

December 8, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

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 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin
for Schedule

CONFESSION

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.
Tuesday ... 5:00—5:25 p.m.
Thursday ... 5:00—5:25 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
1801 Division Street • Metairie, LA
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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

Saturday, December 7, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Marisa Saborio, Honor of St. Jude, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be, Shane LaMartina, Hubert LaBorde, Robert Phelps, Mary Ann Grau, Maria LeBlanc, Michael Brelet, Louis Roussel, Lela Mae LaBorde, Jess L. Matherne, Jr., Marion Seeber, Sarah Beulke, Lillie & William Juneau, Margie Bucher
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday, December 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Eric Cifreo
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Paul Hymel, Jr., Edgar Schexnayder, Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), The Stark Family, Mark Alan Capretto, Jeff Dimuzio(L)
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Eileen Drawe
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Alvarado

December 9-13, 2024

Monday 7:00 a.m. Joy S. Rojas
8:15 a.m. SBS Faculty & Staff
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Doug Leo Blanchard (L)
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Bill C. Johnson
Thursday 5:30 p.m. Joseph DiMaggio
Friday 7:00 a.m. Doug Leo Blanchard (L)

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, Dec. 9 <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>	7:00 a.m. Mass
	8:15 a.m. School Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 10	5:30 p.m. Mass
	Divine Mercy Cenacle Group 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church
	5:30 p.m. Daily Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Cub Scout AOL Den Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center
	HALOS Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
	Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
	Women's Bible Study - HOME 6:15 a.m. in the Parish Office
Thursday, Dec. 12 <i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
	Grieving Parents Support Group 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
	Grandparents' Club Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
	That Man is You! 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Center
Friday, Dec. 13 <i>Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church
	5:30 p.m. Daily Mass
	Sisterhood Circles Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Center
	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
	St. Lucy's Vespers 6:00 p.m. in the Church

This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

Saturday, Dec. 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 a.m. in the Atrium Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 p.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15 Third Sunday of Advent	Traditional Choir Practice 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass Breakfast with Santa & Friends in the Cafeteria following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses 4:00 p.m. Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

November 23 & 24, 2024

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$1,453.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$1,585.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$85.00
Candles.....	\$205.00
Msgr. Endowment Fund.....	\$25.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,398.00
Collection Totals.....	\$4,751.00

November 30 & December 1, 2024

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$2,810.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$2,279.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$400.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$920.00
Candles.....	\$97.00
Msgr. Endowment Fund.....	\$133.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,501.00
Collection Totals.....	\$9,140.00

Thank you for your generosity to St. Benilde Church!
Your gifts of treasure make possible the daily operations and good works taking place within our parish.

Prayer Intentions:

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Emile Fichter



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns for
St. Benilde parishioners

The Altar Flowers In memory of all
deceased parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of December 8
Denise Dimuzio

December Linens
Large - Connie Casente
Small - Evelyn Beyer



Join us for the

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 9th

7:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (School Mass),
& 5:30 p.m.

This is a Holy Day of Obligations

St. Benilde Catholic Church....Rooted and Built Up in Christ



Thanks to the generosity of those who have contributed to our Rooted & Built Up Capital Campaign, new windows were able to be installed to the Main School Building over the Thanksgiving break. The remainder of the project is scheduled to take place over the Christmas holiday. These windows were original to the school which was built in 1968! Thank you for believing in the future of St. Benilde and making this much needed upgrade possible!



Join the Little Flowers for

St. Lucy Vespers

St Benilde Church

Friday, December 13th
6:00 PM

St. Lucy's name means light and she is the patron saint of the blind. Come celebrate the light that is about to come into the world with the birth of Christ! We celebrate this light and her life during the darkest days of winter. For more information or to RSVP, email Laine.bodin@gmail.com



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bring Baby Jesus from your family Nativity set
Sunday, December 15 for a special blessing
during the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Mass



JOIN OUR MEN'S CLUB & HSA FOR

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & FRIENDS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
FOLLOWING THE 9 A.M. & 11 A.M. MASSES
ST. BENILDE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

\$10 ADULT PLATE & \$5 CHILD PLATE
BREAKFAST INCLUDES PANCAKES, EGGS,
SAUSAGE WITH A CHOICE OF COFFEE,
MILK OR ORANGE JUICE.
CRAFTS & PHOTOS WITH SANTA INCLUDED





PLEASE RETURN YOUR
ANGEL TREE ITEMS BY

Dec. 13

PLEASE INCLUDE A GIFT RECEIPT WITH ALL PURCHASES

*Welcome
to the Church*

September

- Adele Zamora - daughter of Zachary & Amelie Zamora

October

- Nolan Jaxx Cittadino - son of Noah & Megan Cittadino
- Miriam Elise Huck - daughter of Thomas & Audrey Huck
- Arthur Paul Seghers - son of Robert & Alexandra Seghers
- Santino Joseph Catalanotto - son of Blake & Jennifer Catalanotto
- Finley Rose Soldani - daughter of Evan & Danielle Soldani

