

September 1, 2024

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Families



Extraordinary Faith

St. Benilde

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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

August 31, 2024

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Frank Sclafani, III,
Honor of St. Jude, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be,
Margaret Bourgeois (L),
Thomas Montgomery, Sandra Baggett,
Lela Mae LaBorde, Family of Betty Cooper (L),
Micky Delarosa (L), JoAnn D. Sclafani, P
ascal Giovingo, Robert Phelps
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

September 1, 2024

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Eileen Drawe
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Lillian Segari, Josephine Schmit,
Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Jeff Rojas (L),
Ellen Famularo,
Leona "Dee" Cardella Winters,
Ellen McDonnell Famularo, Sidney Soniat,
JoAnn D. Sclafani, Sidney Sanders (L),
Leigh Whitman Director (L)
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 4:00 p.m.

Intentions: John Steigman
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Alvarado

August 26-30, 2024

Monday 7:00 a.m. Marion Seeber
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Ann Champagne
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Eric Cifreo
8:15 a.m. SBS families
Thursday 5:30 p.m. Joseph Hoffman, Jr.
Friday 7:00 a.m. Lillian Sugar

This Week at St. Benilde

DATE	EVENT
Monday, Sept. 2	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 3 <i>Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	5-5:25 p.m. Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Women's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark 6:15 a.m. in the Parish Office 7:00 a.m. Daily Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass Pro-Life Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. CCRNO Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. in the Church Women's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark 7:30 p.m. in the Library
Thursday, Sept. 5	5-5:25 p.m. Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass C.A.L.M. 6:00 p.m. in the Church
Friday, Sept. 6	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Faculty Praise & Worship 3:15 p.m. in the Church St. Benilde Movie Night - Hachi: A Dog's Tale 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Saturday, Sept. 7	3-3:45 p.m. Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday, Sept. 8 <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 a.m. Traditional Choir Practice 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Mass

Stewardship of Treasure:

Totals unavailable due to Labor Day Holiday

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 Archbishop Gregory Aymond (L)



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns for St. Benilde Parishioners

The Altar Flowers In memory of deceased parishioners



Altar Volunteers

Week of September 1st
Jeanette Dunn, Carole Batt,
& Maria Bangs

September Linens

Large - Gloria Cifreo
Small - Mary Cathering Oleksik



CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND. THE CHAPEL WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 7:00 PM. THANK YOU!



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Confirmation **PREPARATION**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



In the archdiocese of New Orleans baptized teens entering the 11th grade are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This year Confirmation preparation will be happening within the context of St. Benilde's **Built Up Nights**. These nights will take place monthly October-April, beginning at 5:15 PM following the 4:00 PM Sunday Mass. The evening will begin with a community meal. Following the meal, individuals preparing for the sacraments of first Reconciliation & Communion, Confirmation and RCIA candidates and catechumens will break into appropriate groups.

Actual Confirmation formation will occur from 6-7:30 within the context of gender exclusive small groups led by two or more safe-environment trained adult mentors. Active participation in these sessions is essential, and candidates must attend a minimum of 6 sessions to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates must also attend a mandatory Confirmation retreat, scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 9:00-4:00 p.m., and a Day of Service scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Candidates will also attend a one-on-one interview with Fr. Mathew Johnston, pastor, in March/April to determine their readiness to receive this important sacrament.

Registration forms and paperwork are due by Monday, October 7, 2024 along with the preparation fee (covering supplies, retreat, robes, etc.) of \$80. Parents/guardians are expected to attend an introductory meeting on Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information about the 2024-2025 Confirmation Program, please contact coordinator Audrey Huck at ahuck@arch-no.org. Scan the QR code in the graphic above to register.

ALL ST. BENILDE CATECHISTS & TEACHERS
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

15

PLEASE JOIN US FOR **ANY** OF OUR
SUNDAY LITURGIES THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 14/15 TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL
BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING FOR
YOUR SACRED ROLE AS CATECHIST.



