

*Behold, I Am  
with you Always*  
-Mt. 28:20



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### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:30 am
<b>Tuesday-Friday</b>	8:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00-6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Fridays</b>	8:30-9:30 am
<b>First Friday</b>	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](mailto: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...*

On this Solemnity of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Both the First Reading and today's Gospel draw our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples just before ascending to the Father. In the First Reading, from Acts, He tells them (and us) "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Then in the Gospel, we read, "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'"

While live out our lives as Christians by being good stewards, with emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helping us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel.

In the use of Time, we can ask ourselves if we are keeping the particular prayer commitments we have made. If so, have I noticed a deepened closeness to our Lord and an increase in virtue in my daily life? Perhaps I have let one or two of my "holy habits" go by the wayside. Then simply re-commit to them. Or maybe my prayer commitments have become routine and I could carry them out more intentionally once again. Maybe my schedule has changed and I need to establish a new time to pray.

In the use of Talent, have I stayed faithful to the ministry commitments I made? How is my attitude towards serving? Am I joyful and humble about the work I am doing? How has my serving of others changed and blessed me?

Finally, let's take a look at our use of Treasure. Have I been generous in my financial giving? If so, have I noticed a deepening trust in God's care for me? Have I become a little more detached from the pull of materialism that surrounds us all in this day and age?

Our way of life is challenging because it is counter-cultural to put God and others before ourselves. But that is precisely why this way of life is such a powerful witness to the message of the Gospel. And we can embrace this way of life with great confidence and joy because we are not expected to do this on our own. Our Gospel passage today tells us we are "clothed with power from on high." Whether it is as small a detail as finding a new prayer time, or as big as changing career paths to be more available to loved ones, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to show us the way.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### **Tuesday, June 3**

+Martin Dailey

### **Wednesday, June 4**

+Alan & Dorothy Donaldson

### **Thursday, June 5**

Gayle Camet

### **Friday, June 6**

+Thelma Ritchie

### **Saturday, June 7**

**5:30 p.m.**

Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +David Mastio, +Doug Ellis, +Dale Lorio, +Sr. Suellen Tennyson, M.S.C., Paul Benham, +Skip Miller, +Don Mastio, +Normie Miller, +Carrol Arcement Family, +Cindy Darce, +Guy Ribando, +Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate, +Guy Palermo, +Narvey & Esma DeLage,

### **Sunday, June 8**

**8:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

**10:30 a.m.**

+Sarah Beulke, +Barbara Gaudin, +Arthur DeLaune, +Ana Brent Barrett, +Elmira DeRocha, +Fred Guillot, +Deacon Jack Glover, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.



## Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Tina Zocco, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Reber, Anna Ison, 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, Debra Dwight, Margaret Ruiz, Vincent Iannazzo, Patricia Holden, Jim Williamson, Lezlie Brown, Linda Richerson, Elsa Zeringue, Brooke Joseph, Kai Joseph, Dan & Ina Berlin

# HABEMUS PAPAM



## POPE LEO XIV

O God, who chose your servant Pope Leo XIV in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*-Roman Missal*



# Saint Benedict Catholic Church



June 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	3	4 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	5	6 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	7 Altar Society's Ladies Day of Reflection  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
8	9 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	10 Knights of Columbus Officer Installation 7 p.m.	11 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	12 Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	14 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
15 	16 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	17	18 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  NO Sacrament of Reconciliation this evening	19  Parish Office Closed  Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.	20 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	21 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
22	23 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	24	25 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	26	27 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	28 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Collection for the Holy Father - Peter's Pence  Blessing of Marriages
29 Collection for the Holy Father – Peter's Pence  Blessing of Marriages  Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	30 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.					



*Welcome Visitors! We hope you enjoyed celebrating the Lord's Day 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>



#### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.

## VACATION TIME IS HERE!

The summer is here and so are vacations, if you haven't already noticed our annual decrease in Mass attendance during June and July. We hope you are enjoying a change of pace and some time away. If you are vacationing, please remember two things.

First, we do not take a vacation from God. Please check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for a list of churches in the areas you are visiting and their Mass times.

Secondly, the needs of the parish and those seeking social assistance do not take a holiday in June through August. In fact, many times we received more requests for financial assistance during the summer months. Our ability as a church to pay our own bills and help those facing the loss of electricity or water due to their inability to pay, or to help one of our parishioners facing a financial crisis, depends on the continued generosity of our congregation. Please don't forget your offering to St. Benedict's this summer when you are traveling or away for vacation.

