

February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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
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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
(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, February 1, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Intentions: In honor of St. Jude, Robert Kelly, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be, Louis Roussel, Muriel Surcouf, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bucher, Tommy Montgomery, Michael Brelet, Maria LeBlanc, Bernard Cleary, Mary Grau
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday, February 2, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Ella Saborio
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Nancy Carline (L), Jeff Director & Children (L), Diane & Wayne Whitman (L), Leigh Whitman Director, Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Jamie Bourgeois Bennet, Lillian Segari
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: St. Benilde Parishioners
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Alvarado

February 3-7, 2025

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Eric Cifreo
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Darrell Elliot
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Marion Seeber
	8:15 a.m.	SBS families
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Thomas Montgomery
Friday	7:00 a.m.	John & Sylvia Virga

LIFT UP, O GATES, YOUR LINTELS;
REACH UP, YOU ANCIENT PORTALS,
that the king of glory may come in!

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, Feb. 3	7:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass Cub Scout AOL Den Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
Wednesday, Feb. 5 Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	Women's Prayer Group - Magnify 90 6:15 a.m. in the Parish Office Daily Mass 7:00 a.m. Pro-Life Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office CCRNO Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Church Women's Prayer Group - Magnify 90 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Center
Thursday, Feb. 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass C.A.L.M. 6:00 p.m. in the Church
Friday, Feb. 7	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass SBS Faculty Praise & Worship 3:15 p.m. in the Church
Saturday, Feb. 8	Mary's Hour 8:00 a.m. in the Church Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 p.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

Sunday, Feb 9
Fifth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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

January 18 & 19, 2025

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$1,829.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$2,196.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$70.00
Candles.....	\$248.00
Msgr. Endowment Fund.....	\$55.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,356.00
Totals.....	\$6,754.00

Jan. 20/21, 2024.....\$7,257.00

January 25 & 26, 2025

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$2,337.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$1,987.00
Catholic Schools (2nd Collection).....	\$997.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,141.00
Totals.....	\$6,462.00

Jan 27/28, 2024.....\$7,835.00

Thank you for your generous support of St. Benilde Church, making possible daily operations and the many good works taking place within our parish.

Behold, this child
is destined for the
fall and rise of
many in Israel

Luke 2:34

Prayer Intentions:

The Church Sanctuary
Lamp burns for
Faye Alvarez



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Lamp burns for
St. Benilde Parishioners

The Altar Flowers in Memory of
Deceased Parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of January 26
Cheryl Grace &
Jackie Frashier

January Linens
Large - Debbie Blaine
Small - Judy Zeringue

WE ARE
HIRING

**ST. BENILDE SCHOOL IS SEEKING A
FACILITIES MANAGER. DAILY DUTIES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: PREVENTATIVE
MAINTENANCE, EMERGENCY REPAIRS,
PROJECT MANAGEMENT,
CUSTODIAL/JANITORIAL TASKS. A BASIC TO
PROFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRICAL,
PLUMBING, AND HVAC SYSTEMS IS
REQUIRED.**



EMAIL RESUME TO
thuck@stbenilde.com

Join St. Benilde Church for
MARY'S HOUR
Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM
in the Church

Little Office of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Novena to the Miraculous
Medal, Rosary & More!

Contact Val Hebert at
valencemet@aol.com for
more information,



Please pray for our
Confirmation candidates
who will be on retreat
Saturday, February 8

NOTRE DAME SEMINARY

**SIPS WITH
SEMINARIANS**
COCKTAIL COMPETITION

FEBRUARY 6, 2025
6:30PM-9:00PM
NOTRE DAME SEMINARY

TICKETS
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$60
YOUNG ADULT TICKETS \$40
AGES 21-35

REGISTER AT
[NDS.EDU/SIPS](https://nds.edu/sips)



C.A.L.M.

CARING FOR THE LIVES OF MILITARY

Thursday, February 6
6:00 PM in the Church

Join us in praying for those who have
sacrifice so much for our safety.

*Pro-Life
Committee Meeting*

Wednesday, February 5
6:00 PM
Parish Office



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



Encounter

A retreat for those in a
season of infertility

St. Benedict, LA | February 14-15, 2025

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer Cherished: **A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility, Friday February 14 - Saturday, February 15, 2025 at St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington.**

Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. This Valentine's Day Weekend, come step away from the noise and spend some time in the real love that brings peace.

To learn more about Encounter and to register, visit springsinthedesert.org/nola.

BORN
TO RUN
NEW ORLEANS

PRESENTED BY
MIGUEL A. ELIAS
A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION

5K & 1/2-MILE
RUN/WALK FUN RUN

JOIN TEAM:

Pillar

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

LAFRENIERE PARK, METAIRIE

"Birth" day Party with food, music, and
family fun to follow



*Register by Monday, February 24,
to receive a race t-shirt.

WOMANSNEWLIFE.COM/BORNTORUN

Benefiting Woman's New Life Clinic

Born to Run to Support Woman's New Life Clinic. Join us Saturday March 29th for Born to Run. All proceeds will go to Woman's New Life Clinic to support women facing abortion and life changing decisions.

[Pillar: Born to Run - New Orleans](#)

Reach out to Casey Sprehe at
caseysprehe@gmail.com or 504-583-4465.

I
TRUST
IN YOU
MAR
15
2025



St. Dominic Church | 775 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans

Register at: nolacatholicmen.com

St. Benilde parishioners who use the code

STB25ANOMC

pay a reduced group rate of **\$40!**



FOR MY EYES

HAVE SEEN YOUR

SALVATION

LUKE 2:30





Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

January 1 - December 28, 2025

Introduction

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year – initially celebrated every hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years, and finally every twenty-five years – God's holy and faithful people have experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God.

The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 ushered the Church into the third millennium of her history. Now, as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness.

For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has selected the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we have designated 12 churches as places of pilgrimage and will be sharing more information about the Jubilee, its significance, and ways to observe and celebrate it throughout the year. It is our goal to encourage all of the faithful to participate in the Jubilee throughout these next 12 months so that each may truly have an encounter with Christ Jesus that leads to a renewal of hope.



Visit <https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025> to learn more.

"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God....Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever."

-Pope Francis,
Hope Does Not Disappoint, 25

Pilgrimage Sites

New Orleans

Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis King of France
St. Stephen's Basilica
National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Shrine of the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs
St. Jude Shrine
St. Augustine Church

Covington

St. Joseph Abbey

Destrehan

St. Charles Borromeo

Edgard

St. John the Baptist

Gretna

St. Joseph Church & Shrine

Metairie

St. Ann Church and Shrine

Find more information about and connect with the pilgrimage sites online.



Plenary Indulgence

In order to obtain a plenary indulgence, the individual must be in a state of grace, desire to be truly free from all sin; confessed their sins; receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

This Jubilee year gives us many special opportunities to gain this indulgence in our own archdiocese by pilgrimages by fulfilling the general norms below.

A) Participating in Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Stations of the Cross, or the rosary at St. Louis Cathedral or one of the twelve Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Sites.

B) Participate in Eucharistic adoration and meditation concluding with the Our Father, the Nicene Creed or Apostles Creed, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God at St. Louis Cathedral or one of the twelve Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Sites.

C) The faithful will also be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.

D) Making a visit to the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people, the homeless or others in need or difficulty by in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them.

E) Participating in acts of penance at least for one day of the week such as a social media fast, fasting and abstinence from food, by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting the charitable works which support the poor, defense of life, supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries, and by volunteering time to serve the poor and disadvantaged.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

- Pope Francis,
Hope Does Not Disappoint, 7



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