

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

ORDINARY FAMILIES



EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

ST. BENILDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Rev. Matthew Johnston, *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

November 30 & December 1, 2019

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Austin Burroughs, Evan Walle (L),
David & Mary Ann Hebert (L), George Spaulding,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney,
Honor of St. Jude, Hubert LaBorde, Pete Muscarello, Jr.
Flora Marie Be, Thomas Metcalf, Joseph Segari,
Michael Curry, Grace Fallon, William Roa,
Karen & David Spangler (L)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

K. Hartdegen, L. Segari

Cantor: Kevin Rouchell *Organist:* Jared Croal

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Pam Cresson (L)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M. Evola, P. Fleming, R. Meche, B. O'Hara

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Kelvin Ducote, Mary & Melvin Ducote,
Paul J. Hymel, Jr., Joseph Donald Bernard, Mike Curry,
Mary O'Sullivan, Marguerite Jones, Luly H. Mastio,
Sandra Hankel English, Annie & Michael Bollinger,
Dolores & Lucien Sabathe, David & Mary Ann Hebert (L)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C. & T. Pitre, M. Bangs, J. Wright

Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

A. Calongne, M. Plaideau

Cantor: Lauren Gisclair *Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses

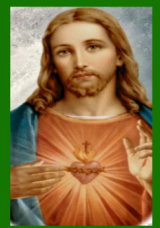
Monday	7:00 a.m. June & Marvin Ackermann (L)
	5:30 p.m. Lillie Soupenne
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Floyd Bangs, Sr.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Katie & Jay Preskitt (L)
	8:15 a.m. Michael Curry
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Rebecca & Paul Simeon (L)
	5:30 p.m. Marine Peters
Friday	7:00 a.m. Mercedes Cabrera
Saturday	8:45 a.m. Rosary & Altar Society

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



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

**The Sacred Heart Votive
burns for a
Special Intention**



**Adoration Chapel
Sanctuary Lamp burns
in memory of
Lillie Soupenne**



**Adoration Chapel Candles
burn in memory of
Gloria & Stuart Fourroux**

Altar Ladies

Week of December 1

M. Curry, G. Boling

Linens

Large - H. Guichard

Small - E. Beyer



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

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of November 23 & 24

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) falls on a Sunday this year; however, it will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, and is **NOT a holy day of obligation**. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, at 7 AM, and 5:30 PM.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

December 7 & 8

4 PM C. Casente, A. Delaup

9 AM C. Frederick, L. Director, J. Zeringue, G. Rojas

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

6 PM L. Daigle, B. David

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.

Men's Emmaus Retreat

Men, put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the men's **Emmaus retreat the weekend of January 24-26**. The retreat is held at **Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and Retreat House** in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. **The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday**. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville!

Please contact the following men for additional information: Colin Taulli @ 504-494-4511, David Drude @ 985-974-0657, or Johnny Fisk @ (504) 427-6601



Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

The Metairie Chapter of Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will host a breakfast on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Copeland Towers' Chateau Ballroom, 16th floor, 2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie, LA.

Our speaker is Cindy Scardina, a member of the Mercy Beaucoup music ministry, who have been ministering in song for 30 years and recently through the facilitation of retreats and Days of Prayer. Cindy will also tell her adoption story and how she found her birth family. Come share a delicious breakfast with us as Cindy shares her testimony about the goodness of the Lord!

Reservations: \$22, mail check to Magnificat Metairie, 1005 Maryland Ave., Kenner 70062 or \$23 online, www.magnificat-ministry.org/la-metairie.

For more information, call Jane at 504-884-6152.



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Office of the Archbishop

November 30, 2019

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Soon our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to “serve the Lord with gladness” (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service—past and present—is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God’s continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

Wishing you God’s blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

**THE DAUGHTERS INVITE YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY TO THEIR...**



He is Born
A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

TUESDAY, DEC. 10TH 7:00 PM
JEFFERSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, METAIRIE, LA

GET TICKETS NOW!
WWW.PAULINE.ORG/NOLACONCERT OR CALL: 504-887-7631

**THEY LOOK FORWARD TO
REJOICING WITH YOU AS WE
CELEBRATE TOGETHER, JESUS,
THE REASON FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

Christmas Memorial Greenery and Flowers

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Benilde Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Christmas Flowers Memorial Envelopes** found in the vestibule of Church. Donations toward the cost of Christmas decorations 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 during this past year. *The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance.* Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, the Poor Box or bring it to the Parish Office by December 26. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the Christmas Season and names will be published.



SVDP Food Pantry

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry would like to thank everyone for your very generous donations to help feed the needy in our parish.



SVDP Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now in the Church vestibule. Please take an angel ornament and return the gifts no later than December 13th. Please be sure to attach the angel to the gift securely. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for some of the less fortunate in our community.



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Retreat Center

Upcoming Offerings

December 10

Becoming a Woman of Faith
A Heart That's Been Purified
Lorraine Hess

December 12 Day of Prayer

Advent: The Time of Expectation
Rev. Sergio Serrano, OP

January 10-12

Becoming a Disciple of
Jesus of Nazareth
Rev. Glenn LeCompte

January 17-19

Finding God in the Now!
Everyday Experience
Rev. Jim Sichko

January 24-26

Living the Virtue of Hope
Rev. Joe Krafft

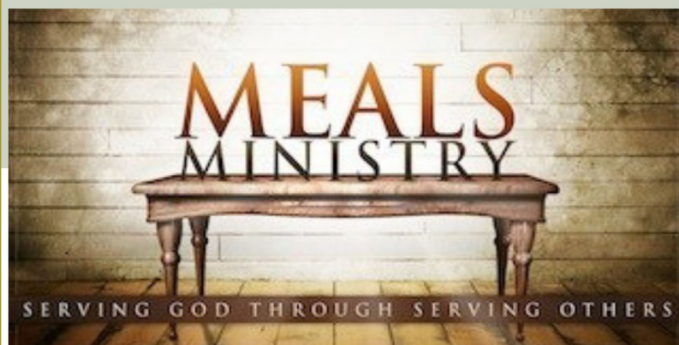
January 28 - Day of Prayer

Falling in Love with Prayer
Rev. Ken Smith

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
(504) 267-9604 * neworleansretreats.org

St. Benilde Meal Ministry is here to provide meals for parishioners after surgeries, illnesses, new births, and family losses/tragedies.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry or would simply like more information, please contact Audrey Huck at audrey.m.huck@gmail.com.



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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAYS - 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
FRIDAYS - 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: