

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Bonaventure Parish, The Family of God on a Mission.
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

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Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor and you
will have treasure in heaven;

***then come,
follow me.***

Mark 10:21

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504-436-1279 (M-F 9:00am-4:00pm)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday: 8:30 AM

Wed. — Holy Hour & Benediction 6:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Francis Offia

STAFF:

Secretary: Judy Guidroz

CRE: Elizabeth Carmona

Music Director: Tina Adams

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The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword. — *Hebrews 4:12a*



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, October 9, Mass 5:00pm

L. H. Maria Nguyen T. Noi+; Phero & Maria Nguyen Ty;
Charion Hemphill; Mary Rice+; Dawn Gonzales+; Maria
Tran thi Do+; Delores Schwartz+; Millicent Jenkins+; Trent
Trentacosta+; David Bourgeois III+; Herb Carriere+; for All
souls in purgatory;

Sunday, October 10, Mass 8:00am

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure

Sunday, October 10, Mass 10:00am

Mary Ann Rice+; Gus W. Carmadelle Jr.+; "Trent"
Trentacosta+; Mike Spencer+; Noah Weatherford;
Dominico Lam Van Tran+; Maria Bau Thi Nguyen+; Peter-
Joseph Hoan Van Tran+; Vincent Hai Phu Nguyen+; All
souls in purgatory;

Monday, October 11 — No Mass

Tuesday, October 12 — Mass 8:30am

For All Souls; and Poor Souls in Purgatory; Soul of Trent
Trentacosta+; Ron Haley+

Wednesday, October 13 — Mass 8:30am

For All Souls in Purgatory;

Thursday, October 14 — Mass 8:30am

For all souls;

Friday, October 15 — Mass 8:30am

For all souls;

THE PATH People find their way to paradise more by
a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps. —Anonymous

Mark Your Calendar — Activities for the Year

October (daily)	Pumpkin Patch 10AM-DUSK
October 22nd	Gumbo Dinner
October 29th	Movie "The Great Pumpkin"
October 31st	Trunk or Treat 5-7pm \$5 parking
November 12th	Thanksgiving Bingo
December 10th	Christmas Bingo

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Thank you for your time, talent & financial donation

May God bless you for your generosity

Weekend of October 2-3

Envelopes \$1,804.00 Loose \$186.00

♦ Oct. 9/10 Maintenance ♦ World Missions Oct. 23/24

♦ Oct. 30/31 Ministry to Needy

A special thanks to those who kept up with their weekly
donations in the middle of the hurricane period despite having
limited weekend Masses.



This Week Sanctuary Candle burns For:

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure



GIFTS

In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall,

but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).



Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

SOBRIETY

Be sober, as God's athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal.

—St. Ignatius of Antioch



PASTOR'S CORNER

1. I am excited that that you were all excited with the report of our parish financial status especially about how we managed our old dept. it is my hope that we all will continue to work together to a clean financial record going forward.
2. I am so impressed by how many people that turned out to assist with unloading the pumpkins last Sunday afternoon. Our spirit of community and shared responsibility if growing stronger and stronger. Let us keep it up.
3. A reminder of what we try to accomplish with the pumpkin patch. 1. An act of charity to help raise fund for poor kids among American-Indian communities to be able to go to school. 2. The bring attention to our parish and create opportunity for people to gather socialize 3. To raise money (no matter how little) for the parish
4. We might have been hit so hard by the storm, but we are not downcast. We will not allow the storm to redefine who we are, instead let us demonstrate our spirit of resilience in the face of this difficulty. Therefore, I have decided to keep our parish schedule going. Bearing in mind that many are dealing with different situations, we will continue to hold especially spiritual programs as lift everyone up in prayers.
5. We have had some fund raisers events lined up. Please pay attention to announcements and consult bulletin publications for updates on those.
6. The Month of October is traditionally referred to as the month of Our Lady. In the spirit of that, I have launched A Rosary Campaign for our Avondale community all Fridays in October as we recover from the effect of the hurricane. This rosary prayers will be done in the front yard of some of our parishioners who signed up. I encourage everyone to participate in this spiritual exercise for our community. Invite friends and neighbors. Time is 5.30pm
7. Many of you are already aware of the damages we had from the storm in the Church, hall, schoolhouse, and rectory. We are working with the Archdiocese and the Insurance company to address the problems in our property. Let us keep in our prayers all those who will be making important decisions that will affect us about all these.
8. We are still hoping to host a huge parish re-union next year. You will get update on this very soon

FEAST OF FAITH

Agnus Dei

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it. During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Open daily from 10:00 am until dusk

Pro Life Rosary

St. Bonaventure will be having a Pro-Life Rosary.

When: Saturday, October 23, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Where: at the tomb of the Unborn located in the front of Church.

This will be a monthly event.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the Rosary.

