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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 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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...

Our readings this weekend show us that a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk. "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!" "Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" When we look around us, it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying, but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry, but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources, but the needs around us remain great. Despite all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. "For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint."

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have...." Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit's strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom.

Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.



Tuesday, October 7Family of Holy Cross

Wednesday, October 8 Marianites of Holy Cross

Thursday, October 9
+Mary Mayo

Friday, October 10 +Poor Souls

Saturday, October 11 5:30 p.m.

+David Mastio, +Don Mastio, +Dale Lorio, Misti Darnell, Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +Skip Miller, +Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate, April Mayo, Shirley Dailey, +Normie Miller, +Guy Palermo, +Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Sabrina Mattingly

> Sunday, October 12 8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

+John Mannion, +Don Mastio, +Barbara Gaudin, +John Buras, Carol Vickers, +Diane Ertel, +John Gagliano, Jr., Michael Rodgers, Jr., +Phillip E. Lee, Jr., +Ray DeRocha, Jr.



Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Tina Zocco, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Reber, Anna Isone, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Ryan Ware, Timothy Rollman, Angela Brady, Judy Woolley, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan, Addie Pitre, Carol Vickers, Evan Cartozzo, Ed Ansardi, Margaret Ruiz, Patricia Holden, Linda Richerson, Brooke Joseph, Kai Joseph, Paul Richmon, C.J. Richmond, Avery Fuselier, Ed Don-Jordon, Jenna Vial



Happening this Week

Monday, October 6

Sister of Mount Carmel Staff Retreat 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 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, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass Blanket Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 11

Lifecycle Century Bike Ride 6:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.
Altar Society Spaghetti Ticket Sales after Mass

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STEWARDSHIP – September 28th

Weekly Collection: \$4,186
E-Giving Online: \$1,972
Building Fund: \$100
Poor Box: \$117
Mass Attendance: 501
Building Fund on Deposit: \$679,973

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Mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 19th after the 10:30 Mass and stay to join our Knights of Columbus Council in welcoming the Silver Rose to the Archdiocese of New Orleans at 1 p.m. as we have a brief prayer service to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world.



Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.





Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.

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Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Beans and Garlic Bread

Saturday, October 18th

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