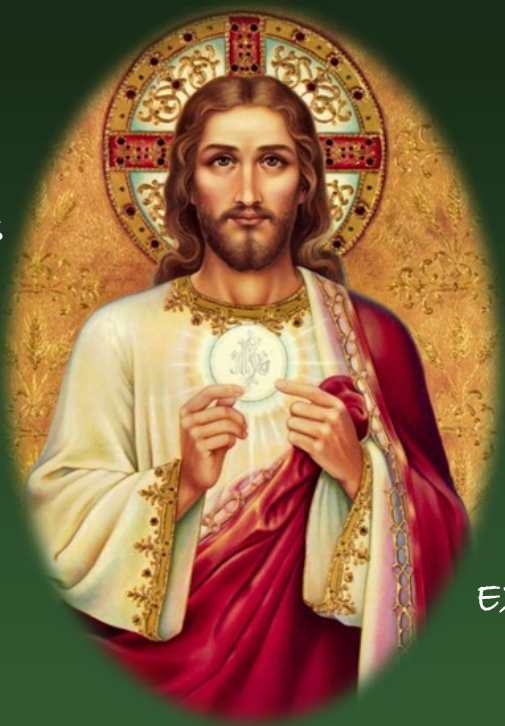


August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

ORDINARY FAMILIES



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  
Parishioner Registration Packet.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference  
(504) 233-3246

### ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mr. Thomas Huck, Principal  
1801 Division Street • Metairie, LA  
(504) 833-9894



## Ministers of the Liturgy

August 25 & 26, 2018

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Edward Van Hoven, Jr., Joseph Segari, Patricia Paisant, Julie Periou, Joseph Evola, Sr., Caleb Warren (L), Michelle Membreno Thibodeaux, Flora Maria Be, George Spaulding, Bob Kelly, John Breaux, Marissa Saborio, Colgan Family, Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Melissa Mendel Zimmerman, Austin Burroughs, Hubert LaBorde, Judith Theisges, Ray Vitrano, Sr.

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

C. Casente, K. Hartdegen

*Cantor:* Kevin Rouchell *Organist:* Jared Croal

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Judith Theisges

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

C. & R. Ayers, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo

*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Georgine Powers, Josie Monjour, Abraham Cabrera, Julia Faye Collier, Frank Golemi, Mary & Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Geno Soletto, Ronnie & Dianne Harrison, Todd Hillburn, Charl Donld Bernard, Audrey Cusimano, Charles Mele, O'Sullivan & Zito Families, Herbert Schmit, Paul Hymel, Jr., Poor Souls, Judith Theisges

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

S. Gordon, L. Peters, N. Bostick, L. Frey

*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

D. Childers, C. Pitre

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m. Judith Theisges 5:30 p.m. Joy Rojas
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Joseph Evola, Sr.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. June & Marvin Ackermann (L) 8:15 a.m. Audrey Cusimano
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Joseph Evola, Sr. 5:30 p.m. Judith Theisges
Friday	7:00 a.m. Audrey Cusimano

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in memory of  
The Souls in Purgatory**



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

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamps  
burn for Those that  
Serve in the Armed Forces**



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

**Adoration Chapel Candles  
burn for Our Children  
and Grandchildren**



## Altar Ladies

**Week of August 26**

A. Delaup, C. Pacheco,  
A. Duersel

### Linens

Large - B. McCloskey  
Small - S. Roniger



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



## Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of August 18 & 19

Envelopes .....	\$2,212.00
Loose .....	1,925.00
Electronic Giving .....	426.00
Repairs & Maintenance .....	1,265.00
Msgr. Richaud Fund .....	145.00
<b>Totaling .....</b>	<b>\$5,973.00</b>
Solemnity of the Assumption Collection.....	\$1,960.00

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sept. 1/2

4 PM	A. & P. Delaup
9 AM	M. Evola, P. Fleming, R. Meche, B. O'Hara
11 AM	J. Ackermann, J. Wright, K. Archer, K. Sorensen
6 PM	A. Calongne, M. Plaideau

## Labor Day Holiday

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.** We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4, at 9 AM.

## CYO Car Wash

Drop off your car next Sunday, September 2, between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM and the CYO will wash your car while you are attending Mass. Donations gratefully accepted.



Priest Mass Schedule	4pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sept. 1 & 2	Fr. H.L.	Fr. H.L.	Fr. Cooper	Fr. Cooper
Sept. 8 & 9	Fr. Cooper	Fr. Cooper	Fr. H.L.	Fr. H.L.
Sept. 15 & 16	Fr. H.L.	Fr. H.L.	Fr. Cooper	Fr. Cooper
Sept. 22 & 23	Fr. Cooper	Fr. Cooper	Fr. Cooper	Fr. Cooper
Sept. 29 & 30	Fr. Cooper	Fr. H.L.	Fr. Cooper	Fr. H.L.

## Annulment Writing Workshop

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in the St. Benilde Teen Center in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2 and 9. Hours are 7:30 – 9 PM. The materials for the series cost \$25.00. To register go to our website <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop-septemberoctober-2018>. For more information, please call Cathy, 504-861-6243.