Catholic Community Foundation Establishes Hurricane Ida Recovery & Relief Fund The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) has collaborated with the Archdiocese of New Orleans to establish the Hurricane Ida Recovery and Relief Fund to benefit those impacted by the storm. If you would like to make a gift through CCF to help community members rebuild after the extensive damage rendered by this natural disaster, please give back here: www.ccfnoia.org/hurricane-ida-relief

GOD'S WILL

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

—St. Martin of Tours

MATTERS ARISING



WHEN THE WORST BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN US

We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, death is at work in us, but life in you. (2Cor 4:8-12)

The above quote is taken from what scholars have described as The Paradox of the Ministry according to Pauline testimony to Corinthian Church, but in accordance with spiritual interpretation of biblical passages, we can apply this passage our present situation resulting from the Hurricane Ida. Indeed we were afflicted by the hurricane in everyway but not constrained; we were perplexed by the storm but not driven to despair; we were persecuted by that monstrous wind, but not abandoned by God our protector; we were struck down by the aftermath of all that happened on that August 29th but not destroyed; always we are carrying about in the body the dying, sharing in his sufferings on the cross so that his life may manifest in our body as his mystical members.

Once again, we have seen how the worst turns around to bring out the best in us. In the face of the tragedy, we showcased our determination, our resilience, and our firm resolve to bounce back. The common desire to rebuild and to rebuild fast and soon bore witness to human's character of self-preservation and perpetuation. Natural evil such as hurricane and numeral other natural disasters are part of Man's story and existence. But it also reveals truth of man's potency to manage such situations, live through them and conquer them. There is no amount of such natural occurrences that can make humans go into extinction, and the reason is simple – God is with us (He is Emmanuel)

We know that some people are hard-hit by the storm than others, but we are united in the spirit of solidarity and common purpose as we rebuild and hope to return to normal. Inspired by the scripture, we recognize that we are members of the One family of God (sons and daughter of one Creator God) and so we share in the sufferings and pains of each other so that we might share in the joys and celebrations of each other. There are no other time than now does the Gospel passage of Mt 25 comes alive; "...For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me..."

The ways in which many went out their ways to help other right after the storm demonstrate concretely the best in us revealed by the worst incidence of the hurricane. Stories abound, of many who paid huge prices trying to help others. Huge sacrifices and selflessness were shown to those who suffer most. Many became Christ to others in the most difficult moment. We are called Christians for we have been invited to imitate the one who said: "came not to be served but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many."

Mass for God's Special Children will be celebrated at 2:00 PM on **Sunday October 10, 2021** at St. Francis Xavier Church, Metairie.

A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

*Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.
Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and
turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Would you pray for a priest each day?

*Please take a monthly calendar prayer
request for priests available in the entrance
of Church..*



HELP WANTED - WILL TRAIN NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

— St. Bonaventure is in need of altar servers. We are finding ourselves short of altar servers at some Masses (especially Sun. day morning). If you would like to be an altar server and have parents permission, please speak to Fr. Dau after Mass or call the office, 436-1279.

Pope's October Intention

Intention for evangelization - *Missionary disciples*



We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes



Our Father in heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

October is considered the Month of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Fr Francis has decided that we dedicate this month to pray for our Avondale Community as we all try to recover and rebuild after the hurricane. On all the Fridays in October we will pray community rosary at different locations at the front yards of our parishioners by 5.30 pm.

- Friday October 15th Deana Comeaux;
- Friday October 22nd Lu Fernandez;
- Friday October 29th TBD

COAST TO COAST ROSARY-SUNDAY,
Oct. 10, 2021- ST. Cletus Catholic Church—3:00 PM
COME PRAY FOR OUR NATION!

ENCOURAGEMENT As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul. —Anonymous

VOCATION: MEDITATION FOR PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE & RELIGIOUS LIFE

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, Contact Fr. Francis at 504-729-8469.



Prayer Request: LynLeigh Adams; Jeff Adams; Janell Angelle; Tina Barry; Pearl & Rebecca Berthelot; Todd Bordelon; Joyce Caire; Jason Chiasson; Kai ye Chin; Brenda Goss; Ben, Brandon, & Tim Guidroz; Ester Hammil; Kathleen, Donald, & Glenn Jeansonne; Joy & Norbert Labit; Gay Litloff; Kirk Litloff; Brenda Jones; Gary & Holly Marshall; Theda Melerine; Carolyn & Arthur Moore; David & Kim Muller; Anita Perkins; Janice Reiser; Tammy Reites; Jules & Michael Sancho; Lloyd Seneck; Denise Schneider: Al Stapler; James Theriot III; Stephanie Walker; "Mooney" Woods. Please call the office or send in your request to add or delete a loved one to the prayer list.

COMING UP

MONDAY, October 11, 2021 —

- ◆ No Mass —Father's Day off

TUESDAY, 12, 2021—

- ◆ Rosary 8:00 - Mass 8:30am
Novena

WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021—

- ◆ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am
- ◆ Parish Holy Hour with Benediction
—6:00-7pm (Father will be available for confession)

THURSDAY, October 14, 2021 —

- ◆ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am

FRIDAY, October 15, 2021—

- ◆ Rosary 8:00am—Mass 8:30am
- ◆ Rosary 5:30pm—Deana Comeaux's

SATURDAY, October 16, 2021—

- ◆ Mass 5:00pm ◆ Confession — 4:00—4:45pm

SUNDAY, October 17, 2021 —

- ◆ Mass 8:00am & 10:00am



Pumpkin Patch
Every day
10:00am –dusk

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 4:00—4:45pm;

Wednesday 5:30—7:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office to schedule an appointment with Father. Parents and Godparents must attend a seminar.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to expected wedding date. Call the office for details.

Funerals: Please notify the priest **before** contacting the Funeral Home.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

Prayer for Soldiers Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

A Nation's Prayer — God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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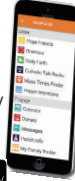


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