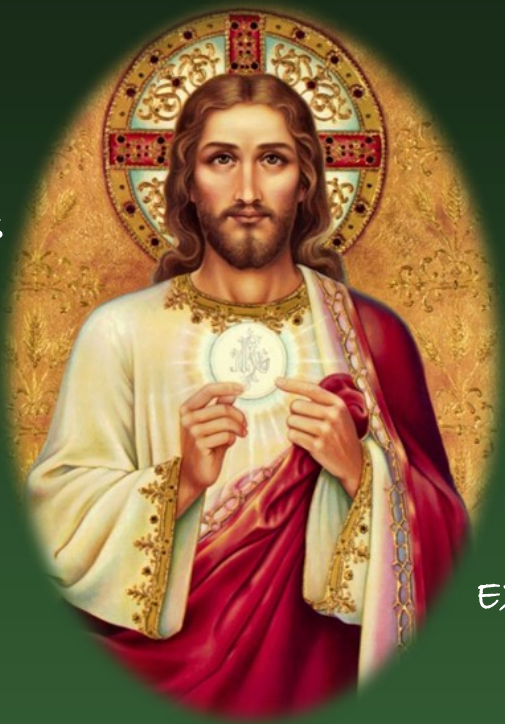


*Sunday, September 17, 2017*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

# ST. BENILDE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### CLERGY

Rev. Robert T. Cooper, *Pastor*  
Rev. H.L. Brignac, *Sacramental Asst.*  
Deacon Biaggio DiGiovanni  
Deacon Stephen Gordon  
Deacon Clifford Wright

### BAPTISMS

First and Third Sundays of the month  
at 12 Noon. Please call the Parish  
Office for more information.

### MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest/deacon  
8 months prior to your wedding.

### FUNERALS

Arrangements may be made at the  
Parish Office.

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil ... 4 p.m.  
Sunday ... 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Monday—Friday ... 7:00 a.m.  
Monday and Thursday ... 5:30 p.m.  
First Saturday ... 8:45 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin for Schedule

### CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.  
Sunday ... 5:00—5:45 p.m.  
Monday ... 6:00—6:45 p.m.  
and by appointment at the Parish Office

### DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 p.m. Sunday  
till 4:00 p.m. Saturday

### DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour in Church  
Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Following 7 a.m. Mass on Tuesday

### NEWCOMERS

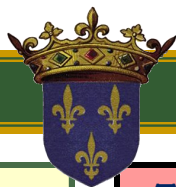
Call the Parish Office to receive a New  
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## Ministers of the Liturgy

September 16 & 17, 2017

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Mary Comberrel, Phil & Dawn Hebert (L),  
Joseph Segari, Judith Theisges, Flora Maria Be,  
Pierre Thibodeaux, Melissa Mendel Zimmerman,  
Joyce Fontenelle, George Spaulding,  
Sam Sabella Family, St. Stephen High Alumnae (L),  
Evelyn Arnoult, Rose Marie Greco Federico,  
Maizie Marks, Jennie Spitale, Patrick C. McKinney,  
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Dale Forshag, Joseph Senko,  
Dorothy Van Hoven, Special Intention (L),  
Marisa Saborio, Dolores Fallon

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

R. Aucoin, K. Hartdegen

*Cantor:* Trish Foti *Organist:* Jared Croal

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

K. Klapatch, R. Theriot, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo

*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Todd Hillburn, Miriam Whitman,  
Paul J. Hymel, Jr., Ray Waguespack, Claire Senko,  
Joseph Donald Bernard, Dianne Z. Harrison,  
Kelvin Ducote, Mary & Melvin Ducote, Colgan Family,  
Joyce Fontenelle, Marisa Saborio, Albert Cook

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

P. & R. Serio, D. Childers, R. Oleksik

*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* June & Marvin Ackermann (L)

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

M. Drawe, D. Powers

*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair *Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

### Weekday Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m. Pierre Thibodeaux 5:30 p.m. Raymond Waguespack
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Pierre Thibodeaux
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Pierre Thibodeaux
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Pierre Thibodeaux 5:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Friday	7:00 a.m. Zelda Reuter

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in memory of  
Bernadette Kisner**



**The Blessed Mother  
Votive Lamps burn  
For Reparations for Sins**

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamps  
burn for a  
Favor Granted**



**Adoration Chapel  
Sanctuary Lamp burns  
in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux**

**Adoration Chapel Candles  
burn in Thanksgiving  
for our Priests**



## Altar Ladies

**Week of September 17**

M. Curry, G. Boling

### **Linens**

Large - F. Alvarez

Small - M. Oleksik



**The Altar Flowers are in  
memory of  
Deceased Parishioners**



## Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of September 9 & 10

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.

*"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."*

~ Fr. Cooper

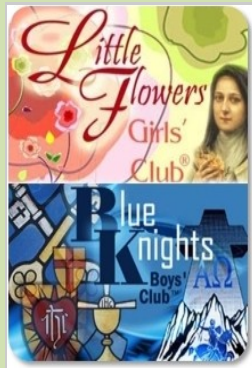
### Priest Convocation

Due to the Priest Convocation, we will have a **Communion Service at 7 AM** on Wednesday, September 20, and Thursday, September 21. There will be no School Mass on Wednesday, September 20. Please pray for our priests during these days of prayer, reflection and study.



### Two New Spiritual Clubs for Boys and Girls

We are excited to announce the **Little Flowers Girls Club** and the **Blue Knights Boys Club** starting at St. Benilde this year! Both groups will meet once a month for an hour, from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. **Little Flowers** will meet in the **School Library**; **Blue Knights** will meet in the **Teen Center**. The clubs are open to children age five (5) and up. We will learn about saints, virtues, make crafts, and grow in friendship as we grow in faith. The first meeting is scheduled for September 29. For more information or to **register**, please contact Casey Sprehe-504-583-4465 [caseysprehe@gmail.com](mailto:caseysprehe@gmail.com).



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

September 23 & 24

4 PM J. Rodosta, L. Segari  
9 AM C. Frederick, L. Director, R. Meche, B. O'Hara  
11 AM S. Gordon, L. Peters, J. Hutchinson, J. Hutchinson  
6 PM J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring



### Out Of Reverence For The Lord Jesus

who so generously shares with us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, worshipers are earnestly invited to remain with the congregation until Mass is concluded.

### Friends of the Poor Walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a "Friends of the Poor Walk" on **Saturday, September 30**, at New Orleans City Park Reunion Shelter & Festival Grounds. Onsite registration and check-in time begins at 9 AM. The one-mile walk will start at 10 AM. Music and refreshments will be provided from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. **Walkers are to solicit and collect pledges. Donations are appreciated. Next weekend SVDP members will be at all the Masses with more information, registration forms, and accepting donations.** Forms for pre-registration are also available in the Parish Office or online at [www.FOPWALK.ORG](http://www.FOPWALK.ORG).

This is an important fundraiser for our SVDP because all money raised at St. Benilde stays in St. Benilde Parish. Thank you for your generous support of our efforts to help the less fortunate in our Parish.





## FR. COOPER'S CORNER

### *Mary: Mother and Model of Catechists*

My dear Catechists,

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday 2017, I am praying for each one of you to take Mary as your Mother and model in the work of the New Evangelization. Why? I am convinced that the work of the Church cannot bear fruit unless it is placed under the powerful intercession of the Mother of the Church. The Blessed Virgin is the perfect communicator of the revelation of her divine Son. St. Augustine described her as “both mother and disciple” as she was the teacher who trained the Son of God in human knowledge of the Scriptures and of God’s loving plan for His people, and as she in turn was the first of His disciples because no one has been taught by God to such depth (*Catechesi Tradendae* #73).

As “Mother and model of catechists,” I am begging her to form us all to do that very same work “with new ardor and methods” in modern times. How did Mary transmit faith? What was our mother’s method that proved so effective, especially after her Assumption into heaven? My dear friends, Mary’s qualities are more associated with her “being” than her “doing.” May these three points I offer you be a starting point for your own reflection, review and response:

Mary’s simple and direct faith in the will of God.

Mary’s union in prayer with the Heart of her Son.

Mary’s active witness of life under the influence of the Holy Spirit.



#### **Mary’s simple faith in the will of God**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that at the annunciation by the angel Gabriel to Mary, she responded with “the obedience of faith, certain that ‘with God nothing will be impossible’... without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God’s grace” (CCC 494). Knowing what the prophets had foretold about the sufferings of the Messiah, Mary had no illusion of the cost of being the Messiah’s Mother. Yet, she did not hesitate. She responded with simple faith, “Be it done to me according to your word.” True faith is being able to see God’s will amid the trials of life.

We see that Mary’s journey of faith, which began with her “yes,” continued and passed through the Cross. Yet, Mary’s faith did not weaken throughout her thirty years with Jesus at Nazareth and the three years of His public ministry. Mary’s faith sustained her, especially when the experience of the Cross deepened at the hour of Jesus’ passion. Pope Francis describes this faith as a “little flame burning in the night.” Through the night of Holy Saturday, Mary kept vigil – her flame remained burning until the dawn of the resurrection. And when she received news that the tomb was empty, her heart was filled with the joy of faith.