## Little Flowers and Blue Knights

Little Flowers and Blue Knights will meet again one Friday a month September-May at St. Benilde. The clubs are open to boys and girls 5 years old and up. They will learn about a saint and virtue in a fun way and do a craft or activity to correspond with it. Those with girls interested in Little Flowers should email Casey at [caseysprehe@gmail.com](mailto:caseysprehe@gmail.com) and those with boys interested in Blue Knights should email Kevin at [sprehe19@gmail.com](mailto:sprehe19@gmail.com)

## Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.



## FR. COOPER'S CORNER

When St. John Paul II came to the United Nations in 1979, he called the Universal Declaration the UN's "fundamental document" and "cornerstone," said it was a "milestone on the path of the moral progress of humanity," declared that it had "struck a real blow against the many deep roots of war," and insisted that it "must remain the basic value ... with which ... consciences ... must be confronted and from which they must draw continual inspiration."

It is easy for Americans to take many of the rights listed in the Universal Declaration for granted because the foundational documents of our country focus on "unalienable rights" endowed by the Creator. However, for many people across the world, living under various forms of subjugation, the list was a watershed. It specified the rights to life, liberty, and security of person; not to be a slave, tortured or inhumanly punished; to equality before the law, effective access to fair and competent legal systems where one is presumed innocent until proven guilty; not to be arrested arbitrarily, detained, exiled, or subjected to retroactive laws or penalties; not to have one's privacy, family or home unjustly interfered with; to move within one's country, leave it, and return; to asylum from persecution; to a nationality and the ability to change it; to marry and found a family; to own property and not arbitrarily be deprived of it; to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, to change one's religion and be able to live it; to freedom of opinion and expression; to peaceful assembly and association; to take part in self-government; to equal access to public service, social security, economic, social and cultural rights; to work in just conditions, with equal pay for equal work, with fair remuneration to ensure for oneself and his family a worthy existence; to form and belong to trade unions; to reasonable limitation of working hours; to a healthy standard of living with food, clothing, housing, medical care and social services; to free education in elementary stages and for parents to choose the education for children; to legal protection of what one creates; and to a social and international order in which these rights can be realized.

Many of these rights were controversial. Communist governments opposed the right to leave one's country. Various Muslim countries opposed the right to change one's religion, to equality between men and women in marriage, and other rights opposed to Sharia law. South Africa opposed the basic equality between races in order to sustain its then system of apartheid. Nevertheless, of the 58 countries then pertaining to the United Nations, 48 voted in favor, with the others abstaining from the vote or failing to show up.

It is a real sign of the impact of the Universal Declaration and of the ethical progress of humanity that, across the world, almost everyone speaks of fundamental human rights that pertain to us by our nature and dignity and not by revocable state concession. This progress remains even though in many places there are still repressive governments, terrorist organizations and other entities that ignore and trample upon these rights. Even in such situations, there is a vocabulary to describe the illegitimacy and evil of such acts, which can pave the way for them to be overcome, as we saw with the falls of Soviet communism, apartheid, and other dictatorial or inhumane situations.







In the last seventy years, however, particularly in the last fifty, there has been a corruption of the principal of human rights to try to elevate the desires of individuals or groups into matters that others must acknowledge and ensure. When the term “human rights” becomes such a rhetorical catch-all, endlessly expanded to suit the passing tastes of the age, such an elastic approach can end up discrediting, undermining and outright opposing the very rights enumerated in the Universal Declaration and the concept of human rights itself.

This is what Pope Francis called attention to in January at the Vatican, in his remarkable annual address to the ambassadors accredited to the Holy See. He dedicated the vast majority of his remarks to the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration—to be celebrated December 10—stressing how it recognized the “inherent dignity and ... equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family” as the foundation for freedom, justice, peace, and integral human development. To speak of human rights, he stated, “means above all to restate the centrality of the human person,” because such rights are “premised on the nature objectively shared by the human race.” But he warned that when a false or “reductive vision of the human person” serves as the foundation of rights claims, it opens the way to “injustice, social inequality, and corruption.”

He elaborated upon the anthropological reductionism at work in what he calls the “new rights” that have been invented since the social upheavals of the 1960s. These novel “rights,” he said, significantly stray from the vision of the human person on which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the other conventions that form international human rights law, are grounded.

“Debatable notions of human rights,” the Pope stated, “have been advanced that are at odds with the culture of many countries. The latter feel that they are not respected in their social and cultural traditions, and instead neglected with regard to the real needs they have to face. Somewhat paradoxically, there is a risk that, in the very name of human rights, we will see the rise of modern forms of *ideological colonization* by the stronger and the wealthier, to the detriment of the poorer and the most vulnerable.”

What Pope Francis is describing is that powerful and wealthy countries, both through direct official development assistance as well as through certain international agencies, are conditioning the reception of development help on the acceptance of radical social agendas with regard to human sexuality, abortion, family structure, and even basic anthropology, under the guise of new “rights.” The Pope has gone so far as to call this ideological colonization a “world war ... not with weapons but with ideas.”

