December 12, 2021 The Third Sunday in Advent

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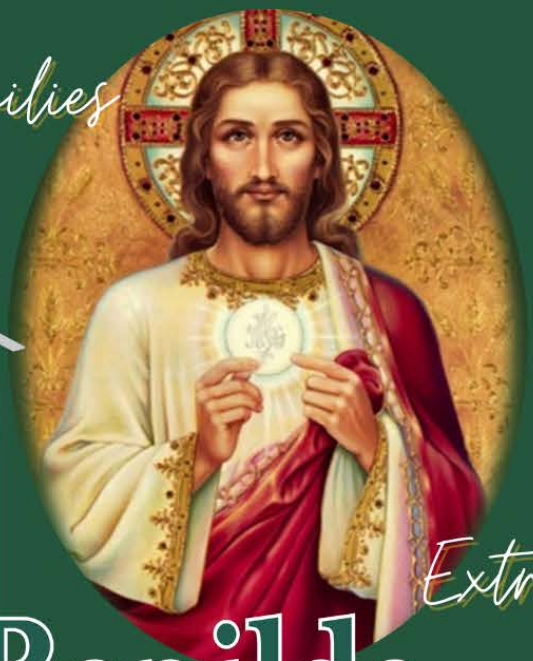

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Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor
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Deacon Clifford Wright

BAPTISMS
First and Third Sundays of the month at 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 ... 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ... 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri. ... 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday ... 5:30 p.m. First Saturday ... 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
See Inside the Bulletin for Schedule

CONFESSION
Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.
Sunday ... 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Thursday ... 6:00—6:30 p.m.
and by appointment at the Parish Office

DEVOTIONS
Holy Hour in Church Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday

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

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DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 a.m. Monday till 10:00 p.m. Friday

Ministers of the Liturgy

DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2021

Saturday - 4 P.M.
Intentions: Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Doug Leo Blanchard (L), George Spaulding, Hubert LaBorde, Honor of St. Jude, Kenneth & Anita Stark, Joseph Segari, Karen Hebert Spangler, Christian Verges, Sr., Joseph Scanlan, Sr., Genny St. Germain, Walter Bryan
Cantor: Kevin Rouchell
Organist: Jonathan Szymanski

Sunday - 9 A.M.
Intention: St. Benilde Parishioners
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.
Intentions: Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be, Diane Whitman (L), Paul J. Hymel, Jr., David Molbert, Genny St. Germain
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.
Intention: Florence DiMaggio
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Albarado

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Karen Hebert Spangler
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Richard Metcalf
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Brandon Giebelhaus (L)
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Gustave Hartdegen
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Ray Dunn
	8:15 a.m.	SBS Students

"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation."

— Isaiah 12:3

Prayer Intentions

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Birrcher Family

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp burns for our St. Benilde mothers

The Sacred Heart Votive burns for the souls of our deceased loved ones

The St. Joseph Votive burns for the men of St. Benilde parish

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

Adoration Chapel Candles burns for a Special Intention

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Deceased Parishioners

Altar Ladies

Week of December 12
Jeanette Dunn, Carole Batt, & Lillian Segari

December Linens
Large - Phyllis Reppel
Small - Evelyn Beyer

Stewardship of Treasure

DECEMBER 4 & 5

Envelopes $5,326
Loose $2,329
Second Collection
Repairs & Maintenance Envelope.....$1,122
Repairs & Maintenance Loose.....$851
Electronic Giving $2,931
Msgr. Richaud Fund $235
Totaling $12,794

BECOME A PARISHIONER

We'd love to have you as an official member!

SCAN ME

There are several ways to become a new parishioners. Ask and usher for a Registration Card, visit the parish office located at 1901 Division street and obtain/fill out registration forms, or complete the online registration using the QR code provided. We'd love to have you as part of our St. Benilde community.