November

- Jameson Evan Gabb - son of Patrick & Selby Gabb
- Adeline M. Barraco - daughter of Cody & Gabrielle Barraco
- Carter Robert Kazik - son of Christian & Courtney Rowan

*Washed by the waters of
Baptism*



CYO CHRISTMAS PARTY

21 December

Noon - 3 PM

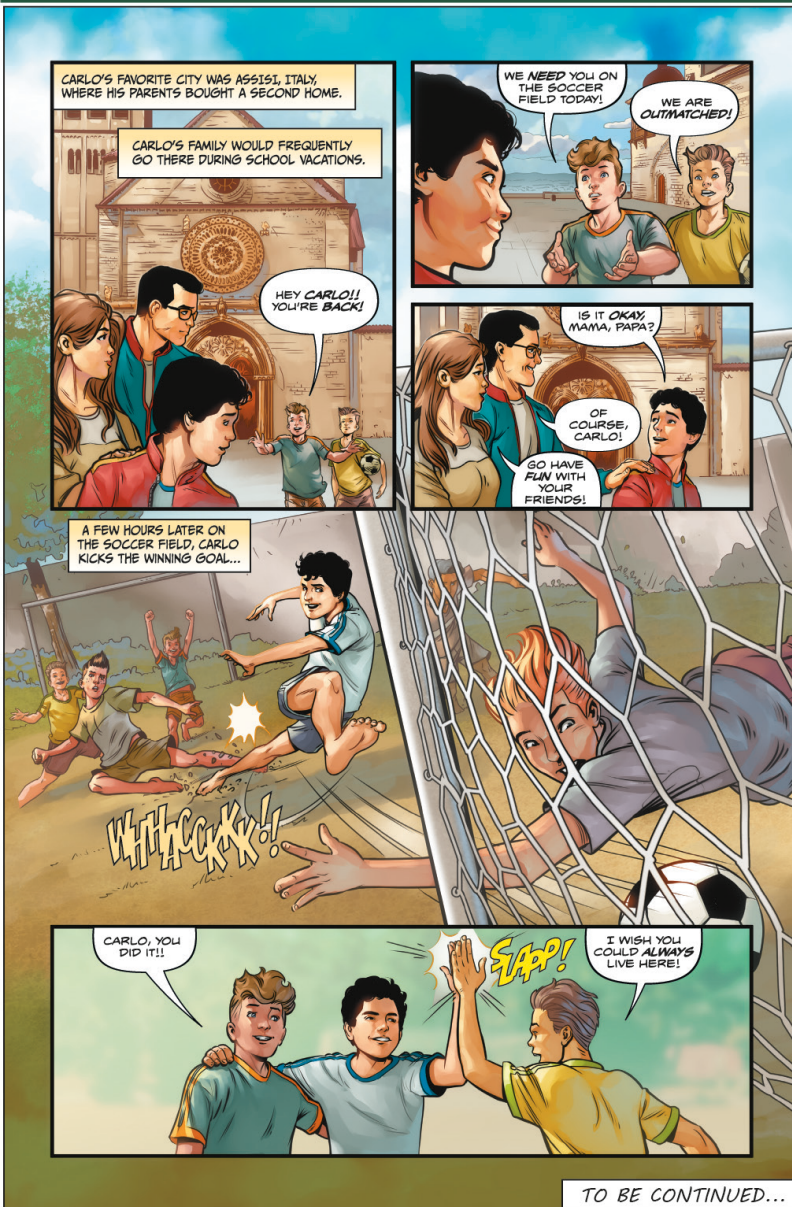
Teen Center

Bring a \$10 or less gift for the
Gift Exchange!

**THE ONE WHO BEGAN
A GOOD WORK IN YOU
WILL CONTINUE TO
COMPLETE IT UNTIL
THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS**

Philippians 1:6

St. Benilde Catholic Church....Rooted and Built Up in Christ



*Make room in
your heart this
Advent Season
with the
sacrament of
Reconciliation*



Confession offered

- Tuesdays 5-5:25 PM
- Thursdays 5-5:25 PM
- Saturdays 3-3:45 PM

Christmas Schedule

December 24th, Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Candlelit Mass

December 25th, Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass



Thank you for believing in our Catholic
school and making our 2024 #iGiveCatholic
campaign a successful fundraiser!

#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY

**COME TO
BETHLEHEM**

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH
THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 2024 | 6:30 PM

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
4133 BANKS ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70119

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$35
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: FREE
GROUP RATE AVAILABLE
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November 6, 2024

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The weekend of December 7th and December 8th our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys. Their devoted service has impacted our archdiocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.

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