Family

MOVIE NIGHT

FREE

Friday, September 6

**St. Benilde Cafeteria
7:00 PM**

A lost Akita puppy. The true spirit
of family and loyalty.
A family film based on a
heartwarming and true story.

Featured Movie title:

Hachi: A Dog's Tale

Rated Parental Guide (G)

For more information contact Val Hebert
at valencemet@aol.com or
at 504-427-0327.





WHAT IS ROOTED?

Rooted is a new parish-wide initiative designed to enable individuals to interact with their faith in a personal and exciting way. It is for EVERY St. Benilde family - and EVERY person - regardless of their age or family situation. Because no matter who you are, you belong to a family AND you belong to our St. Benilde family.



A typical ROOTED night is structured with three parts:

1. The night begins with a FUN INTRODUCTION to the theme or topic of the night.
2. All those present break out into different groups based on their age and/or state of life. In each BREAKOUT group, all are formed regarding the same topic, but at their appropriate age levels.
3. The night concludes with a FAMILY DINNER, providing an opportunity to discuss what they learned in their breakout session and grow in relationship with one another.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN ROOTED?

It doesn't matter where you are in the journey, ROOTED nights are designed to have something for everyone. All are welcome!



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The Bible asks a better question. Why are you spending your money on things that do not satisfy (Isaiah 55:2)? ROOTED nights are sponsored by people who care about you and really want you to know the story of God's love for you. So if you can offer a donation to help us cover materials and meals, GREAT! But if you can't - don't worry about it. We know somehow God's going to cover the cost because this is His ministry, not ours.

Become a Sponsor



WHAT IS BUILT UP?

BUILT UP is the name for our sacramental preparation programs (first Reconciliation & Communion; Confirmation, and RCIA). BUILT UP nights are a more focused level of ROOTED nights, designed for the preparation of specific sacraments. Just like ROOTED nights, they include a meal and only happen once a month on Sunday following the 4 p.m. Mass. So, if you are part of BUILT UP, you ideally attend two nights a month (ROOTED nights & BUILT UP nights.)

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry

WWW.CYO-NO.ORG
9AM-5PM / JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL
SEPT. 28, 2024
NOLA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE
Matthew 14:27
be not afraid

OPEN TO ALL 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS

THIS ONE-DAY CONFERENCE IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION, LEARNING, PRAYER, AND CHALLENGES IN A CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS.

Keynote	Mass Celebrant	Emcee	Emcee
Katie Prejean McGrady	Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond	Fr. Andrew Gutierrez	Fr. Ajani Gibson

All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend the 37th annual NOLA Catholic Youth Conference uniting teenagers from throughout the archdiocese! There will be dynamic speakers, opportunities to learn about and deepen our faith, Mass with Archbishop Aymond, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praise and worship music, and Eucharistic Adoration.

When: Saturday, September 18, 2024

- The conference is from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Bus will leave St. Benilde's parking lot at 8:30 AM **SHARP!** Bus will return to the parking lot at St. Benilde upon conclusion of the conference. We expect to be there just before 5:30 PM.

Where: Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St.

Who can attend: All current 7th through 12th graders

How Much: \$50 - This includes transportation by bus to and from the conference, a conference T-shirt, lunch from Honey Baked Ham, and, of course, admission to the conference!

Deadline to Register: EVERYONE must be registered and paid by Thursday, September 19th.

How Do I Register: Scan the QR code or visit <https://stbenilde.org/2024ncyc>.



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PLEASE PARTICIPATE AS A SPONSOR!

St. Benilde FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sisters of Loreto Legacy Club \$2,000
Benny Benilde \$1,000
Luck of the Irish \$500

The school's founding order was the Sisters of Loreto!

Team up with our mascot, Benny Benilde!

Your support brings us luck!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

OR VISIT: StBenilde.org/festival-sponsor

The Food & Music Festival fundraises for both our Church and School!

