

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul



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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...

Our celebrations during the month of June have spanned from June 8, Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, to June 15, the Most Holy Trinity, to June 22, Corpus Christi, to today's Solemnity, when we celebrate the lives and faith and service of Sts. Peter and Paul.

On June 29 in the year 258 Pope Sixtus VI celebrated the two together at the St. Sebastian Catacombs, and that is why we commemorate them together on this date. It is worth noting that throughout the St. Sebastian Catacombs prayers are carved on the walls by early Christians, which begin "Petrus et Paulus." These two mainstays of our Catholic Church are almost considered as one in terms of their total impact, and they have been for centuries.

The readings for this Solemnity touch on the significance of both Sts. Peter and Paul and expand the understanding of how deep their influence was on the Church as well as on those of us who are among the faithful of that Church.

We deem Peter as our first Pope, and every Holy Father since has served in the succession of Peter. According to The Catechism of the Catholic Church (552-553): "Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Our Lord then declared to him: 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.' Christ, the 'living Stone', thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death.

Because of the faith he confessed, Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it." The fact that St. James (the Greater) was martyred and Peter spared is a clear indication that the Lord had great things in mind for St. Peter.

In St. Paul's letter to Timothy, the second reading, we not only hear of the special apostolate to which Paul was called, but also the eloquent way Paul describes it. Historically, it is most probable that Sts. Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time. Scholars have concluded that Peter was martyred in 64 A.D. under the emperor Nero (Peter would have been approximately 65 years of age), and that Paul was martyred a short time later, also by the Emperor Nero. The fact that these two men were in Rome at the same time and died relatively close together in terms of time, also ties them together for us. So much of Paul's statements in this reading are memorable and well known, from "I am already poured out" to "I have finished the race," but there is special significance in his statement "the crown of righteousness awaits me." In the original Greek, St. Paul used the word "stephanos" for "crown." That is worth noting since that kind of crown was not a royal crown, but a victor's crown. What

makes it especially momentous is the name of the first martyr who suffered under Paul's persecution — Stephanos (St. Stephen).

Like Jesus and the Blessed Mother, Sts. Peter and Paul are at the apex of stewardship examples to all of us. Peter exemplifies in his loyalty to Jesus (like us, however, he was wonderfully human in that regard) and in his steadfast way of establishing the Church. Paul represents the wisdom. Both remind us of how we, too, can overcome doubt: Peter denied the Lord but repented; Paul resisted the truth, but came to believe.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, July 1

+Fred Guillot

Wednesday, July 2

+Don Mastio

Thursday, July 3

+Whip Mouton

Friday, July 4

+Earl Ritchie

Saturday, July 5

5:30 p.m.

Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +David Mastio, +Doug Ellis, +Dale Lorio, +Don Mastio, +Guy Palermo, +Deanie LeBlanc, +Normie Miller, Gayle Palermo, +Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate, +Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Loretta Stansbury, +Carrol Arcement Family

Sunday, July 6

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

+George & Hilda Lusczy, +Arthur DeLaune, +Penny Foret, +Shirley Savoie, Theresa Dicks, +Doug White, +Judy Hahn, +Barbara Faudin, +Fred Guillot, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.

LUNCH MINISTRY THANK YOU

Thanks to all who donated to the Lunch Ministry for the Pasta Salad. The recipients really appreciated the generosity of St. Benedict's Lunch Ministry and our parishioners.

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

July 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.	3	4  Parish Office Closed Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	5 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
6	7 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	8	9 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10 Men's Club Luncheon	11 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	12 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. St. Benedict's Day Potluck Dinner
13	14 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.	17 Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m. 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 p.m.	18 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	19 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Black & Indian Home Mission Collection Blessing of Marriages
20 Black & Indian Home Mission Collection Blessing of Marriages Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	21 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.	24 Parish Offices Closes at Noon	25 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	26 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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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
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St. Augustine Church

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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



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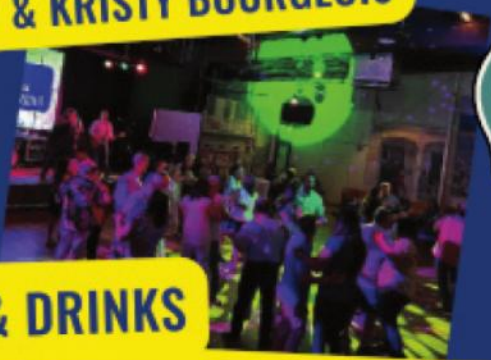
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STEWARDSHIP – June 22nd

Weekly Collection:	\$4,628
E-Giving Online:	\$2,165
Building Fund:	\$100
Poor Box:	\$106
Mass Attendance:	501
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$657,914

Thank you for your generosity!

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 has begun. 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 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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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. The summer GriefShare© support group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. In the Catechetical Center. Each session is self-contained so you can join at any week, but registration is required. To register, go to griefshare.org and click "find a group" and register.

Sharon Hoffman, a widow and parishioner of St. Benedict Church, will facilitate the GriefShare© group. For more information, contact Sharon at hoffmansha@charter.net and leave your telephone number so she can contact you.

The fee is \$25 made payable to St. Benedict Catholic Church. This fee includes your GriefShare workbook.

Happening this Week

Wednesday, July 2

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 5 to 6 p.m.

GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 4

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

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

**The Parish Office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
We wish everyone a safe and happy
4th of July Holiday.**

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