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8:00am from Memorial Day
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:
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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Contact the Parish Office to inquire about registration or register online at beparish.flocknote.com/register.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION
The celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (BAPTISM, EUCHARIST and CONFIRMATION) requires preparation on the part of the individual and their parents. Should you or a family member desire to join the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated at the request of the family. Parents or grandparents should be parishioners and at least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST: If you, a loved one or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Offered prior to all weekday morning Masses from 8:15-8:45a.m. (locations vary), Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:45p.m. (St. Benedict Church) every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:45p.m. (St. Elizabeth Church) and First Saturdays from 8:15-8:45a.m. (St. Benedict Church). You may also contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: If you are sick or preparing for surgery, please contact the Parish Office to schedule an anointing or seek out Father Markellos before or after any Mass and he will anoint you. Ideally, this sacrament should be celebrated so that the individual may consciously participate. In the event of an emergency, you may call the Parish Office at any time, night or day, and choose Extension 1 to request this Sacrament for the critically ill or dying.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Marriages should be arranged at least one year in advance. The engaged couple will be assisted by either a priest or deacon in their preparation for marriage. Ideally at least one of the individuals should be a parishioner who practices their faith.

CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY can be prepared for registered, active parishioners who have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor for someone in another parish. Please contact the Parish Office to request a form.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT is offered on Tuesday mornings (9:30-10:30a.m.) at St. Benedict Church and Wednesday evenings (5:00-5:45p.m.) at St. Benedict Church. **THE HOLY ROSARY** is prayed prior to all daily Masses at 8:30a.m. and on First Saturdays at 8:30a.m. (St. Benedict Church) and 3:30p.m. (St. Elizabeth Church). **FIRST SATURDAY MASS** is celebrated at 9:00a.m. at St. Benedict Church.

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Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday ~ 8:30am - 3:30pm
The Office is closed on Mondays.
St. Benedict Church ~ 408 Central Ave., Ridgely MD
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Holy Cross Cemetery
11850 Greensboro Rd., Greensboro MD
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ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Susie Booze

Sunday, July 26
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Sr. MaryLou Robino, O.S.B.

Monday, July 27
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, July 28
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Lily Carmean

Wednesday, July 29
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
The Flaherty Family
6:00p.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 30
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Samuel Shay

Friday, July 31
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Paul Leonard Gunther, Sr.

Saturday, August 1
FIRST SATURDAY
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Mr. Norman Carroll
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Tom Moran

Sunday, August 2
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Brian Flaherty
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
JULY 18 - JULY 31
St. Elizabeth Church

St. Benedict Church



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REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Please pray for healing, strength & peace for:
Kathleen Green ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ William R. Walton ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Martie Greco ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ Frances Vogt ~ Joan Mollick ~ John & Anne Rastelli ~ Olivia Wade ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ Mark Hartlage ~ George Sebestyen ~ Todd Gross ~ Jeffrey Kinnamon ~ Dawn Auman ~ MaryJo Hathaway ~ Debbie Layton ~ Cindy Cummings ~ Keith & Maria Poptanich ~ Freddie Adams, Jr. ~ Steve Goff ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Dick Palazzolo ~ Jack Houtz ~ Carla Moure ~ Pat Pasciak ~ Jim Flohr ~ Mary P. Epps ~ Nial Straley, Jr. ~ Barbara Thompson ~ Jackie Gammons ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ The Flaherty Family ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Kelley Van Ess ~ Sid Pinder ~ Judy Mogilewski ~ David Jones ~ Mary Ann Jones ~ Laurie Thomas ~ Carrie Lang ~ Stirling Ward ~ Cheryl Harris ~ Anne Jones ~ Amy Richter ~ Karen Yoder ~ Helen Hadley ~ Teresa Dunmire ~ Claire Stevens ~ Everett Freeman ~ George Hammond ~ Barbara Gola ~ Marladene Heinen ~ Sue Kibler ~ Joe Carson ~ Anthony Cason ~ Tom Adkins ~ Diana Limberis ~ Krista Anderson ~ Pat League ~ Audrey Lough

Please remember to call if someone should be removed from the sick list.

