

Alleluia!



He is Risen!



Father Charles's Corner...



In 1986 Pope Saint John Paul II gave an Easter message that continues to ring especially true for us today:

The last word of God on the human condition is not death but life; not despair but hope. To this hope, the Church invites the men and women of today as well. She repeats to them the incredible but true proclamation: Christ is Risen! Let the whole world rise with Him! Alleluia!

On behalf of the deacons and Channon in the office, we wish you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, April 19
Jim & Rosalie Quigley

Wednesday, April 20
+Charmaine Hebert

Thursday, April 21
Father Charles

Friday, April 22
+Cody Lucia

Saturday, April 23
5:30 p.m.

+Joseph Bossenmeyer, +Alice Rudolph, +Donald Naquin,
Patrick Rapp, +Jerry Luke, +Lee Faust, +Tom Norton,
+Joan Engolia, Christine Davis, +Juliette Gallardo,
John & Susan DeSilva, Ann Kay Logarbo

Sunday, April 24
8:00 a.m.

+Cody Lucia, +Chris & Doris Johnson, +George Fischer,
+Jan Brennen

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, 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, Jan 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.

Welcome Visitors! We hope you enjoyed celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord with us, and that you will consider joining our parish. If you are interested, parish registration forms can be found in the back of the Church or you may register online at:

<https://stbenedictchurchcovington.com/parish-registration>



ORDER of SAINT LOUIS IX AWARD

Congratulations to Jill Richard and Phil Rapp for being selected to receive the Order of Saint Louis Award this year. The Order of St. Louis IX award was established in 1975 to honor those laypersons who have made an extraordinary contribution of their time and talents to local churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Since its establishment, more than 10,000 individuals have received the medallion for their Christ-like service. Archbishop Aymond will confer the award on Jill and Phil on Sunday, May 15th.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Benedict Church. This is a reminder that we offer online giving, which is the most secure and private way to support the parish and our ministries. If interested, you can access online giving at

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbencov>

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What Is Easter?



The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14).

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it

“Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.”

is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being,’ the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from

the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.



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Easter

Memorial Flowers



In Memory of...

Fred Hinkel by Rochelle Hinkel; **Arthur deLaune** by Rosemary deLaune; **Cody Lucia** by Cheryl Lucia; **Richard Duvieilh** by Karen Duvieilh; **Joseph & Norma Bossenmeyer** by Karen Duvieilh; **Genevieve Brantley** by Jerry & Sandy Brantley; **McMahon Family** by Paul & Jackie McMahon; **James Riley Luke Falterman** by Rita Falterman; **Gaston & Jenny Dutel** by Jerry King; **Earl R. Lemoine, Jr.** by Earl & Betty Lemoine; **Art Seghers** by Anna Bienvenu; **Audrey Seghers** by Anna Bienvenu; **Phillip E. Lee, Jr.** by Phillip & Maria Lee; **Curtis & Valerie Smith** by Larry & Debbie Gainey; **Quigley & Young Family** by Jim & Rosalie Quigley; **Raymond & Agnes Schule** by Russell & Diana Siefert; **Ursula Fernandez** by Deacon Ellis and Michelle Iverson; **Marie Gremillion** by Deacon Ellis & Michelle Iverson; **Tina Juster** by Larry & Carolyn Juster; **Fi Daly** by Larry & Carolyn Juster; **Duane Hattier** by Carolyn Condon; **Daniel Condon** by Carolyn Condon; **George Grayson** by Wanner Family; **Joe & Naomi Quint** by the Lozier's; **Charles & Yvonne Sims** by the Lozier's; **Daniel & Mary Wegmann-Kraenzle** by the Lozier Family; **John M. Schilly** by the Lozier Family;

In Honor of...

Joretta Simon by Rochelle Hinkel;



Easter

"Jesus lives. This is the simple message of Easter. And because Jesus lives—so does hope, so does love, and so do we. . . This Easter morning let us acknowledge the gift of life Christ has given us. Let us look into the empty tomb and proclaim with joy, proclaim with all our hearts and with our lives—that Jesus lives! May God bless you. Happy Easter!"

— Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo

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Holy Women of God, Pray for Us

Risen Lord,
The angel that announced your rising
Spoke to an audience of but a few women
from Galilee.
And then you appeared,
Risen in the body,
But first only to Mary of Magdala.
We look back on all the centuries of your
Church
Born of this small, faithful band,
Nurtured through the ages so often by the
special grace given to women.

Lord, teach us to honor women, in body and
in spirit.
For these great disciples have taught us to
heal the sick,
To feed the poor
To sow mercy and justice.
To make peace.
And we call on them now to pray for us,
As we take up the cross ourselves.

Lord, as we are heirs to the Gospel
So too you have made us heirs of these
women
Teach us to sing the song, in our words
and deeds, that our sisters have
taught us:
That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Amen.

—A CRS Prayer

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raised, then empty is our
preaching; empty, too, is
your faith."*

(1 Cor 15:14)



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Happening this Week

Monday, April 18

Parish Office Closed
KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

Altar Society Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.
NO Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 21

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

Church Work Day 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4:00 to 5 p.m.
Blessing of Marriages

Sunday, April 24

Blessing of Marriages
Coffee & Donuts after all Masses

THANK YOU from the MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who supported the Fish Fry Fundraisers. This year we served 1138 dinners.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Parish Grounds Work Day



The Men's Club will be hosting a parish grounds work party on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at lunch with boiled crawfish. We are inviting **all parishioners** (regardless of age or gender) to come and help with a variety of cleanup activities. This will be a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew earlier acquaintances; but more importantly, it will be a time to spruce up St. Benedict's. Please call 892-5202 or email office@stbencov.org the office if you plan to help so we can have a number for the crawfish.

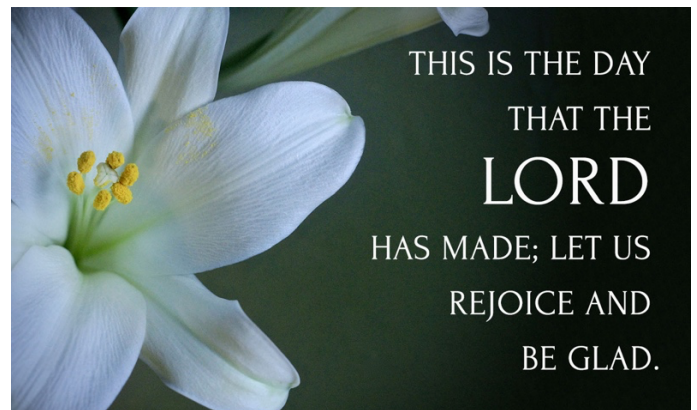
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