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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Repay to Caesar
what belongs
to Caesar
and to God what
belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21

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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.

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	8:30 am
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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.



Father Charles' s Corner...

This weekend's readings encourage us to always be mindful of who we are in every aspect of our lives.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, takes us back to the very foundation of our faith. The prophet, serving as the "voice" of God, proclaims, "I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me." This is a powerful reminder of a fundamental truth. But it is easy to lose sight of this truth in our fast-paced, stressed-out, digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must make intentional choices each day as to how we spend our Time, Talents and Treasure so that each of these aspects of our lives proclaim that we indeed serve God and God alone.

Putting God first in all areas of life takes real courage, especially in this day and age. But we should not be afraid to live boldly for Christ. St. Paul reminds us of the power we have been given along with the gift of our faith. He says to the Thessalonians in our Second Reading (and we can claim these words for ourselves) that "our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Through our Baptism, and with the graces given to us in the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Word of God, and the strength we find in each other in our faith family, we have everything we need. We belong to God, and there is no other, after all.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. This tax was a daily reminder to the Jewish people of their humiliating status of occupation by the Roman Empire. The Pharisees thought they had laid a perfect trap for Christ. If He agreed that the tax should be paid, He would disappoint His followers. If he replied that it should not be paid, He and His followers would be in real trouble with the Romans.

But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big. We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 24

+Abe Hebert

Wednesday, October 25

+Father Martin Brannigan CSSR

Thursday, October 26

Monks of Saint Joseph Abbey

Friday, October 27

Michael & Regina McMillian

Saturday, October 28

5:30 p.m.

+Mary Mayo, +Payton Strain, +G.H. & Zona Bartley

Sunday, October 29

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

Brian Naccari, +Raymond Perez, Adrian & Nancy Spell,
+Judith Ross, +Laverne Perez, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.



Prayer List



Deacon Nelvin Luke, Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Julie Wagner, Tina Zocco, Clara Armstrong, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Leber, Anna Istone, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Derek Feske, Fred Guillot, Ryan Ware, Timothy Rollman, Vivian LeBlanc, Angela Brady, Jackie Catalanotto, Judy Woolley, Joseph Candilora, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan, Addie Pitre, Harry LeBlanc, Carol Vickers, John Johnson, Evan Cartozzo, Ed Ansardi, Debra Dwight

Book of Remembrance

November is the month that we, as a Church, remember and pray for all of the faithful departed. The *Book of Remembrance* has been placed in the back of the church for you to inscribe the names of your deceased family and friends to be prayed for throughout the month.



Happening this Week

Tuesday, October 24

Grief Support Group 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

NO Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

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

Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass

Sunday, October 29

Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass

Coffee & Donuts after all Masses

MASS Intentions

The Mass Intention Book will open on November 1st for all intentions to be accepted throughout 2024. Mass requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received at the parish office. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone. Mass request must be made in person in the parish office, or in writing and placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office. Forms for requesting a Mass can be obtained from the parish office, in the back of the church, or available online on the parish website.



Wednesday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. We will have Mass at 8 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). We will have a special Mass to pray for all the faithful departed, especially all the members of the parish who have died during the past year, at 7:00 p.m.

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THIS SUNDAY, October 22nd will be our annual Parish Picnic after the 10:30 Mass. Food, Family, and Fun is guaranteed. The parish will supply lunch for everyone – we are asking each family to bring drinks for their own family. Our Youth Ministry will be coordinating games and other activities.

During the picnic we will have our *trunk or treat*. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their trunks and to bring candy or other goodies to give to those who participate. All are welcome to join in the fun.

STEWARDSHIP – October 15th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,480
E-Giving Online:	\$1,259
Building Fund:	\$365
Poor Box:	\$140
Mass Attendance:	465
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$523,124

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