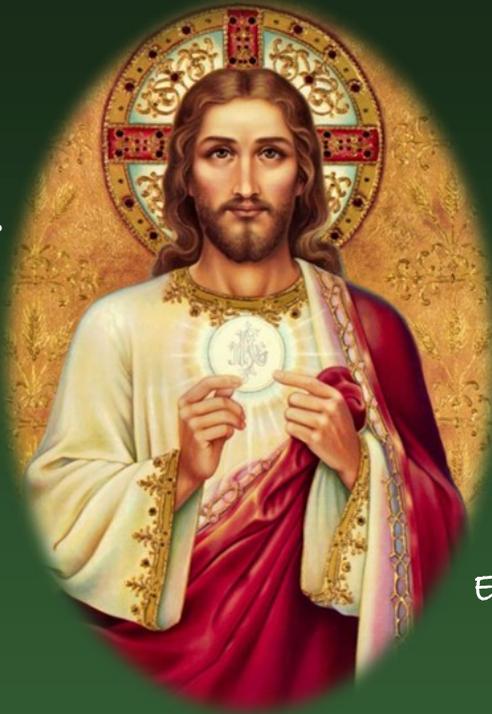


April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

ORDINARY FAMILIES



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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 20 & 21, 2019

Saturday - 8 P.M.

Intention: George Spaulding, Hubert LaBorde,
Austin Burroughs, Melissa Mendel Zimmerman,
Annette Chaplain Rasnic, Joseph Segari,
Pete Muscarello, Jr., Flora Maria Be,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney
Cantor: Kevin Rouchell *Organist:* Jared Croal

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Huguet Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Tusa, P. Cifreo, C. Rispoli, B. Soletto
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

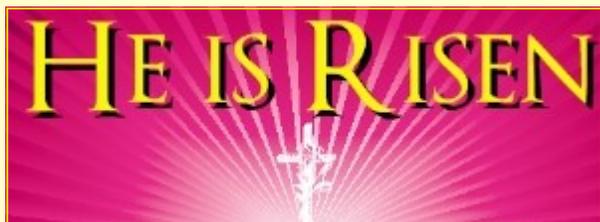
Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners, Judith Theisges,
Celeste Howard, Barbara Twickler, Richard Bush Sr.,
Chris & Marine Peters, Allan Ensminger,
Allen Ashby, Kelvin Ducote, Mary & Melvin Ducote,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Russell Mayeur,
Herbert Schmit, Jess Matherne, Jr., Ruth H. Giliberti,
Roger & Cathy Ayers (L), Paul J. Hymel, Jr.,
Walter (Bubber) Blessing

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
S. Gordon, L. Peters, A. Duersel, R. Oleksik
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Weekday Masses

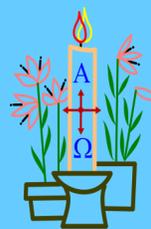
Monday	7:00 a.m. Ray Black (L)
	5:30 p.m. Isabel Michael
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. June & Marvin Ackermann (L)
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Ralph Alvarez
	8:15 a.m. Judith Theisges
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Eddie & Lucy Lehrmann (L)
	5:30 p.m. Angelina Adams
Friday	7:00 a.m. Fernando Bangs (L)



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



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



**The Paschal Candle
burns in memory of
Joy Rojas**

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



**Adoration Chapel Candles
burn in Thanksgiving
for Fr. Cooper**

Altar Ladies

Week of April 21
A. Delaup, K. Archer

Linens

Large - J. Wright
Small - F. Cortello



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



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of April 13 & 14

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.

May Crowning

During the Month of May – a month both named for and dedicated to Mary – Catholics have long honored our Blessed Mother by placing a crown on her image. All are invited to our **Parish May Crowning on Sunday, May 5, at the 11 AM Mass**. *Our First Communicants and all the Children of the Parish will be invited to join Fr. Cooper at the sanctuary step for the homily. Children and adults are encouraged to bring flowers to Mass to adorn our Lady!*

Blessing of our Blessed Mother Grotto

Immediately following the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, May 5, we will gather outside of Church for the blessing of our newly constructed Blessed Mother Grotto. We give thanks to God for all the individuals who dedicated their time, talents, and monetary support to bring our Grotto to completion. Please join us as we consecrate our parish to the powerful protection and intercession of our Lady.

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 (504) 228-7573 pjborne@christovich.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 27/28

4 PM A. & P. Delaup
9 AM C. & R. Ayers, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot
11 AM N. Bostick, J. Wright, K. Archer, K. Sorensen
6 PM D. Childers, D. Powers

A Stewardship Moment

Do Your Children See You Give?

