

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Do to others
as you would
have them
do to you."

Luke 6:31

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm
Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 8:30-9:30 am
First Friday 7:00-8:00 pm

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Third Thursday 7:00 pm

MARRIAGE Please contact the church office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date of the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Any Catholic who is in danger due to age or health, or undergoing medical procedures and feels the need for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Charles. It is the parish's custom to do anointings during the daily Mass, but they can also be administered privately. For emergencies, call the parish office 892-5202 and follow the prompt for emergencies.

BAPTISM Please email Deacon Danny dmusso@arch-no.org or contact the office to begin preparations. Seminars are held on the last Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by Benedictine values, the mission of St. Benedict Catholic Church is to be a vibrant family of believers, worshipping God with joy, excitement, and reverence. Forming the Body of Christ and acting upon our faith in Jesus, we strive to spread the Good News by engaging in ministries of hospitality, hope, education, spirituality, and social justice to each other and those beyond our community.



Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend's Gospel offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life: *Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic.* It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this from the point of view of God's mercy. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. True Christians understand clearly that all they have and all that they are — their very life — is a gift from God given to them from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude.

Jesus challenges each of us: "Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back." That is true greatness in God's view. When we love like that, He promises our "reward in heaven will be great."

And if that is still not incentive enough for each of us to embrace a life of love, mercy, and stewardship, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. "Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love. Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do!

All my love,

Fr. Charles, O.S.B.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, February 22

+Arthur deLaune

Wednesday, February 23

+Rev. Howard Patrick Eisel, S.S.C.

Thursday, February 24

+Greg Lyons

Friday, February 25

Madore Trahan

Saturday, February 26

5:30 p.m.

+Donald Naquin, Patrick Rapp, +Nova Jones, +Jerry Luke, Delta LeBlanc, +Carrol & Claudette Arcement, +John Shaw

Sunday, February 27

8:00 a.m.

+Chris & Doris Johnson, Stephen Lucia, +Valerie Lynd, +Steven Plauche

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



Prayer List



Deacon Nelvin Luke, Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Earline Todd, Hunter Wagner, Julie Wagner, Tina Zocco, Clara Armstrong, Dr. Jerry Casey, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Leber, Anna Ison, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Derek Feske, Fred and Lynne Guillot, Ryan Ware, Lois Seals, Billie Chiasson, Timothy Rollman, Vivian LeBlanc, Michael Duran, Donna McFatter, Angela Brady, Jackie Catalanotto, Jean Kelt, Judy Woolley, Joseph Candilora, John DeSilva, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman

The prayer list is for our parishioners who are homebound or sick. All others can be entered into the general prayer book in the church. Please call the church office to add a parishioner's name to the prayer list. All names will stay on the list for 30 days at a time.



Happening this Week

Monday, February 21

Presidents Day

KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5 to 6 p.m.

Friday, February 25

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 26

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4:00 to 5 p.m.

Attention Communion Ministers

We are in need of a few communion ministers to help bring communion to the sick in their homes. Please consider helping us in this very important ministry, even if you have never brought communion to the sick before. Please see Father Charles or call the parish office if you are interested in serving in this ministry. Father Charles will be conducting a training meeting for all interested persons.

STEWARDSHIP – February 13th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,439
Archdiocesan Catholic Charities	\$913
Baby Bottle Drive	\$11,812
E-Giving Online:	\$1,878
Building Fund:	\$680
Poor Box:	\$46
Mass Attendance:	417
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$385,550

Thank you for your generosity!



The Archdiocese of New Orleans will be honoring Catholics who are celebrating their 50th, 60th and 70th Anniversary in 2022. The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration, which is a Prayer Service will take place on Sunday, June 26th at 3 p.m. at St. Philip Neri in Metairie. To register, please call the parish office at 985-892-5202 before Friday, March 11th.



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