

December 24, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ordinary Families



Extraordinary Faith

St. Benilde

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.
& 4:00 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

Tuesday ... 5:00 - 5:25 p.m.
Thursday ... 5:00 - 5:25 p.m.
Saturday... 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
and by appointment at the Parish
Office

DEVOTIONS

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference
(504) 233-3246.

ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mr. Thomas Huck, Principal
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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 & Mass Intentions

Dec. 23, 2023

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Honor of St. Jude,
George Spaulding, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be,
Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., Lois Tusa,
Hubert Laborde, Deacon Cliff Wright,
Gordon Gsell, Margaret Bourgeois (L),
Barbara Ann McCloskey, Laurie Waltzer,
Cathy Ayers (L), Julie Marino,
Carole McMahon, Eric Cifreo, Family of
Carole McMahon (L), Lela Mae Laborde
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Dec. 24, 2023

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions: St. Benilde Parishioners
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Intentions: St. Benilde Parishioners
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Intentions: Fr. Matthew Johnston (L),
Paul J. Hymel, Jr., Maria Bangs (L),
George Spaulding, Patti Curry (L),
William & Barbara Twickler, Lois Tusa,
The O'Sullivan Family, George Carline,
Raymond Culotta, Sr., Eric Cifreo,
Laurie Waltzer, The Zito Family,
Stephen Lacoste, Charles & Theresa
Montgomery, Deacon Cliff Wright,
Raymond Culotta, Sr., Fr. Robert Cooper (L),
Joe P, Carolla, Nola Schexnayder,
Lela Mae Laborde, Jacqueline Delarosa,
Patrick Wattigny (L)
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Alvarado

This Week at St. Benilde

DATE	EVENT
Monday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
	11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 26	5:30 p.m. Communion Service
	HALOS Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
Wednesday, Dec. 27	7:00 a.m. Communion Service
	TAPS Care Group 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Thursday, Dec. 28	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church
	5:30 p.m. Daily Mass
	Come Lord Jesus 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office
Friday, Dec. 29	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
Saturday, Dec. 30	Reconciliation 3-3:45 p.m.
	Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31	9:00 a.m. Mass
	11:00 a.m. Mass
	4:00 p.m. Mass



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions Cont.

Sunday - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Intentions: Ray Dunn

December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions: St. Benilde Parishioners

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Monday - 11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Deacon Cliff Wright,

Carol Joy Bourgeois, Catherine DiMaggio,
Rose & Arthur Giavotella, Celeste M. Howard, Diane

& Rene Landry, Paul J. Hymel, Jr.,

Brooke Martin, Angela Thompson & Family,

Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Gordon Gsell,

Laurie Waltzer, Elizabeth McDonald,

Elsie McDonald

Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

WEEKDAY MASSES Dec. 25-29

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Joanne Victorio (L)

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Sandra Baggett

Thursday 5:30 a.m. Audrey Carline

Friday 7:00 a.m. Michael S. Dunn

Stewardship of Treasure:

December 16 & 17, 2023

**Unavailable due to an early printing
deadline for the Christmas holiday.**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSED

For the holidays!

CLOSED

December 22-December 26

REOPENING

Wednesday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Intentions:

**The Church Sanctuary
Lamp** burns for our
St. Benilde Parishioners



**The Blessed Mother Votive
Lamp** burns for
Rose & Arthur Giavotella

**The Sacred
Heart Votive**
burns for
the intentions
of the Holy
Father



The St. Joseph Votive burns
for the McCloskey/Brunet
Family



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

Adoration Chapel Candles
burns for peace in our
country and world

The Altar Flowers In Memory of deceased
parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of Dec. 24
Jeanette Dunn, Carole Batt
& Marie Bangs

December Linens
Large - Connie Casente
Small - Evelyn Beyer

Fr. Matthew's Christmas Message:

Christmas Blessing to All!,

What an exciting and joy filled time of year this always is. Even though Advent can be a busy time for all of us, there is something about Christmas that has always brought my focus back to the “reason for the season.” Today we celebrate God’s most precious gift to humanity, His own Son! Jesus did not simply appear to be a human being like certain stories of superheroes. He truly united His divinity to our humanity. A gift that is both impossible to comprehend and consoling beyond belief. The mystery of the incarnation is just that—a mystery. A mystery that means everything to the world, and that meaning is why it consoles my heart so profoundly. Jesus chose to become like us in all things but sin. We can never claim that he does not understand our desires, our wants, our struggles, our yearnings, and so on. He experienced all that makes us human beings. As St. Athanasius told us, Jesus could not have redeemed humanity if He did not fully assume our fallen human nature. That is why joy is so natural in this season.