Every parent wants to raise children who share and give generously. When our children someday meet God face to face we want to know that they will hear

Jesus say to them the same words the master said to those who used their talents

wisely, *“Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share*

your master's joy” (Matt 25:21). However, raising a generous child is a challenge in a society that constantly teaches children to want more and more things for themselves. One of the key factors in teaching children to be generous is to let them see you giving. After all, children mimic what they **see**, *not* what they **hear**. Today many donations to the parish Offertory may be made electronically, monthly, quarterly, or via mail. Thus, children may never actually see their parents give. A child who never sees a parent place an envelope in the Offertory could grow up thinking, *“My parents never gave any support to the Church. Why should I?”* Therefore, it is important that parents talk with children about the charitable gifts the family makes. If you would like to increase your giving you might even ask your kids about ways the family budget could be adjusted so that there is more to share with God. Their suggestions might surprise you!





FR. COOPER'S CORNER

Overcome with Paschal Joy!

"This is the day the Lord has made," Christians sing all over the world today. "Let us rejoice and be glad" is our reaction. While God gives us every day of our life and for which we should never cease to thank Him, today is the most special day in which the Lord who created the world, in the beginning, remakes it. "O God, who wonderfully created human nature and still more wonderfully redeemed it," we prayed after hearing the Creation account in the Easter Vigil. The recreated world is even more beautiful than the created one. The Lord has made us for this day, to experience the recreation, the new life Easter brings. In the Book of Revelation, Jesus said, "Behold I make all things new!" Today, Jesus not only renews all of creation through His overcoming of sin and the death and disorder introduced into the world by sin, but He wants to make us new, too.



St. Paul describes how we enter into that dramatic transformation: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." The new and improved human life Jesus wishes to give us involves new goals, new aspirations. It involves a death to the old Adam in us and a resurrection to the New. It involves lifting up our hearts and our lives to the Lord. If we live this day as God wants to help us to live it, if we permit the Lord to remake us this day in His image and likeness, then we will experience the joy and gladness of this most sacred day.

Joy is meant to be our fundamental disposition on Easter morning! Catholic Churches throughout the world exploded with joy in the Easter Proclamation describing the joy of Jesus' resurrection. "Rejoice, let Mother Church rejoice, arrayed with the lighting of [Jesus' risen] glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples." In the hymns we sing, we burst with that building-shaking gladness. In *The Strife is Over*, we sing, "O Let us swell the joyful strain." In *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, we tell each other, "Raise your joys and triumphs high." In the great Marian antiphon sung each of the 50 days of the Easter season, the *Regina Caeli*, we chant, "Be Joyful, Mary, Heavenly Queen!" The entire season is an *Ode to Joy* given to God at the gift He gives us today. The Eucharistic Preface of the Easter Mass most effectively summarizes this Easter attitude: "Overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise" as with all the angels and heavenly powers we praise and thank God "yet more gloriously" on this day "above all." Jesus came into the world, as He said to us on Holy Thursday, so that "my joy may be in you and your joy be complete!" Today is the day in which He wants to give us that fullness.

If we are going to celebrate Easter Sunday well, if we are truly going to live the Christian life, we must be joyful and glad. This has been one of the principal messages of Pope Francis since his election. At the beginning of his pontificate, he wrote an apostolic exhortation to every Catholic of the world entitled *The Joy of the Gospel*. He would hope that you have had a chance to read it, or if you have not, to do so as a response of faith to God this Easter season. The fundamental reform of the Church Christ is calling him to lead is one in which Catholics experience the true joy of the Gospel, the joy of believing and living our faith, and contagiously bring that joy to others. He said, "There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter," who live as if they always have "just come back from a funeral." That is not the Christian way!

Pope Francis' thoughts in that exhortation are a powerful way for us to learn how to live Easter right. He begins his exhortation saying, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his



offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew." The Holy Father admits that the Christian life isn't devoid of crosses, but states that Christians find joy even in the Crosses because of our knowledge of how Good Friday leads to Easter when we unite those Crosses to the Lord. "The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice," he declares. "Our Christian joy drinks of [Jesus'] brimming heart. He promises his disciples [before his Passion]: 'You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy' (Jn 16:20). He then goes on to say: 'But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you'" (Jn 16:22). After his resurrection he fulfilled that promise, the Pope says, as St. John describes happened on Easter Sunday evening, "The disciples 'rejoiced' (Jn 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. "

Pope Francis says that Christians need to be overcome with Paschal joy because the "heart of the Christian message will always be the same," in humanly good times and in bad, in poverty and prosperity, in sickness and in health. That message is about "the God who revealed his immense love in the crucified and risen Christ." The fundamental Christian proclamation, the Gospel, is: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." "When everything is said and done," Pope Francis observes, "we are infinitely loved." The Holy Father recognizes "the grief of people who have to endure great suffering," but he says "slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress." The Resurrection gives us hope. "If we think that things are not going to change, we need to recall that Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and is now almighty. Jesus Christ truly lives. ... Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope, and he will not deprive us of the help we need."

But the Holy Father says that if we are going to experience this fountain of hope and joy, we need to live with Jesus in the present, we need to enter into communion with His joy and hope. We need to receive His strength even in our weakness. "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past," Pope Francis emphasizes. "It contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference, and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. On razed land life breaks through, stubbornly yet invincibly. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew; it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection. ... Christ's resurrection everywhere calls forth seeds of that new world; even if they are cut back, they grow again, for the resurrection is already secretly woven into the fabric of this history, for Jesus did not rise in vain."

