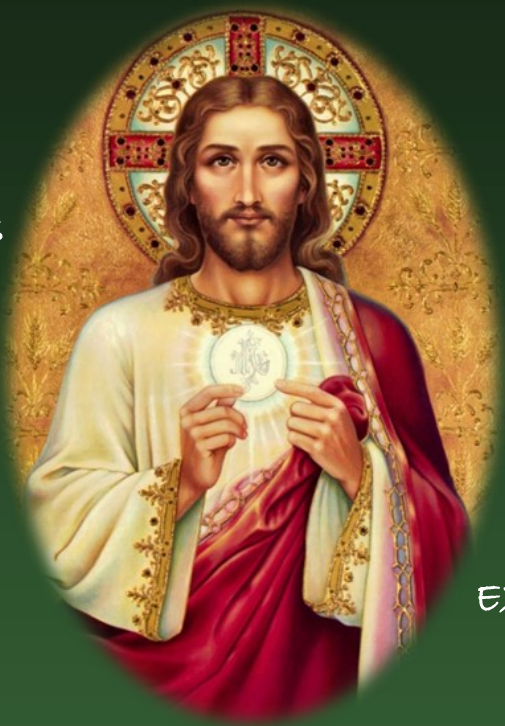


April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

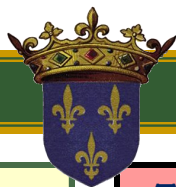
Call the Parish Office to receive a New  
Parishioner Registration Packet.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference  
(504) 233-3246

### ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mr. Thomas Huck, Principal  
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## Ministers of the Liturgy

April 13 & 14, 2019

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Hubert LaBorde, Pete Muscarello, Jr.,  
Colgan Family, Doris Bayhi, John Herbert, Jr.,  
Flora Maria Be, Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., George Spaulding,  
Austin Burroughs, Merle & Charles Dittmer,  
Patrick C. McKinney, Melissa Mendel Zimmerman,  
Lucy Lehrmann, Judith Theisges, Joseph Segari  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

A. Delaup, A. Duersel

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

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Blake Simeon (L)

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
C. Frederick, L. Director, J. Zeringue, G. Rojas

*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Thomas Prunty, Audrey Jarreau,  
Edward E. McCabe, Judith Theisges, Russell Mayeur,  
Eddie Lehrmann (L), Lucy Lehrmann, Paul J. Hymel, Jr.,  
Thanksgiving to St. Charbel, Ruth H. Giliberti,  
Roger & Cathy Ayers (L), Joseph Donald Bernard

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

N. Bostick, L. Frey, K. Archer, K. Sorensen

*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

L. Daigle, B. David

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m. June & Marvin Ackermann (L)
	5:30 p.m. Ida Cesana
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Robert Kim (L)
	5:30 p.m. Bob Kelly
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Floyd Bangs, Sr.
	8:15 a.m. Eddie Lehrmann (L)
	Lucy Lehrmann
	5:30 p.m. Laiz Family
Thursday	7:00 a.m. No Morning Mass
	8:00 p.m. Barbara Duncan
Friday	3:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion

**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 a  
Special Intention**



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

**Adoration Chapel Candles  
burn for  
Persecuted Christians**



## Altar Ladies

**Week of April 14**

C. Grace, S. Mercatante

### Linens

Large - J. Wright  
Small - F. Cortello



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



## Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of April 6 & 7

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.



## Easter Triduum Schedule

### Holy Thursday – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer at 7 AM in Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10 PM

The Adoration Chapel will close at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, April 17, and will re-open at 7:30 AM on Monday, April 22.

### Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer at 7 AM in Church

Good Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord at 3 PM

Stations of the Cross at 6 PM

### Holy Saturday – April 20<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer at 7 AM in Church

Solemn Easter Vigil at 8PM

## Easter Mass Schedule

The Solemn Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20, at 8 PM. On Easter Sunday, April 21, Masses will be celebrated at 9 and 11 AM.

