



REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")

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*Eternal rest
grant unto
them, O Lord,
and let
perpetual light
shine upon them.
May their souls
and the souls
of the faithful
departed,
through the
mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen*

Requiem Prayer



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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
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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.

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...

In this weekend's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.



Prayer for the Upcoming Conclave

Lord,

You guide us through your visible shepherd on earth, the Pope. We ask you to make yourself present during the upcoming Conclave. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the cardinals present, Lord, that there may be a renewed Pentecost in your Church. Give them the wisdom, prudence and fortitude they need to elect whom you have chosen to lead and guide us. We need you, Lord. Hear our prayer and grant us the gift of a holy successor of Peter to govern in your name. Amen.

Then pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be*.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, May 6

+Genevieve Stephens

Wednesday, May 7

+Norma Naquin

Thursday, May 8

+Ana Brent Barrett

Friday, May 9

+Cody Lucia

Saturday, May 10

5:30 p.m.

+Normie Miller, +Adeline Hernandez, +Donald Gagnon,
Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +David Mastio,
+Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Doug Ellis, +Guy Palermo,
+Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate,
+Payton Strain, Laura Bridges, +Dale Lorio,
+Chester & Jennie Maciar

Sunday, May 11

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

+Meta Hernandez, +Arthur DeLaune, +Madeline Vicari,
+J.V. & Cathy Haney, +Sarah Beulke, +Barbara Gaudin,
+Ron & Joann Dudik, Maria Mondello, Dorothy Collins,
+Phillip E. Lee, Jr.



Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Tina Zocco,
Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller,
Joanne Reber, Anna Ison, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley
Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Fred Guillot,
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, Debra Dwight, Margaret
Ruiz, Vincent Iannazzo, Patricia Holden, Jim Williamson,
Lezlie Brown, Linda Richerson, Elsa Zeringue, Brooke
Joseph, Kai Joseph

*Please pray for those who will receive
First Communion this weekend*

Ariana Jane Acosta

Avery Eleanor Blaise

Steven John Chappetta

Carter Coen Cleveland

Adelynn Elizabeth Cullen

Camille Elizabeth Dwight

Ellie Belle Foret

Brandon Michael Giarrusso

Josie Anne King

Elodie Ruth Lehmann

Elizabeth Marie Long

Hazel Grace Massa

Harper Hayes Sharp

Barytt Raymond Sutton

Joseph Peter Untz, III

Breccan Elizabeth Pilie





Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

January 1 - December 28, 2025

Introduction

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year – initially celebrated every hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years, and finally every twenty-five years – God’s holy and faithful people have experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God.

The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 ushered the Church into the third millennium of her history. Now, as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness.

For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has selected the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we have designated 12 churches as places of pilgrimage and will be sharing more information about the Jubilee, its significance, and ways to observe and celebrate it throughout the year. It is our goal to encourage all of the faithful to participate in the Jubilee throughout these next 12 months so that each may truly have an encounter with Christ Jesus that leads to a renewal of hope.



Visit <https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025> to learn more.

“The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God....Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: “Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!” (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.”

—Pope Francis,
Hope Does Not Disappoint, 25

Pilgrimage Sites

New Orleans

Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis King of France
St. Stephen’s Basilica
National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Shrine of the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs
St. Jude Shrine
St. Augustine Church

Covington

St. Joseph Abbey

Destrehan

St. Charles Borromeo

Edgard

St. John the Baptist

Gretna

St. Joseph Church & Shrine

Metairie

St. Ann Church and Shrine

Find more information about and connect with the pilgrimage sites online.



Plenary Indulgence

In order to obtain a plenary indulgence, the individual must be in a state of grace, desire to be truly free from all sin; confessed their sins; receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

This Jubilee year gives us many special opportunities to gain this indulgence in our own archdiocese by pilgrimages by fulfilling the general norms below.

A) Participating in Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Stations of the Cross, or the rosary at St. Louis Cathedral or one of the twelve Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Sites.

B) Participate in Eucharistic adoration and meditation concluding with the Our Father, the Nicene Creed or Apostles Creed, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God at St. Louis Cathedral or one of the twelve Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Sites.

C) The faithful will also be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.

D) Making a visit to the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people, the homeless or others in need or difficulty by in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them.

E) Participating in acts of penance at least for one day of the week such as a social media fast, fasting and abstinence from food, by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting the charitable works which support the poor, defense of life, supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries, and by volunteering time to serve the poor and disadvantaged.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

- Pope Francis,
Hope Does Not Disappoint, 7



Visit <https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025> to learn more.



Saint Benedict Catholic Church



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Friday Adoration after 8:00 Mass	3 First Communion Retreat and Practice 9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
4 First Communion Mass 10:30 a.m.	5 Parish Office Closes at Noon KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	6 Parish Office Closes at Noon Terra Mariae Homeowners Meeting 1:00 p.m.	7 Parish Office Closes at Noon Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m. Family Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep 6:00 p.m.	8 Parish Office Closes at Noon Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 Parish Office Closes at Noon Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	10 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection
11  Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection	12 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	13 Altar Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. NO Sacrament of Reconciliation Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15 Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m. 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 p.m.	16 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	17 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass
18 Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	19 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	20	21 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	22 Parish Office Closes at Noon	23 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	24 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
25	26  Parish Office Closed	27	28 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	29	30 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	31 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.





Happening this Week

Monday, May 5

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Tuesday, May 6

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Terra Mariae Homeowners Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 5 to 6 p.m.

Family Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 8

Parish Office Closes at Noon

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

Friday, May 9

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 10

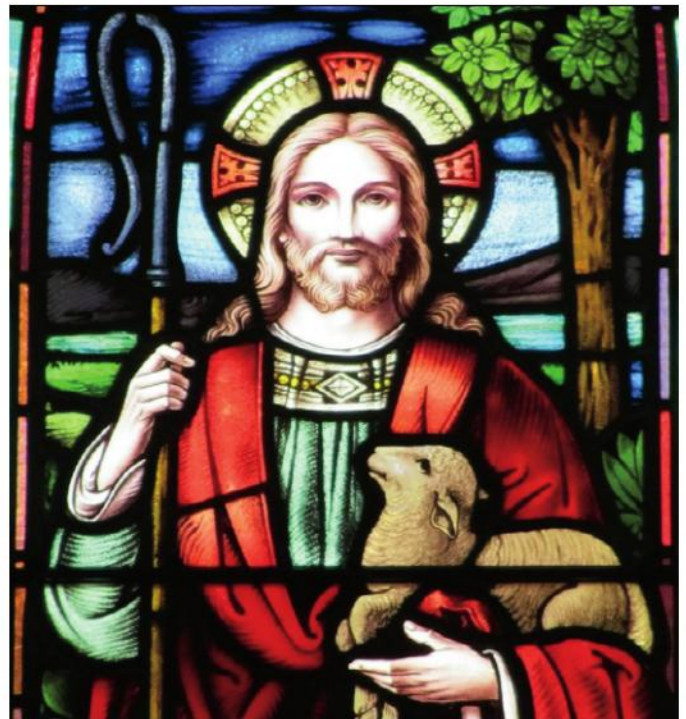
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.

Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection

Sunday, May 11

Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT SECOND COLLECTION



As in the case with many pension funds in secular businesses today, the Archdiocese of New Orleans Priests' Pension Program is underfunded. This is largely due to the growing number of retired priests and the skyrocketing cost of health care. This collection is separate from the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports religious orders and institutes across the United States. Please show your generosity on the weekend of May 10/11.

STEWARDSHIP – April 27th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,599
E-Giving Online:	\$2,035
Building Fund:	\$0
Poor Box:	\$147
Mass Attendance:	517
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$650,097

Thank you for your generosity!

Please consider utilizing our parish's online giving program. Explore the convenience of online giving at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbencov or by scanning our QR code.



Mother's Day Remembrance

You will find a book in the back of the church to enroll your mother, godmother, and grandmothers (living or deceased) to be remembered at Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 10/11. This is an excellent way to remember your loved ones on this special day.

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