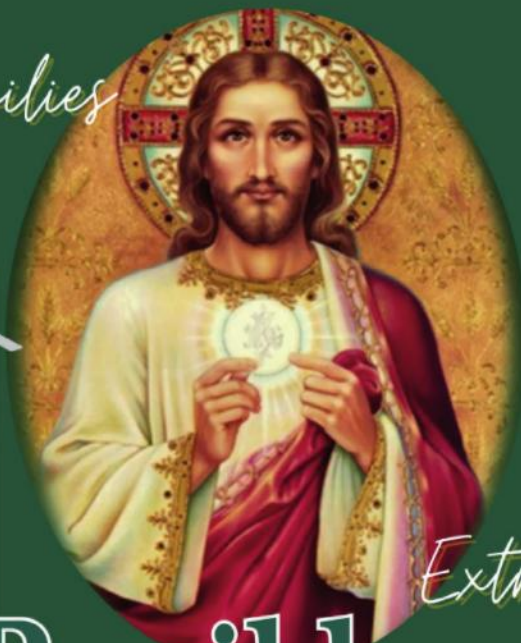


March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

*Ordinary Families*



*Extraordinary Faith*

# St. Benilde

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### CLERGY

Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor  
Deacon Michael Sorensen  
Deacon Stephen Gordon

**DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL  
INITIATIVE** Audrey Huck

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
Colleen Hezeau

**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

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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

**March 23, 2024**

**Saturday - 4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* Honor of St. Jude,  
George Spaulding, Merle & Charles Dittmer,  
Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be,  
Lela Mae LaBorde, Jacqueline Delarosa,  
Eileen Drawe, Mike Brelet,  
Lawerence Chighizola, Guerre Fabacher  
Margaret Bourgeois (L), Eric Cifreo,  
Thomas Montgomery  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**March 24, 2024**

**Sunday - 9:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* Frank Culpepper  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**Sunday - 11:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* Lois Tusa, Roger Parnell,  
Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Carol Daigle  
Dolores Masson (L), Eric Cifreo,  
Marian Seeber, Louis Frey (L), Ruth Roberts,  
Thomas Montgomery, Eileen Drawe,  
Valery P. Arbo, Glenda King, Betty Mitchell  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

**Sunday - 4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* Karen Houser  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Organist:* Kristin Alvarado

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**March 25-29, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Floyd C. Bangs
	8:15 a.m.	SBS Students
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Maria Mercedes Cabrera
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 a.m.	JoAnne Victorio(L)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Sandra Baggett
<b>Friday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Carl Ducrow

## This Week at St. Benilde

DATE	EVENT
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<p>7:00 a.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m. <b>School Mass</b></p> <p><b>Wizard of Oz</b> rehearsal 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p> <p><b>Divine Mercy Cenacle Group Mtg.</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p>
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	<p>5-5:25 p.m. <b>Reconciliation</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p> <p><b>Wizard of Oz</b> rehearsal 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p> <p><b>HALOS Group Mtg.</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p><b>Contemporary Choir Practice</b> 7:30 p.m. in the Church</p>
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	<p>7:00 a.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p> <p><b>Wizard of Oz</b> rehearsal 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p> <p><b>Radio Rosary</b> 6:00 p.m. in the Library</p> <p><b>Altar Server Practice for Holy Thursday</b> 6:00 p.m. in the Church</p> <p><b>Grieving Parents Support Group</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p><b>DWELL Women's Study Group</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center</p>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i>	<p><b>Setting up the Altar of Repose -</b> 8:00 a.m. in the Church</p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper -</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Church</p>
<b>Friday, March 29</b> <i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i>	<p>10:00 a.m. <b>Altar Server Practice for Good Friday</b></p> <p><b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion &amp; Veneration of the Cross -</b> 3:00 p.m. in the Church</p> <p>6:00 p.m. <b>Stations of the Cross</b></p>