However, this ideological bullying does not have to cross international borders to be wrong and dangerous. It can also take place within countries, within their governmental, educational and employment institutions, and within culture at large. Genuine human rights, like the right of every human being to life, are trampled in order to give those who are older, stronger and politically powerful the novel “right to choose” to end another’s life in the room and even to have others pay for it. The right to religious freedom is disregarded so that some may have the new “right to marry whomever they love” and force business owners against their conscience to make wedding cakes celebrating it. The right of parents to choose the education of their children is bulldozed in order to give children, through their educators, the “right” to receive “comprehensive sexual education” including graphic descriptions of practices opposed to the moral values of the families involved—even in preschool.

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‘new rights’ that not infrequently conflict with one another. It is painful to see how many fundamental rights continue to be violated today. First among all of these is the right of every human person to life, liberty, and personal security. It is not only war or violence that infringes these rights. In our day, there are more subtle means. I am thinking primarily of innocent children discarded even before they are born, unwanted at times simply because they are ill or malformed, or as a result of the selfishness of adults. I am thinking of the elderly, who are often cast aside, especially when infirm and viewed as a burden. I am thinking of women who repeatedly suffer from violence and oppression, even within their own families. I am thinking too of the victims of human trafficking, which violates the prohibition of every form of slavery.”

He went on to focus, as well, on how the “right to freedom of thought, conscience and of religion, including the freedom to change religion,” is being ignored, not just by certain fundamentalist or communist countries, but also by aggressively secular governments. “Sad to say,” he declared, “it is well-known that the right to religious freedom is often disregarded, and not infrequently religion becomes either an occasion for the ideological justification of new forms of extremism or a pretext for the social marginalization of believers, if not their downright persecution.” Such novel rights alienate the true unalienable ones.

It was a powerful address in which the Pope challenged the growing tendency to trample person’s and people’s human rights in the supposed name of human rights, which sets the tone for the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration and the context for the continuation of the rights it enumerates. It is of interest not just to ambassadors, diplomats, and leaders of nations, but also to all holders of fundamental human rights.

### September Calendar

- Sept. 1 Rosary & Altar Society Mass and Meeting
- Sept. 2 CYO Car Wash—8:30 AM—noon
- Sept. 4 Pastoral Council—7 PM—Library
- Sept. 6 Pro-Life—6:15 PM—Teen Center  
CALM—7 PM—Church  
33 Days to Morning Glory—7 PM—Teen Center
- Sept. 8 Legion of Mary—2:05 PM—Parish Office
- Sept. 9 Holy Name/Men’s Club Mass & Breakfast
- Sept. 10 Radio Rosary
- Sept. 11 Chers Amis—7 PM—Cafeteria  
Annulment Workshop—7 PM—Teen Center
- Sept. 12 Grandparents’ Club—7 PM—Cafeteria  
33 Days to Morning Glory—7 PM—Teen Center
- Sept. 13 Home & School—7 PM—Cafeteria
- Sept. 15 Legion of Mary—2:05 PM—Parish Office
- Sept. 15/16 Hospitality—Hosted by Pro-Life Committee
- Sept. 17 Men’s Club—7:30 PM—Cafeteria
- Sept. 18 SVDP—6:30 PM—Parish Office  
Annulment Workshop—7 PM—Teen Center
- Sept. 19 Block Rosary—7 PM—Beyer Home
- Sept. 21 Blue Knights—4:30 PM—Teen Center  
Little Flowers—4:30 PM—Library
- Sept. 25 Annulment Workshop—7 PM—Teen Center  
Advisory Council—7 PM—Faculty Lounge
- Sept. 26 Fulfilled Bible Study—7 PM—Teen Center  
School Advisory Bd—7 PM—Faculty Lounge
- Sept. 29 Divine Mercy Day of Reflection—8 AM-3:30 PM
- Sept. 30 Sacramental Workshop—2 PM—Church & School

### SVDP REPORT

During the months of April, May and June we were able to assist 36 clients with \$4,256 for rent and utilities. We also distributed approximately \$975 worth of food to the needy. May God bless your continued generosity as we work to help the less fortunate in our parish.

### CCD Registration

St. Benilde’s CCD Program is offered to pre-K4 through 12th grade students not currently attending Catholic school. Classes begin on **Sunday, Sept. 9**, in the main school building. We teach religion from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and in the Parish Office. The usual fee/tuition is \$50 per student. For more information, please visit [www.stbenilde.org/ccd](http://www.stbenilde.org/ccd) or call Mary Kelly at 504-834-4980 ext. 113.

### R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults begins **Monday, September 10**. Sessions are held Mondays, at 7:30 PM, in the Library. The program is open to those who have never been baptized; baptized Christians seeking to become Catholic; and Catholics desiring a better knowledge of their faith. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

*Parish Motto—Building the Kingdom of God*

AUGUST 26, 2018

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: