

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



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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 8:30 am

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.



Fr. Charles's Corner...

Our readings this weekend offer us the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

St. Paul encourages us on this path in our second reading taken from his letter to Timothy. "Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel..." adding this critical phrase, "with the strength that comes from God." On our own, we are weak and inclined towards selfishness and comfort-seeking. Relying on God's strength, however, we can persevere in the fight to attain holiness. Paul reminds us that we were made for this! "[God] saved us and called us to a holy life."

To be "holy" means to be set apart for God. This means that our lives as Christian will look different from those around us who do not know the Lord — but different in a way that is attractive, that draws them to the Lord as well. It is a way of life that is counter-cultural in our individualistic, "me first" day and age. The generous offering to God of our time, talent, and treasure at times can feel like the "hardship" Paul mentions in our second reading. But this way of life is a path to holiness.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus when our Lord takes His key apostles up to a high mountain and reveals Himself in His true glory. "He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." And not only that but the voice of the Father was revealed to them with the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

This revelation of the glory of God was so overwhelming to the apostles that they fell to the ground in fear when they saw Him this way. But our loving Savior is quick to reassure them to "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses to heart:

- "Listen to Him"
- "Rise, and do not be afraid"

Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, March 7

8:00 a.m.

Marianites of Holy Cross Associates

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 a.m.

Members of Marianites Guild

Thursday, March 9

+Father Timothy O'Brien

Friday, March 10

+Cody Lucia

Saturday, March 11

5:30 p.m.

+Consuela Green, +Skip Miller, Clare Gordon, Mastio Family, +Abe Hebert, +Marie Labat, +Ned Naquin, +Johnny & Elaine Poche, Thelma Castay, John DeSilva, +Kenny Fussell

Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m.

+George Courville, +Father Otis Young, +Ruth Prats, Joey & Karen Sedtal, Wes & Connie Koon, +Skip Miller, +Dora DeKerlegand, +Audrey LaBorde, John DeSilva

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



Prayer List



Deacon Nelvin Luke, Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, 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 Guillot, Ryan Ware, Lois Seals, Timothy Rollman, Vivian LeBlanc, Donna McFatter, Angela Brady, Jackie Catalanotto, Joseph Candilora, John DeSilva, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan, Addie Pitre, Harry LeBlanc, Delta LeBlanc, Carol Vickers, Judith Woolley



Happening this Week

Wednesday, March 8

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 5 to 6 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10

Blanket Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. followed by
Sacrament of Reconciliation until 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 11

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

Fr. Charles Annual 39th Birthday Celebration

Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass

Sunday, March 12

Family Faith Formation 11:45 a.m.

Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after all Masses



Father Charles's Birthday Celebration

We will celebrate Father Charles's Annual 39th Birthday on March 11th. This year we will be reviving our Pot-Luck Celebration following the 5:30 p.m. Mass next Saturday. Please bring your favorite dish and join us as we celebrate Fr. Charles's birthday

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 p.m. on Friday followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 8 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP – February 26th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,676
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