Your business name will be displayed and promoted before and during our three-day event, November 1st - 3rd! You will be recognized during our online advertising campaign in which thousands of local residents are solicited to attend this fun filled weekend.

We assure you that your sponsorship is an excellent investment to market and promote your business to the greater New Orleans community!

Scan the QR code above or visit stbenilde.org/festival-sponsor to become a sponsor today.

All 2nd Grade children are invited to register for Sacramental Preparation

What is Sacramental Preparation?

Sacramental preparation is St. Benilde Parish's process for preparing second grade children to receive their first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. **This is for ALL parish children, whether they attend public school, St. Benilde School or are homeschooled.**

What are the requirements to participate?

- Your child must have already been baptized prior to receiving his/her sacraments.
- Your child must have completed two years of sacramental preparation (this includes the 2024-24 preparation) prior to receiving their sacraments--either through enrollment at a Catholic school or participation in a Religious Education program.
- Finally, in order to be eligible for these sacraments **students and a parent/guardian must attend monthly Sacramental Preparation Meetings**, taking place Sunday evenings from 5:15-7:00 PM. Attendance of these sessions is mandatory. Repeated absences will result in your child being ineligible to receive the sacraments this year.

What is the Schedule?

First Reconciliation Session #1 - 10/13 5:15-7:00 PM
First Reconciliation Session #2 - 11/17 5:15-7:00 PM
First Reconciliation Session #3 - 12/8 5:15-7:00 PM
First Reconciliation - 1/18 at 10:00 AM in the Church
First Communion Session #1 - 1/26 5:15-7:00 PM
First Communion Session #2 - 2/16 5:15-7:00 PM
First Communion Session #3 - 3/16 5:15-7:00 PM
First Communion Session #4 - 4/13 5:15-7:00 PM
First Communion Practice 4/30 6:00 PM in the Church
First Communion Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM

Is there a cost?

There is a \$75 sacramental prep fee which helps to cover the monthly meal provided, formation materials, liturgy programs etc. Scholarships are available if needed

How do I Register?

Scan the QR Code to fill out the online registration form and payment. Contact Audrey Huck at ahuck@arch-no.org for more information



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
Office of Black Catholic Ministries

Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III

GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Faith ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

Theme: "The Battle Is The Lord's"

Saturday, September 14, 2024
6:00pm
St. Martin de Porres Center
2241 Mendez St., N.O., LA. 70122
Security Provided

Free and Open To The Public

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SOLD at the venue



The purpose of our Prayer Blanket Ministry is to offer spiritual and physical comfort to individuals suffering from illness or a recent loss. Prayer blankets are lovingly made by members with soft and soothing materials. Prayer blankets can be a no-sew fleece blanket, sewn, crocheted, or knitted depending upon the ministry member's expertise and preferences. As they are made, members pray intentionally for the blanket's eventual recipient. Once finished, the blankets are blessed by Fr. Matthew Johnston and then distributed to people in need.

Currently, we are looking for a new ministry coordinator to help revitalize this ministry. Responsibilities would include keeping inventory of completed prayer blankets, utilizing donations to help purchase and distribute prayer blanket materials, recruiting new members, and scheduling periodic meetings allowing members to come together to make blanket, pray, and enjoy fellowship.

We are also in need of additional members. Our current blanket inventory is very low and we are having difficulties meeting current needs.

If you are interested in helping either as a coordinator or a new member, please contact Audrey Huck at ahuck@arch-no.org. Thank you!



The Fall Volleyball season is scheduled to take place September 16-November 15. There is a participation fee of \$15 to help cover the cost of league registration. If you are in need of a CYO athletic shirt, that is an additional \$5. Games will typically be played at 7pm & 8pm on Mondays-Thursdays. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 3.** NOTE: Any teen playing Volleyball for their school is ineligible to play for the CYO league