We remember those who have died:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for our parish and diocesan seminarians and those discerning a call to religious life: Joe Lewis ♦ Dylan Emerson ♦ Kaya Manizade ♦ James Kimmel ♦ Anthony Miranda ♦ Tibor Nagy ♦ Jakob Brown ♦ Dominic Remaniak ♦ Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus, LSP

Please pray for our members of the military who are serving both at home and abroad: Capt. Joseph Remaniak, US Army, Ramstein AFB, Germany (Son of David & Teresa Remaniak) ~ Lt. Catherine Remaniak, Joint Base Lewis/McChord, Tacoma Washington, US Army (Daughter of David & Teresa Remaniak) ~ Staff Sgt. Trevon Price, US Army, Killeen, TX (Son-in-law of Kevin & Lori Parks), Staff Sgt. Jacob Stevens, USAF, Shaw AFB, South Carolina (Son of Brenda & John Stevens) ~ Lt. Col. Eric J. Fleegle, USMC, North Carolina (Son of Steve & Sue Fleegle), Sgt. Alexander Davis, US Army, Ft. Hood, TX & PV2 Christopher Davis, US Army, Ft. Hood, TX (Sons of Sylvia Davis) ~ 1st Lt. J. Aubrey Perry, US Army, Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville NC (Son of Carrie & Jim Perry)

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST 2026

Caroline Summerfest will be held on Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd (5:00-9:00p.m. each evening) in downtown Denton.

PARISH BOOTH ~ We will offer our presence and smiling faces to those who visit the parish booth and offer a simple craft for kids. If you'd like to be a part of this evangelizing effort by helping to staff the booth for an hour on one of these days, please contact Lori in the Parish Office or sign up via Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/266547>.

KNIGHTS BOOTH ~ The Knights will have their famous Roast Beef Booth. Be sure to stop by the booth and purchase your delicious roast beef sandwiches and help support the good work that the Knights do throughout the year.

CCRTL BOOTH ~ Members of the Caroline County Right to Life will celebrate life and share information with community members about Pro-Life efforts in our county and state. Sign-up to help staff the booth here: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/266826>



JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2026
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FAITH & FUN DAY ~ JULY 28, 2026
All children and youth ages 4-12 are invited to join us for a Faith & Fun Day on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 from 8:30a.m. until 1:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. The day, with the theme "A Day with the Saints", will include games, music, lunch and saint-based activities and crafts. To sign up, contact Kasey Perza at kperza@beparish.com or go to Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/266379>. There is no cost for this event.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC (or know someone who is?) ~ Have you considered joining the Catholic Church? Or perhaps you've been away for a while and want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) offers a journey of prayer, learning and reflection for those seeking to become Catholic, Catholics seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, or anyone who is simply exploring the Catholic faith. This program is available to all adults aged 18 and over. Contact Kasey Perza for more information - kperza@beparish.com or 410-634-2253.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION ~ Registration for the 2026-2027 formation year is open now! Registration forms are available in the parish office, both churches, and posted on our website. Register early and receive a discount and peace of mind that it's already completed!

CATECHISTS NEEDED! We are in need of catechists for our 4th & 5th grade classes as well as catechist assistants for multiple grades. If you are interested in teaching our Catholic faith to our parish's children, please email me at kperza@beparish.com.

THREE HEARTS HOMESCHOOL GROUP NEWS



Three Hearts Catholic Homeschool is taking K-12 registrations for the 2026-27 school year! We meet at the St. Benedict Parish Hall in Ridgely, MD on Thursdays from September through April. Classes run from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Contact Jill King (kingsflock@gmail.com) or Erin Daly (aligorum@hotmail.com) for more information.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE NEWS

WELCOME TO THE WORLD (& the Parish Family)!

We congratulate parishioners Zach & Emily Davis on the birth of their sixth child, son **Henry Paul Davis**, who arrived on Sunday, June 28th weighing 8lbs, 13oz and 20 ½ inches long. Henry joins siblings Abigail, Willow, Rebekah, Joseph & Joshua.

We congratulate parishioner, Mrs. Yacintha Johnson and her husband, Gordon, on the birth of their first grandson, **Leonardo Pillay Johnson-Nicholas**, who was born on July 18th weighing 7lbs, 14 oz. and 21 ½ inches long. Leonardo is the son of Yacintha & Gordon's daughter, Stephanie Johnson, and her husband, Matthew Nicholas.

Sage Santella Ruffo, daughter of Nicholas & Bri Ruffo, was baptized on June 20, 2026. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Sage as she receives the gift of new life in God's spirit and becomes a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism. Sage is the grandchild of parishioners, Missy & Stephen Ruffo, and great-grandchild of parishioner, Judy Schnupp.



SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, July 26
• Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Caroline County Right to Life Wheel & Refreshments outside after 8am Mass @ St. Benedict Church

Monday, July 27
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, July 28
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
• Adoration - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict
• Faith & Fun Day for kids ages 4-12 - 8:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. - Parish Hall (includes lunch)
• Parish & Family Life Committee Meeting - 5pm - FLC Resource Room

Wednesday, July 29
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass - 9:00am - St. Elizabeth Church
• Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 5:00-5:45p.m./Mass - 6pm - St. Benedict Church

Thursday, July 30
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room

Friday, July 31
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, August 1 (First Saturday)
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./First Saturday Mass - 9am - St. Benedict
• First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, August 2
• Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Super Sundaes Gathering - 1:00-2:00p.m. - Bullock's Deli, 422 N. 6th St., Denton MD

JOIN US FOR SUPER SUNDAES



In place of our regular Super Sunday breakfasts which are held on the first Sundays of each month during the program year, join us for "Super Sundaes" on first Sundays during the summer months. On Sunday, August 2nd, we will gather between 1:00-2:00p.m. at Bullock's Deli in Denton. Come grab a cup, cone or sundae and celebrate summer!



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July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

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Today we continue to hear parables about the kingdom of God and the reaction of those who find it. The merchant and the person in the field joyfully sell all they have to acquire their treasures. In a world in which we have so many responsibilities, following God may sometimes feel like an obligation. We abide by truths of the Church that are countercultural and challenging. We give our time and our money for the benefit of our community. We profess bold belief in a Gospel truth that is often questioned. These parables remind us that God desires that we move past seeking him out of a sense of obligation or duty – to a place of joy-filled abandonment to him. To experience the full joy that comes from living the Gospel, Jesus comes to us and remains with us in his sacraments. He invites us over and over again to experience his love and his joy until our hearts are changed and we joyfully put everything aside in pursuit of him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I was pulling weeds in the garden when my daughter asked how I knew which plants not to pull. I realized that I simply recognize a weed from a desired plant because I have spent time in my garden. As we journey with Christ, our eyes become fine-tuned to see the difference between what is characteristic of the kingdom of God and what is of this world. King Solomon had eyes fixed on the kingdom, and he knew the value of asking for an understanding heart to help him see more clearly. We must also ask for the wisdom to see clearly what is from God. As we encounter the beauty of God and the truth of his word, we are called to share those encounters with those who are still searching and whose eyes are untrained. Not unlike pulling weeds in the garden, we must train our eyes to find the longed-for pearl as we see and experience the truth of God's love as a community of believers.

PRAY

As you seek to grow in understanding, pray the prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury this week: *O Lord, my God / teach my heart this day where and how to see you / where and how to find you / Let me find you by loving you / let me love you when I find you. Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND OF JULY 11 & 12, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 3,170.00
Building & Maintenance Collection	\$ 671.00
Poor Box	\$ 145.00

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND OF JULY 18 & 19, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 3,270.00
Catholic University & Communications	\$ 396.00
Poor Box	\$ 566.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 3 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 13,716.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,572.00
Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,961.54



If you are a visitor or new parishioner, you may have noticed that we do not pass a collection basket during our Masses. If you'd like to make a donation, you can place it in the basket at the entrance of the church as you enter or exit (ask ushers for assistance if you need help locating the basket). Or, you can scan the QR code at the left to make an online donation via Flocknote.

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CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS



With so much polarization around human rights issues in our culture today, you might wonder what it's like to work in a Pro-Life booth during a public venue such as The Ridgely Strawberry Festival or Denton Summerfest. Well...it's amazing, energizing, and uplifting. Our focus during these events is to teach about life in the womb, so that an unborn child is recognized as human from the moment of conception, and deserving of protection.

We also offer information on resources to assist pregnant women, alternatives to abortion, and opportunities for healing for those who have had abortions. The responses to our booth have covered the gamut of people who walk by and say "Women should have a right to choose", to a woman who desired baptism for herself and children (and so we walked her down to our St. Benedict Booth). We've had amazing conversations with women who talk about their own abortions, and with women who tell us what a blessing it was to choose to keep their babies, despite adverse circumstances, and we've had great discussions with people about end-of-life decisions.

Children, especially, are surprised to learn all the things a developing baby can do, and they LOVE to handle the models of babies at different stages of fetal development. Our aim is to start non-judgmental conversations, and to educate, with charity, where there may be knowledge gaps.

