10:00 Mass

Presenter: Mark Blancke, Jesuit Scholastic

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, we will gather to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations will begin this Friday, March 7th, at noon at St. Benedict and at 6:15 PM at Divine Mercy St. Lawrence O'Toole. All parishioners are welcome.



### ARE YOU AN UNINSURED ADULT?

The Order of Malta Clinic of Northern California located at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, provides free medical care to uninsured adults. The clinic is open Monday – Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit [www.ordermaltaclinic.com](http://www.ordermaltaclinic.com) or call 510-387-3000.

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