

Ordinary Families



Extraordinary Faith

St. Benilde

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

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

**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.

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
(504) 833-9894 • www.stbenilde.com

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 14, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Lela Mae LaBorde,
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,
Bernard Cleary, Ned Tolliver
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday, December 15, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Eileen Drawe
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Paul Hymel, Jr., Lois Tusa,
Fr. Matthew Johnston (L),
Brandon Giebelhaus (L), Mark Alan Capretto,
George Carline, Nancy Carline (L),
Lawrence Chighizola
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Justine Mapes
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Alvarado

December 16-20, 2024

Monday 7:00 a.m. Floyd C. Bangs
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Ray Dunn
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Evie Gho
Thursday 5:30 p.m. Maria Mercedes
Cabreria
Friday 7:00 a.m. Yvonne Morise (L)
8:15 a.m. School Families

He wil rejoice over you
WITH GLADNESS

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, Dec. 16	7:00 a.m. Mass Men's Club Mtg. 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Tuesday, Dec. 17	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass SVDP Mtg. 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Cub Scout AOL Den Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
Wednesday, Dec. 18	Women's Bible Study - HOME 6:15 a.m. in the Parish Office 7:00 a.m. Daily Mass TAPS Care Group 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Women's Study - HOME 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Center
Thursday, Dec. 19	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass
Friday, Dec. 20	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass
Saturday, Dec. 21	Angel Tree Gift Distribution 9:00 a.m. in the Teen Center CYO Christmas Party Noon - 3:00 p.m. in the Teen Center Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 p.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

Sunday, Dec. 22
Fourth Sunday of
Advent

Traditional Choir Practice
8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

11:00 a.m. **Mass**

4:00 p.m. **Mass**

Stewardship of Treasure

December 7 & 8, 2024

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$2,597.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$1,704.00
Second Collection (Priest Retirement).....	\$1,026.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$480.00
Candles.....	\$178.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,678.00
Collection Totals.....	\$8,663.00

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. Scan the QR code if you would like to make a on-time or reoccurring online donation.



Prayer Intentions:

The Church Sanctuary
Lamp burns for
Emile Fichter



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Lamp burns for
Stuart & Gloria Fourroux

The Altar Flowers In memory of all
deceased parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of December 15
Cheryl Grace &
Jackie Frashier
December Linens
Large - Connie Casente
Small - Evelyn Beyer

A Night in Bethlehem - December 7, 2024





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



*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



CLOSED FOR
Christmas

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH-
29TH. IT WILL REOPEN
DECEMBER 30AT 9:00 AM.

Help Wanted!

On Monday, December 23 parishioners will be decorating and setting up the altar for Christmas beginning at 7:00 AM in the Church. All help is welcome as we prepare our sanctuary for this Liturgical celebration.

He wil baptize you with
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. BENILDE MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING



Monday
December 16
7:30 PM
St. Benilde Cafeteria

All Men of the
Parish are
Welcome!

ADORATION CHAPEL

UPDATE

JESUS WILL BE REPOSED IN
THE TABERNACLE FROM
DECEMBER 20TH UNTIL THE
MORNING OF JANUARY
2ND. HE WILL REMAIN IN
THE TABERNACLE FOR
THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
USE THE ADORATION
CHAPEL TO PRAY.



Christmas Memorial Greenery & Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Benilde Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Christmas Flowers Memorial Envelopes**

found in the vestibule of Church.

Donations toward the cost of Christmas decorations 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 during this past year. *The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance.* Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, the Poor Box or bring it to the Parish Office by December 20.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the Christmas Season and names will be published.

CYO CHRISTMAS PARTY

21 December

Noon - 3 PM

Teen Center

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



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Holy Spirit Women's Retreat
Jan. 24-26, 2025

CATHOLIC
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
NEW ORLEANS



Dr. Carol Razza



Fr. Michael Voithofer



Lisa Flood



Janice Charbonnet

Robe • Ring • Sandals

Luke 15:22

DoubleTree Hilton
1521 W Pinhook Rd.
Lafayette, LA 70503

Music By
Sparrow Song!

Price Increase
December 11th!

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
CALL: 504-887-7631



Dear Friends of St. Benilde,

As I reflect on the incredible success of this year's #iGiveCatholic fundraising campaign, I'm reminded of this quote, known well in the Catholic community, *"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work."* Never question how important and impactful your donation aids in transforming the life of a child, this is the reason why I am so humbly and deeply grateful for your donation.

We believe that through Christ's calling, we are given the precious and sacred obligation to form each child to reach his or her fullest potential as God created them. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them, and no amount of other work should hinder our little ones. They *are* the most important work. **Your generosity, prayers, and dedication to our community helps us place our priorities on the children and their formation above all else. Your gift is an investment in the potential of a child, what a rare and precious investment you have made!**

Your donation this year helps to fund the current needs of our Exceptional Learners Program, complete necessary upgrades to our Loreto Center Play Yard and Daycare, and fund the St. Benilde Student Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. ***Last year, our #iGiveCatholic campaign raised \$112,604... and this year we reached \$115,208!***

I am proud to announce that we placed 1st in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and 4th in the nation for total number of donors. Likewise, we placed 3rd in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and 20th in the nation for total amount raised. ***391 donors invested \$115,208 because of their belief in Catholic education and their commitment to the mission of our school.***

This Advent and Christmas, you are in our prayers as we praise God in thanksgiving for your support. Let us enter together into this season of preparing for Christ, God's eternal son who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable child. A rare and precious gift, the most important work.

In sincere and heartfelt gratitude,

Mr. Thomas Huck
Principal

Fr. Matthew Johnston
Pastor