The safest and most secure way to make contributions to St. Benedict's, however, is to use our online giving, which can be accessed at:

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

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# the Holy Spirit

## Our Greatest Hidden Friend

When we call somebody a friend, we usually have in mind someone that we know rather well, and with whom we enjoy spending time. We know that this person would walk with us through a difficulty or assist us with solving a problem.

Actually, our “Greatest Friend” is God the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tells us that “**God’s love** has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5) Our Father sent the Holy Spirit – the third Person of the Blessed Trinity – to live in our hearts and bring us closer to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is our great encourager Who helps us to be faithful in prayer, to come to know Jesus, to believe that Jesus is God and that He died and rose from the dead to forgive our sins. Jesus has set us free from slavery to sin, for a life of joy, peace and fulfillment as found through a relationship with the Holy Spirit and by following His guidance.

The spiritual life is a battle; we must continually struggle to overcome human weakness, temptation and our sinful tendencies. The good news is that the Holy Spirit is the source and strength of our spiritual life. By turning to Him in prayer, we

avoid an unfulfilling, frustrating and guilt-ridden up-and-down spiritual life. His supernatural help, which we call grace – which is God’s very own **POWER** imparted to us – will help us to persevere and struggle through all challenges. We must cooperate with Him by utilizing this grace to reject sin, continually listen to His voice in our hearts and follow His guidance. In cooperating with of the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to persevere and be faithful. We experience this very real power that flows from this friendship with Him when we invest in our relationship with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis.

Prayer is the foundation for knowing and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially by allowing times of silence in prayer. Silence leads to awareness and recognition of the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit who will guide our actions toward what is true and good.

In every situation, we can pray silently asking for the help of the Holy Spirit because without God we are helpless – whether we know this or not. We can pray: “Holy Spirit please help me.” Or “Holy Spirit please guide me.” The Holy Spirit is known as our Counselor, Guide, Comforter, and Intercessor. These names draw

attention to all the ways the Holy Spirit will assist us. Jesus said, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper who will remain with you forever ...You know and recognize Him, for He will be in you” (Jn 14:16-17).

In everyday situations, the Holy Spirit is concerned with the smallest details of life as well as the most significant decisions. One of the ways He helps us is by saving time through arranging circumstances, in creative and unique ways. Recently, I was at the hospital to pick up a pair of glasses. I had a strong sense that I should eat dinner there, which I normally would have never considered and wondered “What’s this all about?” As I left the cafeteria, walking through the hallways after hours, I met my doctor, who had wanted to see me. In the moment, she related the helpful and beneficial information that would have required setting up an appointment and making a special trip. This God-arranged encounter saved me time, effort, concern – and money! Anything that is truly helpful to our spiritual lives are inspired by Him in countless ways.

By Ann Lankford  
Catechesis & Evangelization





## Parish School of Religion Family Faith Formation

We are currently registering families for our Family Faith Formation 2025-2026 school year. Please return your registration form and payment before the registration deadline of June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have a second grader (First Communion) or tenth grader (Confirmation) your child needs to complete sacramental preparation through the Parish. Please feel free to contact Corina if you have any questions or in need of a registration form at [psr@stbencov.org](mailto:psr@stbencov.org). You can also use the QR Code below to register online:



### STEWARDSHIP – May 25th

Weekly Collection:	\$5,301
E-Giving Online:	\$1,735
Building Fund:	\$35
Poor Box:	\$177
Mass Attendance:	458
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$656,253

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## Happening this Week

### Wednesday, June 4

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 5 to 6 p.m.

### Friday, June 6

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

### Saturday, June 7

Altar Society's Ladies Day of Reflection

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



During the months of June and July the Parish Office will close at 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, relative or friend, we are here to help YOU.

GriefShare© is a Christian-based program to help you navigate your loss and grief through a grief recovery support group. It is a 13-week cycle to help those grieving to discover what to expect in the days ahead and what is "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll also learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way.

The fee is \$25 made payable to St. Benedict Catholic Church. This fee includes your GriefShare workbook. Sharon Hoffman, a widow and parishioner of St. Benedict Church, will facilitate the GriefShare© support group. Each session is self-contained so you can join at any week, but registration is required. To register, go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) and click "find a group" and register. For more information, contact Sharon at [hoffmansha@charter.net](mailto:hoffmansha@charter.net) and leave your telephone number so she can contact you.

This summer GriefShare© support group will meet from May 28-August 20, 2025, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. St. Benedict Catechetical Center, Covington, LA.



*Altar  
Flowers*

The flowers on the Altar this weekend are in memory of Bernice Sparicio.





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