## This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

<b>Saturday, March 30</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Decorating the Church for Easter</b> - 8:00 a.m. in the Church  <b>Altar Server Practice for the Easter Vigil</b> 10:00 a.m. in the Church  <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> 8:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Traditional Choir Practice</b> in the Parish Office  <b>9:00 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>11:00 a.m. Mass</b>

## Stewardship of Treasure:

**March 16 & 17, 2024**

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$1,738.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$1,716.00
Repairs & Maintenance Envelopes.....	\$466.00
Second Collection (Seminarist Fund).....	\$1,127.00
Candles Donation.....	\$187.00
Msgr. Endowment Fund.....	\$10.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,154.00
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$7,398.00</b>

**March 18 & 19 2023 Totals.....\$7,960.75**

Thank you for so generously supporting St. Benilde parish. Your gifts of treasure help ensure the many good works being accomplished within our community. If you would like to set up electronic giving, scan the QR code.



## Prayer Intentions:

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for our candidates coming into the Church during the Easter Vigil



**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp** burns for Stuart & Gloria Fourroux

**The Altar Flowers** In memory of deceased parishioners



**Altar Volunteers**  
**Week of March 24**  
 Yvonne Morise

**March Linens**  
**Large** - Kay Bircher  
**Small** - April Palesano

*Pope Francis' Intentions*  
 for the month of March



**For the New Martyrs**  
 We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

# Holy Week



## Holy Week SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - March 28	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00 PM
Good Friday - March 29	VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6:00 PM
Holy Saturday - March 30	EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday - March 31	9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS



## JOIN ST. BENILDE CHURCH FOR THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29, and concludes Saturday, April 6. The novena can be accessed online at [www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php).

The novena will be prayed as a faith community the following days and time:

Friday, March 29th following the Veneration of the Cross 3pm liturgy (approx. 4:30 PM)

Saturday, March 30th @ 9am

Sunday, March 31st @ 10am

Monday, April 1st @ 7:30am

Tuesday, April 2nd @ 6pm

Wednesday, April 3rd @ 7:30am

Thursday, April 4th @ 6pm

Friday, April 5th @ 7:30am

Saturday, April 6th @ 9am

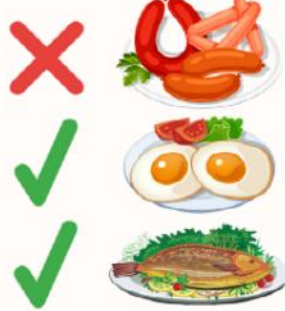
On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, a holy hour will be offered in the Church from 3-4:00 PM. During this time the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited.

## GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF



### FASTING

- for ages 18-59 years old
- eat 1 regular meal and 2 small meals (should not exceed the main amount of the main meal)



### ABSTINENCE

- for ages 14 years old and above
- refraining from kinds of food or drink
- refrain from eating meat (i.e. flesh and organs of mammals and birds), but may consume fish and shellfish

This year, Good Friday is March 29—the day when we commemorate Christ's passion, suffering and death. This is a solemn day of prayer, fasting, and abstinence. See the graphic above for a breakdown of what this means for us Catholics.

Could you not keep watch for one hour?

Mark 14:37

JOIN ST. BENILDE CHURCH FOR



**MARVELOUS MYSTERY**

**THE MASS COMES ALIVE**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
OPEN TO KIDS ENTERING PK4-7TH GRADE

**JULY 1-3, 2024**  
**8:30 A.M. - NOON DAILY**

Can you Help?

**In Need of Teen & Adult Volunteers**

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for the 2024 Vacation Bible School program scheduled for July 1-3. If you are willing to help, please contact Casey Sprehe at [casesprehe@gmail.com](mailto:casesprehe@gmail.com).

**HELP NEEDED:** On Holy Thursday, March 28, members of the Altar Society will be decorating and setting up the Altar of Repose beginning at 8:00 AM.

On Saturday, March 30th they will be decorating the Church for Easter beginning at 8:00 AM.

All help for both dates is welcome!