**Please note that there will be NO 6 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 20/21

8 PM TBD

9 AM J. Tusa, P. Cifreo, C. Rispoli, B. Soletto

11 AM A. Duersel, R. Oleksik

## 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.

## Lenten Masses, Confession Times, & Devotionals

For our complete Lenten Schedule visit:

[www.stbenilde.org/lent](http://www.stbenilde.org/lent)

## Holy Week Adoration and Confessions

The parish will have a Holy Hour from 6 PM until 7 PM on Monday, April 15, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the Resurrection of our Savior. *Both Fr. Cooper and Fr. H.L. will be available for Confessions from 6 - 7 PM.*

## Special Second Collection

There will be a special Second Collection taken at all the Easter Masses to help support Priestly Formation at Notre Dame Seminary and to assist with the various Charitable Organizations of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Thank you for your generosity as we help our young men studying for the priesthood.



## FR. COOPER'S CORNER

### *Making Holy Week the Holiest Week of Our Year*

It is always a joy when I meet parishioners after Mass and they say, "See you next Sunday!" But there is one exception: on Palm Sunday. When they say it leaving Church with their blessed palms, part of me wants to politely stop them and say to them with a smile: "Do you really have no plans to RSVP for the Last Supper that Jesus 'eagerly desires to eat with you' (Luke 22:15) on Holy Thursday? Will you be there on Friday when they crucify your Lord? Are you excited about Easter, such that you cannot wait to celebrate it at the earliest possible moment, which just happens to be during the most beautiful and liturgically significant Mass of the year, the Easter Vigil?"

The Church professes that in the Sacred Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil—the Church marks the most sacred time of all time. We enter temporally into the eternal moments when Jesus gave us His Body and Blood in the Upper Room, sacrificed that Body and shed that Blood on Golgotha, and ultimately rose triumphant from the dead. And yet, in my pastoral experience, there are a shocking number of Catholics who faithfully come to Church every Sunday who do not attend any of the moments of the Sacred Triduum. Many others come just to one of the three, normally the Good Friday Passion Service. It is very rare to find parishioners who attend all of them.

This is, I think, one of the effects of the increasing secularizing of Catholic sensibilities. Secularism means living as if God does not exist. It is a type of practical atheism. Rather than living as 24/7 Catholics, we have our "times" for prayer, for Mass, for other religious duties, but the rest of the time, we basically live indistinguishably from those around us. The Church must recover a sense of full-time Catholic identity. One of the most important ways to do that is by recovering a Catholic sense of time through living well the liturgical cycle. And one of the biggest litmus tests as to whether we have a spiritually-calibrated watch is how we live what we proclaim to be the holiest week of the year.

The phrase "Holy Week" refers, after all, only to *one* week each year. It is supposed to be special. It is meant to make us holy. But with the exception of the Good Friday abstinence and fasting, too many Catholics live it like any other week of the year. Sometimes people ask me whether priests should simply be satisfied that people come to Mass at all on Sundays. Happy? Certainly! Satisfied? No, because we care too much about the people we serve not to challenge them to an upgrade in the way they live their faith. Holy Week is an opportunity for us to grow greatly in love of God and in appreciation of what He has done for us, and we hope and pray that those He died for will open themselves up in faith to receive all the gifts He seeks to give.

As a young boy growing up in a practicing Catholic family—not very long ago!—we always spent the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil attending the Church's most solemn liturgies. It was, frankly, unimaginable that we would not be in attendance. I never believed I was doing anything special. I thought that this was what basically every practicing Catholic did. For disciples of Jesus to miss any of these principal celebrations of our faith would have been as incomprehensible for me as a diehard New Orleans Saints fan skipping the football games in the Superdome.

When, however, I left seminary for parish life, anticipating that the Holy Week liturgies would be mob scenes, I discovered that they were, in contrast, rather sparse affairs, in some cases even less well-attended than Holy Days of Obligation. I did not know whether it was a case of insufficient catechesis on the part of priests, parents, and religious







education instructors, or general lukewarmness on the part of parishioners, or the failure of the faithful just to reflect adequately on the incredible invitations Jesus makes to us during those days.

But I soon began to discover that Holy Thursday—pastorally—can be a little depressing. The day on which Jesus established the Holy Eucharist and founded the priesthood to make the Eucharist possible is one on which the vast majority of parishioners are doing something else than coming to celebrate these gifts and mysteries. Most Catholic faithful love the Lord but do not come to celebrate the establishment of His extraordinary Eucharistic self-giving. Most faithful likewise love their priests but do not come to celebrate the “day of the priesthood” with them.