So, my brothers and sisters, I encourage all of us to rejoice! Thank the Father that He sent His Son to redeem us. Thank Jesus that He was obedient to the Father. Thank the Holy Spirit for continually reinforcing the truth of this season in our hearts. This is a season of thanksgiving that leads to great joy! Today our Lord Jesus Christ entrusted Himself to humanity as a little child, because He loves us more than we could ever imagine.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Matthew Johnston



Christmas Closure

Our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. The Chapel will reopen on Wednesday, December 27 following the 7:00 a.m. Communion Service. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil
Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Looking for the perfect New Year's resolution? Consider committing time to spend with our Lord through Eucharistic Adoration.

St. Benilde's Adoration chapel is open perpetually beginning at 7:00 AM on Mondays through 10:00 PM on Fridays. We have several slots in need of a committed adorer and almost all of our hours would benefit from a partner. We also have a growing need for substitutes. Scan the QR code below or visit stbenilde.org to learn more.



COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY 12/26 AT 5:30 PM

AND

WEDNESDAY 12/27 AT 7:00 AM

Fr. Matthew will be out of town 12/26-12/27, spending time with his family. Consequently, Communion Services will be offered in place of normally scheduled Masses on those dates. Thank you for understanding.

We love having you as

Part of our Flock!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA
EMAIL AND TEXT!

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STBENILDE

To 84576

Or scan the QR code to join



TO THE ONLY WISE GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST BE GLORY FOREVER & EVER

Romans 16:27



CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S
Our Adoration Chapel will be closed
Monday, January 1 & Tuesday, January 2.
The Chapel will reopen Wednesday,
January 3 immediately following the 7:00
AM Mass. Wishing you all a
Happy New Year

CYO Corner:

Save the Date Epiphany Party

SUNDAY, JAN. 7
5-8:00 PM



Come enjoy some king cake and fun as we reflect together on Epiphany and the unique gifts we are each called to give the Lord.

For information about CYO, please contact Audrey Huck at ahuck@arch-no.org. Look below for the CYO January calendar of events.

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Dr. Elizabeth Klein

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Events for This Month



IN JANUARY



2023

SUN
07

EPIPHANY PARTY

5-7:00 PM in the Teen Center

FRI
12

CYO HOLY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHT

Adoration from 7-8PM; Movie Night 8-10 PM in the Teen Center

SUN
21

ROOTED NIGHT

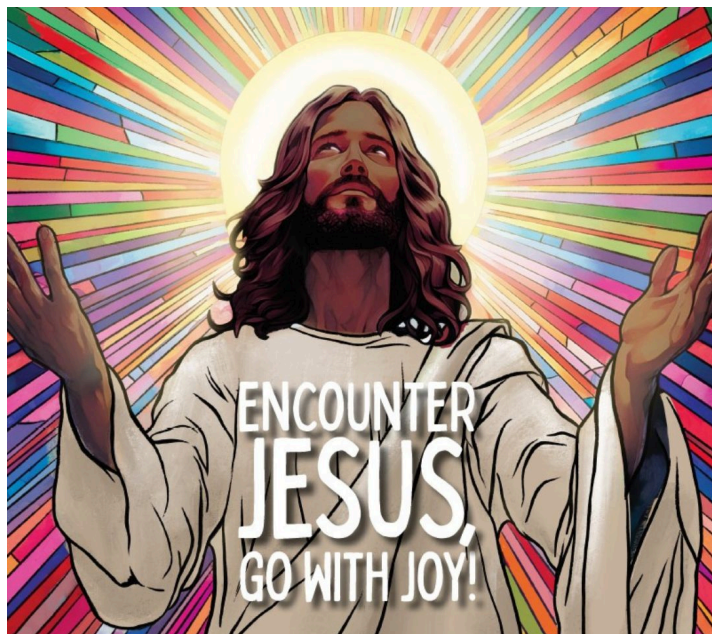
5:15-8:00 PM Teen Center

For more information:



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MIKE PATIN

Joy to the World – Let's GO!
Friday, January 12, 2024



VALLIMAR JANSEN

Encountering Jesus: Light and Hope
Saturday, January 13, 2024



DR. JOE PAPROCKI

The Good News in Three Words
Saturday, January 13, 2024

Pope Francis' Intentions

for the month of December



For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Silver Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, March 17 @ 3:00 PM

Our Lady of the Rosary

Please register with the parish office no later than
Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS



FEB. 24, 2024

Register @ nolacatholicmen.com