This vital power of Jesus' resurrection is at work not just out there in the world but also inside of each of us and this is at the root of our Christian joy, the joy of the Gospel. But it is not enough for us to experience it individually. In his exhortation, Pope Francis calls us to share that joy. The joy flowing from Jesus' brimming heart into ours is supposed to flow from ours into others. We all lit tapers from the Paschal Candle showing how Jesus, symbolized by the Paschal Candle, lights each of us, symbolized by the tapers on fire; and just like we all spread that flame to our neighbors by lighting their tapers in turn; so Jesus wants to illumine us with His joy, the joy of the Resurrection, the joy of the Gospel and have us spread that joy to others. The way to increase our joy is precisely to do this. We all know that if we were to take a lit taper outside on a windy day, it would almost certainly be extinguished. We cannot surround it with our hands and body sufficiently to protect it from the wind. The only way to keep the flame alive is to make it grow, to join it to many lit tapers so that it becomes a huge bonfire that not even strong winds can really extinguish. It is the same way with Christian joy. It grows by sharing because then our own joy is increased by seeing the joy of Jesus change the life of another.

Our joy from Jesus compels us to share that joy with those we care about, those we love and even strangers for whom

Jesus out of love died. Pope Francis says, “We are convinced from personal experience that it is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it, and not the same thing to contemplate him, to worship him, to find our peace in him, as not to. It is not the same thing to try to build the world with his Gospel as to try to do so by our own lights. We know well that with Jesus life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything. This is why we evangelize!” We share the faith so that others may be happy.

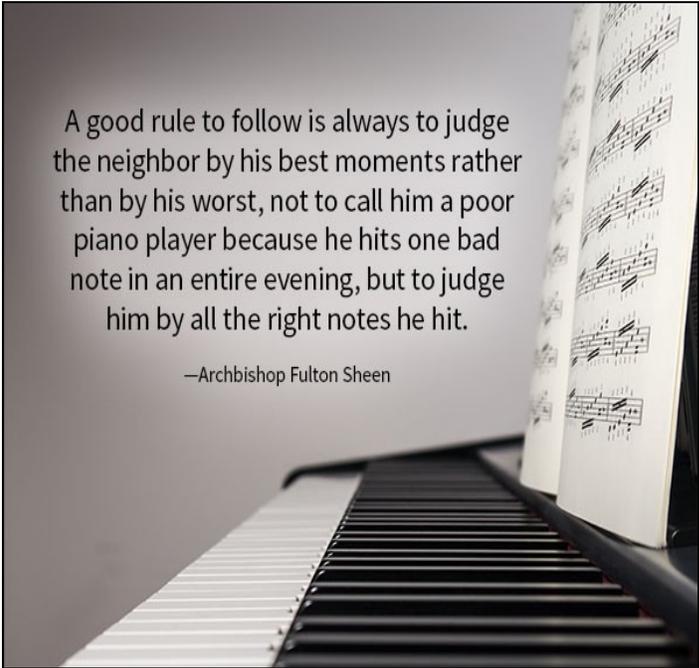
Today on this Easter Sunday, on this day the Lord has made, we rejoice and are glad, and we seek together with Jesus to share that happiness with others. And the greatest way we do that is in the way Jesus taught us to do it, not just on Easter Sunday but on what the early saints called the “little Easter” of each Lord’s day. It is here at the sacred altar that we come to celebrate the special day each week the Lord gives us to rejoice in and be glad, the day on which He remakes us in His image. Today, “overcome with Paschal joy” that flows into the enthusiasm of all our hymns, our sung and recited responses, in the peace we give to each other, let us get ready to receive Jesus’ risen body and blood so that He may make us new, so that He may help us to seek the things that are above, so that He may help us “see and believe,” and inspire us to go to bring to others this *Joy of the Gospel*...that Jesus lives, that He loves us, and that He is at our side every day—so that they with us may experience the joy Jesus came to give us all to the full!

Blessed Seelos Healing Mass

All are invited to a Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, April 28, at 1 PM at St. Mary's Assumption Church. You may visit the National Shrine of Blessed Seelos at 919 Josephine St., New Orleans, before and after Mass.

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.



A good rule to follow is always to judge the neighbor by his best moments rather than by his worst, not to call him a poor piano player because he hits one bad note in an entire evening, but to judge him by all the right notes he hit.

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Family Movie Night

St. Benilde Parish will present “*The Encounter*” on **Friday, April 26, at 7 PM, in the Teen Center**. This inspiring movie tells the story of five strangers stranded in a deserted roadside diner. The owner of the diner knows all their secrets and possesses the answers to all of their problems—if they trust in him. This miraculous encounter will leave them all changed forever. Snacks and refreshments will be available. All are invited For more information, please contact Val Hebert at valencemet@aol.com or (504) 427-0327.

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