All Middle School Girls (grades 5-7) and their Mothers are invited to

*Beautifully & Wonderfully Made*  
An Afternoon Tea

Come celebrate God's plan for you as His daughter!

Saturday, April 13  
St. Benilde Cafeteria  
Doors open at 1:00 PM:  
the formal event is from 1:30-3:30 PM  
\$40 for one daughter; \$45 for two or more

Scan me



The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 3

All girls in grades 5-7 and their mothers are invited to join us for our second annual Beautifully & Wonderfully Made Tea on Saturday, April 13. Come celebrate the gift of your femininity with tea and treats, crafts, games, shopping, and inspiring testimonies from female leaders of our parish and community.

The cost is \$40 for one daughter and \$45 for two or more. Register online today at <https://stbenilde.org/mother-daughter-tea> or by scanning the QR code above. For more information contact Audrey Huck at [ahuck@arch-no.org](mailto:ahuck@arch-no.org)



**CLOSED FOR THE TRIDUUM**

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL WILL CLOSE THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 6:00 PM FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM.

IT WILL REOPEN MONDAY, APRIL 1 FOLLOWING THE 7:00 AM MASS



*St. Benilde*  
*Office*

**EASTER HOURS**

The Parish office will be closed Holy Thursday 3/28, Good Friday 3/29 and Easter Monday 4/1. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday 4/2.





# USHERS ★ N E E D E D ★

We are in need of additional ushers for all of our weekend liturgies. The Usher Ministry is designed to offer a warm welcome to all our parishioners and our visitors. Ushers are responsible for numerous tasks before, during, and after the Mass.



Some of the responsibilities include the offertory collection, helping to seat the congregation, handing out bulletins, and assisting with special needs.



To learn more about the Usher Ministry or to volunteer, please contact ministry coordinator Mike Judge at [michaelpjudge@bellsouth.net](mailto:michaelpjudge@bellsouth.net)



## Come Holy Spirit!

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on Wednesday, April 17



## That's Amore!

PLEASE JOIN ST. BENILDE CHURCH  
FOR OUR ANNUAL

### Supper & Substance

AN EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

ST. BENILDE CAFETERIA

6:15 COCKTAILS

7:00 PM DINNER

\$55 PER COUPLE

WITNESS GIVEN BY  
CHELSEA & BEN SINES



### Easter Memorial Flowers & 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. Printed copies of the names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be printed and available in the vestibule of Church in the weeks following Easter Sunday.





## Archdiocesan & Wider Church Events and News:

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For Those Hurting from Abortion or Miscarriage



There is forgiveness,  
hope and peace after abortion.  
If you or someone you love  
is hurting from abortion or  
miscarriage, we can help.  
Please consider attending  
this faith-based, healing retreat.  
All faiths are welcome!  
Open to women and men.

Healing the pain of abortion,  
one weekend at a time.

Date: April 5-7, 2024

Price: \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available)

Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann

Priest Facilitator: Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators:

Pam Richard – (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net

Donna Scheuermann – (504) 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com

[facebook.com/rvrNOLA](https://facebook.com/rvrNOLA)

**Risen Jesus Party** For ages 3-7

**Pauline BOOKS & MEDIA**

**Saturday April 6 11 am-2pm**

**Storytimes 11:30 and 1 pm**

Refreshments  
Songs  
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Easter Egg Hunt

4403 Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
RSVP appreciated but not required  
Email: [metairie@paulinemedia.com](mailto:metairie@paulinemedia.com)  
504-887-7631

**“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”**  
*Psalms 34:18*

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection**  
March 29, 2024  
Serving those in need in the Holy Land

Commissariat of the Holy Land  
1400 Quincy St. NE · Washington, DC 20017  
[www.MyFranciscan.org](http://www.MyFranciscan.org)

CCRNO PRESENTS

**An Evening of Praise!**

Talk by Mary Bielski

Praise and Worship led by John Finch

Friday, April 5th • 6-8pm • St. Benilde Church  
Praise and Worship • Talk • Adoration





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