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, Dec 13	**7:00 a.m. Mass** **Divine Mercy Cenacle Group 7:00 p.m. Parish Office**
Tuesday, Dec 14	**5:30 p.m. Mass** **Lorraine Hess "Light of the World" Advent Concert 6:30 p.m. in Church**
Wednesday, Dec 15	**7:00 a.m. Mass** **RCIA 7:00 p.m. Teen Center**
Thursday, Dec 16	**5:30 p.m. Mass** **Monthly Young Adult Gathering Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. Social @ Caretta's Grill** **Reconciliation 6-6:30 p.m.**
Friday, Dec 17	**7:00 a.m. Mass** **8:15 a.m. School Mass**
Saturday, Dec 18	**Reconciliation 3-3:45 p.m.** **4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**
Sunday, Dec 19	**9:00 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Masses** **Reconciliation 5-5:45 p.m.**

St. Benilde
CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUNG ADULTS

5:30 MASS

6-7:00 ADORATION, CONFESSION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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DECEMBER 16, 2021

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Dear St. Benilde Parishioners,

God is good. And His goodness has found the way to your heart. I am sincerely and profoundly grateful for your generous gift which allowed St. Benilde School to successfully accomplish the largest net profit of any fundraiser in our school's 53-year history. **Last year, our #iGiveCatholic campaign raised $100,025...this year, our original goal was $110,000, but we significantly passed that goal by raising a total of $128,214!** When you look at the size of our church and school community, a fundraising campaign of this amount is staggering and just bewildering. It shows that when the goodness of our God penetrates the heart of someone who is open to His will, the impossible happens.

I am so proud to announce that we placed 1st in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and 4th in the nation for total number of donations received. Likewise, we placed 4th in the Archdiocese and 14th in the nation for total amount raised. When compared to other elementary schools, St. Benilde was first in the nation for both number of donors and total amount raised. **463 donors invested $128,214 because of their belief in Catholic education and their commitment to the mission of our school.**

Thank you for your continued support of St. Benilde School.

In Sincere Gratitude,

Mr. Thomas Huck
Principal

Catechetical Corner

Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received their first Reconciliation on Saturday, December 11. May they be ever filled with God's joy and mercy.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 23, 2021

Dear Fr. Matthew and Parishioners of St. Benilde,

On August 29, 2021, life in Bourg, Louisiana changed forever with the landfall of hurricane Ida. Roofs were ripped-off, houses collapsed, trees were uprooted, and electricity, running water, and gas services were non-existent for nearly a month. Our quaint community outside of Houma was ripped apart brick by brick. Even almost 3 months after the storm, the effects of hurricane Ida are still very visible. Many roofs still have tarps on them including St. Ann Church. A few houses have been totally abandoned because they must be demolished and rebuilt instead of repaired. Families are displaced some living in campers in their driveways while others have been taken in by relatives and friends.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches and even in the midst of all the destruction, the Bourg Community still has a lot to be thankful for because of your generosity. Do you know that for over a month almost every day there was a hot meal, supplies, and bottled water available to our community at St. Ann? Over 30 days of feeding people when there was no place to get food. Over 30 days of distributing gasoline, tarps, cleaning supplies, canned goods, diapers, baby formula, and water to people who had lost most of their possessions. As I look back to those days, I honestly think to myself what an amazing accomplishment. I also realize that it was only possible because good people decided to act and make a difference in our area. People who were willing to sacrifice their own resources so others could have the basic necessities to begin to rebuild their lives.

I hope when you or your group came to St. Ann to help, I got to look you in the eye, shake your hand, and tell you how immeasurably grateful I am for your help. I hope I got to show you our Community Center and explain that we were used to responding to others and not being responded to. I hope you got to speak with some of our parishioners and hear their stories. But if I was not able to do that while you were here in Bourg please know of my gratitude. I like to explain that the Pastor of a Church is responsible for every soul in their area. It is the Pastor's job to lead the flock to Christ. And although I tried to lead well over these last few months, I couldn't have done it without you. You met my flocks basic needs when they were helpless and may God generously reward you for being Christ to others.

In Gratitude,

Fr.

Rev. Cody Chatagnier
Pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church
4355 Hwy 24
Bourg, LA 70343

Archdiocesan & Broader Church News and Opportunities

Faith and Marriage
an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community

Register @ FaithandMarriage.org

The Pope's Intention

for the month of December

Catechists
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ in the City, an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, will take place at 7:00 PM in the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary (2901 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans).

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