Hope to see you at Summerfest on August 21st and 22nd! Stop by for a visit and consider volunteering. As St. Pope John Paul II said, "Be not afraid"!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers for set up, decorate and work at our booth at Summerfest. You can sign up to help via Flocknote at: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/266826>. Or, contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC MEN OF DELMARVA CONFERENCE THIS FALL

Catholic Men of Delmarva (CMD) will have its inaugural conference on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Saint Mark's High School in Wilmington. Titled *Authentic Masculinity: A Call to Catholic Men*, the conference will feature presentations from noted speakers, Holy Mass with Bishop Koenig, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, refreshments, catered lunch, displays and more. Visit DelmarvaCatholic.org for more information and to register. The conference is open to all men in the diocese age 18 and older. Younger sons may attend if accompanied by an adult male. Parish Captains are an integral part of the Catholic Men of Delmarva. If you are interested in serving as a Parish captain to increase awareness of CMD in your parish, please contact Tom Oberst at teoberst@gmail.com. Contact Ed Roberts, CMD Founder for additional information - edw.roberts.28@gmail.com

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 6-8, 2026.

This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October 11.



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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

FIRST SATURDAY

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Mr. Norman Carroll

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Tom Moran

Sunday, August 2

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Brian Flaherty

10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

Monday, August 3

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 4

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Missy Brown

Wednesday, August 5

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Tom Davis

6:00p.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Luke Weaver

Thursday, August 6

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Christopher Norton

Friday, August 7 (First Friday)

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Al McCullough

Saturday, August 8

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Mike Campbell

10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Dan Finnerin

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 14

St. Elizabeth Church

St. Benedict Church



LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 2

- Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Super Sundaes Gathering - 1:00-2:00p.m. - Bullock's Deli, 422 N. 6th St., Denton MD

Monday, August 3

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 4

- Deacon Bill Nickum Birthday!
- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass-9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adoration - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict
- BVM Ladies' Sodality Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall
(Rosary is prayed at 6:30p.m. in the Hall)

Wednesday, August 5

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for STAFF IN-SERVICE (Calendar Planning Day)
- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass - 9:00am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 5:00-5:45p.m./Mass - 6pm - St. Benedict Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, August 6

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass-9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room

Friday, August 7 ~ (First Friday)

- Deacon Adam Perza Ordination Anniversary (2021)
- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass-9am - St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, August 8

- COR Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7:00-8:00a.m. - Parish Hall
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, August 9

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS FIXING?



If you notice something in one of our churches or buildings or on the parish properties that requires attention or needs to be fixed, please scan this QR code to report the problem. Thank you.

EGG BOXES

Got empty egg boxes?

Bring them to church and leave them in the marked bins at the entrance of the church. We are collecting them for the Martin's Barn Pantry.



August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3 | Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Mt 14:13-21

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In one of the best homilies I ever heard on today's Gospel, the homilist pointed out that the Lord had seemingly "over-multiplied" the loaves and fish. The crowds had eaten to the point of satisfaction, and yet there were twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. "Why so many leftovers? Did the Lord not know how to count?" He asked jokingly, of course. But the point the homilist went on to share that day was that with God, there is always abundance. God doesn't simply provide the bare minimum of what we need for *survival*; the Scriptures tell us that he provides "rich fare" that will "satisfy the desire of every living thing." As we reflect on today's readings, let us not question the Lord's ways, but trust in the abundant generosity of God that satisfies all our needs.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Moments in which God provides for our every need strengthen our faith in him. Yet when difficulties come, we know that God never abandons us. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans speaks about the unshakable confidence Paul has in God's love for us, despite the difficulties (including shipwreck, beatings, and imprisonment) he endured: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?" "No," he says. Nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Take stock of times in your life when God's providence has carried you through difficult times. Consider ways you can share these moments with others as part of your testimony. When our faith rests on a deep awareness of God's faithful love in our lives, we will be able to bear a compelling witness of his goodness to others.

ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Gospel, God shows his loving care by providing for the needs of his people in practical ways. Consider one way you might be able to accompany others going through periods of challenge or trial by providing practical help. This might look like preparing a meal for a new mom in the throes of postpartum, helping with yardwork for a fellow parishioner recovering from surgery, or helping gather classroom supplies for a teacher serving in an impoverished district. In these simple yet concrete ways, we manifest the abundance of God's care and concern for each and every person.