Every Saturday is thus appropriately called the day of faith. Mary alone had absolutely no doubt that her Son’s life is stronger than death and His light is stronger than darkness. Let us turn to our Mother, asking her to mold in us such a disposition of faith...that we too may accept the history of salvation that God does in us. Pray that we may not be scandalized by the crosses in our own life but see in them the hope of a life that is being resurrected from the fear of death and the slavery to sin. Courage! God has not abandoned you; His Mother assures us by helping us to ponder in our hearts the events in our lives, to pray over them in an attitude of hope and expectation.

#### **Mary’s union in prayer with the Heart of her Son**

This, then, brings us to the second point: Mary’s deep union with the heart of her Son. Mary prays in the depths of her being. We get a glimpse of the orientation of her prayer when we examine the prayer of the “Magnificat” that erupted from her being in a spontaneous moment of thanksgiving. Like her Son, Mary is totally orientated towards magnifying the Lord in





all circumstances. Like Christ on the Cross, she believes that God will raise the lowly that accept and surrender their circumstances to Him. As one who keeps “all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19), Mary is “able to recognize the traces of God’s Spirit in events great and small. She constantly contemplates the mystery of God in our world, in human history and in our daily lives” (*Evangelii Gaudium* #288). Our Holy Father describes her to be a “woman of prayer and work in Nazareth” and “Our Lady of Help.”

My dear catechists, it is really impossible to catechize without prayer. Prayer can come in various forms – vocal prayer or meditation; mental prayer or the liturgy; aspirations or quiet moments with God. Whatever your form of prayer, I am convinced that without prayer, catechesis becomes “boring.” Catechists who pray communicate what they have learned from deep listening to the voice of Christ, our Teacher.

Catechesis is not an employment or a job – it is a vocation. At the origin of the catechist’s vocation is a specific call from the Holy Spirit, a “special charism recognized by the Church.” Catechesis is an apostolate. As catechists, we must pray to obtain divine grace for ourselves but we too pray for those we catechize so that those receiving the good news must also receive grace. We must recognize that prayer is necessary for our ministry to be fruitful, for communication of the Christian faith depends less on the catechist’s ability than on God’s grace working in the hearts of those who hear the message. Here, I cannot emphasize enough the power of intercessory prayer that can soften and open the hearts of our children and adults to the Word of God. I encourage all catechists to form intercessory groups that pray for conversion and renewal in the Church. There is no better form of intercessory prayer than the rosary. Let us teach it again to our young people, like the Blessed Mother taught the children at Fatima in Portugal. O Mother, teach us to pray the rosary from the heart in union with your Son, Jesus!

### **Mary’s active witness of life under the influence of the Holy Spirit**

Finally, my dear catechists, our faith and prayer must inspire us to become evangelical and missionary in the way we live our lives. What I mean is that as Christians, we must have a vision of life that is dynamic, not static. A vision that propels us out of a mundane, isolated, material existence into a spiritual vision of life that announces to all we meet, the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God into our lives. Mary trusted in the Providence of God in her life. She saw the circumstances of her life as part of His all-wise plan for her. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, she acted with boldness in approaching her Son at the wedding feast at Cana, although His “hour” is not at hand. She shows us how to act decisively and then leaves the outcome in God’s hands. We need such boldness in the Church today.

Pope Francis told the youth at the World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro that if faith stays “locked up” within a small Christian community, it is “like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly.” My dear catechists, reach out to your children and adults who seem especially distant from the Church; gather them together like Mary gathering the apostles in the Upper Room. Pray with them, announce to them the Kerygma (the initial and essential proclamation of the Gospel message), and await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that can transform their lives and then send them forth into our community to offer witness to a new way of living.

I invite you, on this Catechetical Sunday, to pause for a moment to give thanks for those who have contributed to passing on the faith to us – those who have made Christ’s love known to us. In recalling those who echoed the faith to us, we cannot but also recall the memory of God’s history with us – the memory of God’s words which warms our hearts, who always takes the first step and who creates, saves and transforms us. Pope Francis describes catechists as Christians “who puts this remembrance at the service of proclamation...to talk about God, about His love and His fidelity – to speak and transmit all that God has revealed” (*Homily for Catechists, 29 September 2013*).

Like Mary and the disciples in building a Church, and the founding fathers of our nation in building a country, it is with this same courage and boldness that we, as a parish family, need to move so urgently with the work of the New Evangelization. Like those before us, we continue this mission to “make disciples” of those now entrusted to us. Once again, we look to Mary, the Star of the New Evangelization, and ask her to help us in our work to proclaim the Good News, the message of salvation, to those we encounter. We ask her especially to intercede for us in our work so that as bearers of paschal faith and hope, we bring about an intimate encounter with Christ. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.



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