Good Friday is a little better, when more people seem to try to come to something, whether the Passion Service, or Walking the Nine Churches, or the Stations of the Cross. But I have always wondered how it is possible for anyone to live the Catholic faith and not to seek to overcome every obstacle to come to say to the Crucified Lord “thank you for dying for me” and “have mercy on me and the whole world.”

The Easter Vigil is more like Holy Thursday when many priests must put on a massive recruitment effort to get people to come. Yes, it is a Saturday night; it is the longest Mass of the year by far, with many more readings and prayers than a typical Sunday, not to mention litanies and triple alleluias, fire and a lengthy solo of the *Exultet*. But how seriously and eagerly do we approach Easter? Many just seem to choose to fulfill their Sunday “obligation” the following morning. They have no idea of how much they are missing.

Occasionally someone asks, “If Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are so important, why aren’t they Holy Days of Obligation?” I think for the same reason why we do not need laws or rules mandating the celebration of a loved one’s birthday: because it would be unfathomable that such a mandate should be needed. Obliging attendance at the principal events of Jesus’ life by which we enter into His Passover from death to life would be totally to miss the point of the interior motivation that should be bringing us there. Not to downplay at all the importance of any of the Holy Days, but is there any doubt that what the Church celebrates on Holy Thursday—Jesus’ self-giving in the Eucharist—is more important than what we mark on the Solemnities of All Saints Day, Mary Mother of God, and the Immaculate Conception? Is there any question that the celebration of the Lord’s death is more important than the Solemnity marking the Assumption? Is there any dispute that the Easter Vigil trumps everything, including the celebration of the Lord’s Nativity and His Ascension?

Lent is a season of conversion and the way we live Holy Week should be the crown of that conversion process. May each of us respond to God’s help to dare to make it not only the holiest week of our year but even, until now, the holiest week of our life!

### **Summer Cabbage Ball**

Registration is now open for St. Benilde Men’s club Summer Cabbage Ball Program, which will run from May 23 to July 2. It is open to boys and girls currently in grades Pre-K4 to 12th grade. Registration forms are available in the School and Parish Offices and on the parish website. For more information, please call or email Phil Borne at [pjborne@christovich.com](mailto:pjborne@christovich.com) or (504) 228-7573.



### **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Thank you for your generosity.



## THE PRIESTHOOD

To any young man in our parish who is discerning a call to the priesthood or who feels some attraction to priestly life and ministry, I would be happy to hear from you and delighted to talk with you. Know that I pray for you daily and that I am ready to support you in your vocational journey. I invite all members of our parish family to become personally and actively involved in the effort to identify men with apparent qualities for priesthood and encourage them to discern the will of God in their lives. Let us recommit ourselves to fervent prayer that the call of Christ the High Priest will echo in the hearts of the next generation and that it will be nurtured and sustained so as to grow and flourish.

~Fr. Cooper

## Walk of Nine Churches

CYO members, their families, and parishioners are invited to participate in the traditional "Walk of Nine Churches" on Good Friday, April 19. **CYO will meet at St. Stephen's**



**Church, 1025 Napoleon Ave., NOLA for 8:30 AM. Parishioners should meet in the St. Benilde Church parking lot at 7:45 AM to depart via cars by 8 AM.**

The first stop will be St. Stephen's Church, 1025 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans. You may also meet the group at St. Stephen's at 8:30 AM if you prefer. If you are planning to attend, and for more information, please call John Stiegman at 838-0405 or Janie Wright at 834-9706.

## Easter Memorial Flowers and Lilies

The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Benilde Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes**.



Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. **The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance.** Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, the Poor Box or bring them to the Parish Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the Easter Season. Printed copies of the names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be available in the vestibule of Church in the weeks following Easter Sunday.

## Substance Addiction Ministry-St. Ann Church & National Shrine

St. Ann is starting a S.A.M. (Substance Addiction Ministry). Meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at St. Ann Church Ministry Center, 4920 Loveland Street, in the John Paul II Room at 6 PM. For more information, visit the website at: <https://stannchurchandshrine.org/substance-addiction-ministry>, email [stannsam@gmail.com](mailto:stannsam@gmail.com), or call (504) 229-2019.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: