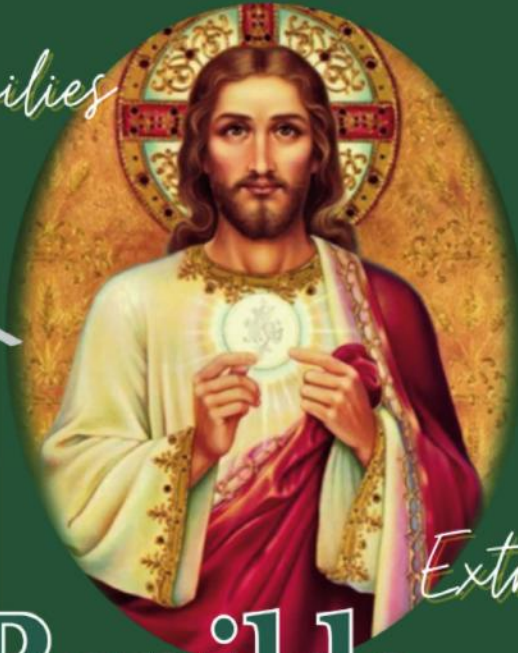


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### CLERGY

Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor  
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Deacon Mike Sorensen

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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  
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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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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, April 26, 2025**  
**4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* In honor of St. Jude,  
Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., Merle & Charles Dittmer,  
Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be,  
Robert Phelps, Louis Roussel, Pat Manfre,  
Bernard Cleary, Mary Morgan, Maria LeBlanc,  
Mike Brelet, Marion Seeber,  
William Edward Moorman, Michael Caillouet,  
Thomas Montgomery, Pascal Giovingo,  
Michael Demola  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* Madeline Bodine  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**11:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* The O'Sullivan Family,  
Michael J. Caillouet, Glenn Hymel,  
Leigh Whitman Director,  
Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Paul Hymel, Jr. ,  
The Zito Family, Sandra Bagge,  
Charles Bordes, Jess Matherne, Jr.,  
Dolores Masson, Jules Sancho, Jr.,  
Nita Fuentes & Woodworth Family (L),  
David & Sharon Nami & Sons(L)  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

**4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* Rebecca Nie (L)  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Organist:* Sarah Finnicle

**April 28-May 2, 2025**

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Marguerite Hathway
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Celeste Wertz
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Leigh Whitman Director
	8:15 a.m.	SBS Families
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Eric Cifreo
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Theresa Montgomery

## This Week at St. Benilde

<b>Monday, April 28</b>	<p>7:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b></p> <p><b>Divine Mercy Cenacle Group Mtg.</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p>
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b> <b>Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church</p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p> <p><b>Cub Scout AOL Den Mtg.</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center</p> <p><b>Seasons of Hope 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, April 30</b>	<p><b>Daily Mass</b> 7:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>School Mass</b> 8:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Communion Practice</b> 6:00 p.m. in the Church</p> <p><b>Women's Magnify 90 Prayer Group</b> 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Center</p> <p><b>CCRNO Prayer Mtg.</b> 7:30 p.m. in the Church</p>
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church</p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p> <p><b>C.A.L.M.</b> 6:00 p.m. in the Church</p> <p><b>St Benilde School Athletic Awards Banquet</b> - 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p> <p><b>Come Lord Jesus</b> 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office</p>
<b>Friday, May 2</b> <b>Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	<p><b>Daily Mass</b> 7:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Cher Amis</b> Crawfish Boil at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p>



## This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

<b>Saturday, May 3</b> <b>Feast of Sts. Philip and Jame, Apostles</b>	<b>Mary's Hour</b> 8:00 a.m. in the Church <b>First Communion Mass</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Reconciliation</b> 3:00-3:45 p.m. in the Church <b>Vigil Mass</b> 4:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, May 4</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00 a.m. Mass - <b>May Crowning</b> 11:00 a.m. Mass - <b>May Crowning</b> <b>Grandparents' Club Bunco Party</b> 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria 4:00 p.m. Mass <b>Confirmation Practice</b> 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church

## Stewardship of Treasure

April 12 & 13, 2025

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$3,239.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$3,847.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$292.00
Candles.....	\$99.00
Msgr. Endowment Fund.....	\$100.00
SVDP Society.....	\$603.00
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<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$9,586.00</b>

Thank you so much for your generous support of St. Benilde Parish. Your gifts of treasure help ensure that the many good works taking place within our parish can continue. To set up an automated donation online, scan the QR code.



*Once I was dead,  
but now I am alive*  
**FOREVER AND EVER**  
*Rev. 1:18*

## Prayer Intentions:

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for  
 Leigh Whitman Director



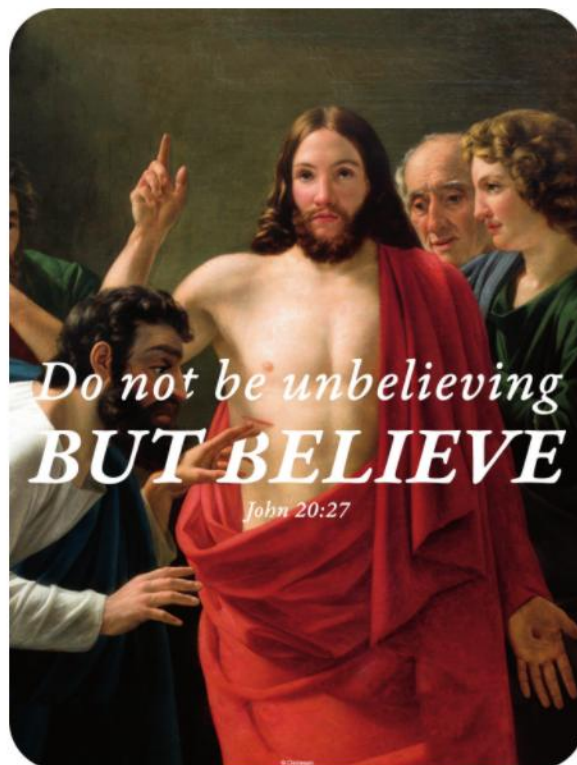
**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp** burns for  
 Dolores Masson

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



**Altar Volunteers**  
 Week of April 27  
 Anita Delaup

**April Linens**  
 Large - Denis DiMuzio  
 Small - Fay Costello





# Welcome to our Church!



Priscilla Melan, Kayla Lambert, Megan Armstrong, Jimmy Loupe, Monse Salas, and Andrea Salas all received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion during the Easter Vigil.

Jeff DiMuzio, Candace Lawrence, and Eric Kirchhoff were all fully initiated into the Catholic faith through Confirmation.



## Join our Flocknote

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### What is Flocknote?

Flocknote is a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It is all totally FREE for you to use. You don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. Best of all, Flocknote allows you to receive emails or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner!

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#### What if I don't have texting?

You can still sign up, as long as you have an e-mail address! We have a unique link on the Internet: <https://stbenildecatholicchurch.flocknote.com> that you can also use to sign up. Just enter your name and e-mail address, and you can still receive all messages sent out by St. Benilde Church.

While Flocknote enables the clergy, staff, and ministry leaders of the parish to communicate more effectively with you. It will also enable you to control whether and how you receive communication from our parish ministries (by email, text, or not at all).

#### How do I access my options?

When you register, you will be able to choose whether you would like to receive notes by email, text, or both, and the ministries you would like to join. To make changes, you can access your account at any time by using your email or phone, and password. The password can be created at the time of the registration or later.

#### How do I register?

Joining is easy and it only takes about 2 minutes. Simply text STBENILDE to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions. Or visit <https://stbenildecatholicchurch.flocknote.com>.

# Peace Be With You

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY





PLEASE JOIN US IN  
PRAYING FOR OUR

## *First Communicants*

WHO WILL RECEIVE THEIR  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025



## *Come Holy Spirit!*

Please pray for the 22  
Confirmation candidates who will  
be confirmed on Monday, May 5.  
The Mass is scheduled for 7:00  
PM and parishioners are  
welcome to attend.



## C.A.L.M.

CARING FOR THE LIVES OF MILITARY

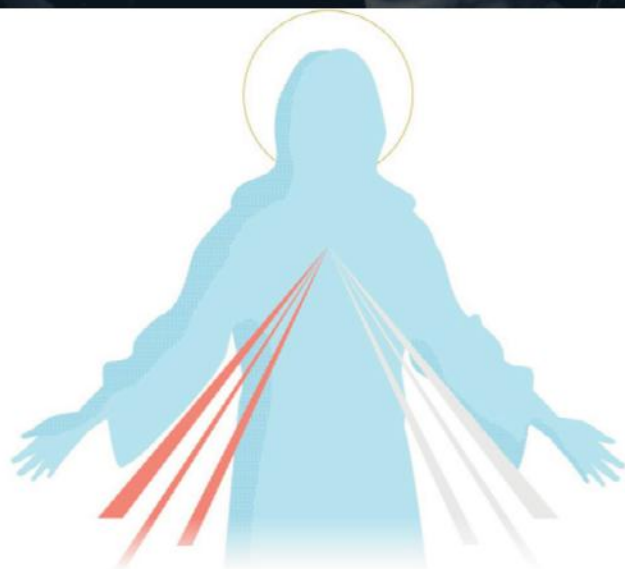
Thursday, May 1  
6:00 PM in the Church

## *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](mailto:valencemet@aol.com) for  
more information,



# Jesus I Trust IN YOU



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



JOIN US FOR OUR  
*May Crowning*  
**Sunday, May 4th**  
during the 9:00 & 11:00 AM  
Mass  
\*\*all children are invited to  
bring flowers to Mary\*\*

## Abiding Peace, Amazing Grace: A Retreat for Caregivers

Saturday, May 3 • 8:30a-3:00p

For adult caregivers of loved ones, neighbors, and even strangers.

Join us in person at St. Martin de Porres Gym (2212 Prentiss Avenue, New Orleans) or via Zoom from your location.

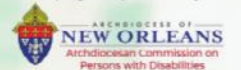


Maureen Pratt  
Speaker

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The Archdiocesan Commission on Persons with Disabilities will host a free retreat for caregivers on Saturday, May 3 beginning with registration and light breakfast at 8:30 am and concluding at 3 pm. This complimentary retreat will include time for scripture reflection, prayer, small group sharing, music, and more for those individuals who care for loved ones with special needs.

CCRNO PRESENTS

## Evenings with St. Carlo Acutis

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Benilde-** Praise and worship, teaching about St. Carlo, veneration of 1<sup>st</sup> class relic of St. Carlo Acutis, and Mass celebrated by Fr. Gary Copping



**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Rummel-** Praise and worship, teaching about St. Carlo, veneration of 1<sup>st</sup> class relic of St. Carlo Acutis, prayer and fellowship

Both events are free of charge and will be held from 7:30-9:30pm. All are welcome!

Venerate the First-Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis on two nights at CCRNO: **The CCRNO Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, April 30**, St. Benilde Church in Metairie, 7:30 pm, with Praise, Teaching about Carlo Acutis, and Veneration of his first-class relic. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 pm by Fr. Gary Copping; **The CCRNO Youth Group Meeting, Sunday, May 4**, in the Archbishop Rummel High School Raider Room, 7:30 pm, with Praise, Teaching about Carlo Acutis, Veneration of the relic, and Testimonies. All are welcome to attend these free events.

## VATICAN EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 - MONDAY, APRIL 28

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INSPIRED BY THE WORK OF CARLO ACUTIS ON THE WEEKEND OF HIS CANONIZATION



### Exhibit Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH  
12PM - 5PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH  
12PM - 6PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH  
8AM - 4PM

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH  
8AM - 12PM

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

1:00PM | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION  
2:00PM | CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY IN SPANISH  
2:30-3:30PM | CONFESSIONS  
3:00PM | CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY IN ENGLISH  
3:45PM | BENEDECTION

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS FREE EVENT BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:  
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## Prayer for the Eternal Repose of Pope Francis

Eternal Father, in Your boundless mercy, receive Your servant, Pope Francis, whom You called to shepherd Your Church with love and humility. Grant him the reward of faithful service; rest in Your peace, joy in Your presence, and the light of eternal life. May he rejoice forever with the saints, and may his soul, through Your infinite compassion, rest in peace. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

### 2nd Sunday of Easter *Believe it or Not*

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them that he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). We usually think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

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