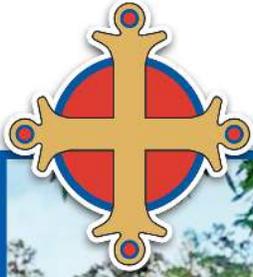




Baptism of the Lord



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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.



Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend marks the close of the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. At the moment of our Baptism, whether in infancy or later in life, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

Our first reading from the Book of Isaiah describes some of the infinitely wonderful characteristics of Christ that we, as his disciples, are called to imitate. Through the prophet, the Father calls His Son “my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.” Christ’s actions are powerful in effect — “He shall bring for justice to the nations” — yet humbly and gently carried out — “not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street, a bruised reed he shall not break...” This is a description of the way of life we must go about in our work as disciples of Christ: humbly and lovingly, without calling attention to ourselves and yet without backing down when the going gets tough.

In our second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter reminds us that God has no favorites; Jesus is “Lord of all” and all are equally wanted and cherished by the Father. Peter gives us yet another glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” Again, by virtue of our Baptism, God is with us, too. We, therefore, must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

Finally, in the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. Imagine the Son of God waiting his turn in line with sinners seeking baptism. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples. And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God’s “beloved” sons and daughters “with whom He is well-pleased.”

There is no greater honor, no greater satisfaction than living well as disciple of Jesus Christ. Let’s resolve in the year ahead to use our Time, Talents, and Treasure in ways

that allow us to walk more closely in the footsteps of our incredible Lord and Savior.



Tuesday, January 13

Louis Haar

Wednesday, January 14

+Arthur DeLaune

Thursday, January 15

Frankie Moore

Friday, January 16

Maria Mondello

Saturday, January 17

5:30 p.m.

Sarah Lucia, +Bob & Jane Ayerst, +Steve & Anna Balogh, +Bill Baker, +Chris Bohn, +Mike Langhart, +Lydia Gallo, Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, Paul Benham, +George & Laverne Novak, +Benjamin Minden, +Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate, +Calvin & Margie Mae Briggs,

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

+John Mannion, Dakota Folse, +Shirley Douroux



Prayer List



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



Happening this Week

Tuesday, January 13

Altar Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 15

Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.
Family Faith Formation 6:00 p.m.
4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 16

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 17

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.
Baby Bottle Drive

Sunday, January 18

Baby Bottle Drive



HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT AFTER THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Grief is a complex and often overwhelming experience.

The emotions that surface during this time can be painful and confusing, making it difficult to know how to move forward. Whether your bereavement is recent or occurred some time ago, this can be a unique opportunity to connect with people who truly understand what you are going through.

About GriefShare®

This 13-week support group program is designed to help you learn what to anticipate in the days ahead and to recognize that there is no single "right" way to grieve. There are no neat or predictable stages of grief; instead, the journey is unique for each person.

What to Expect

Each week you can expect to view a 30-minute video filled with helpful guidance, discuss grief-related issues, and gain personal recovery tips through your participant workbook. Each session is self-contained so you may join at any week, but registration is required.

Facilitators and Registration

Sharon Hoffman, a widow and parishioner of St. Benedict Church and Sister Kateri Battaglia, MSC, will serve as facilitators. Feel free to contact Sharon at hoffmansha@charter.net; Sister Kateri at srkaterimsc@yahoo.com or 504-453-0618.

To register go online to griefshare.org/findagroup. A Registration/Participant Fee of \$25 is payable to St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Schedule and Location

This GriefShare® support group will meet every Tuesday, beginning on January 20 and continuing through April 21, 2026. Please note that there will be no session on Mardi Gras. Meetings are scheduled from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the Catechetical Center at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Covington, LA.

Support and Understanding in GriefShare®

Many individuals who attend GriefShare® sessions consistently express that they experience a sense of comfort and encouragement by being surrounded by others who genuinely comprehend the challenges of grief.

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Silent Women's Retreat
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January 16-18, 2026

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Register at neworleansretreats.com or by calling 504-267-9604. Scholarships are available.

STEWARDSHIP – January 4th

Weekly Collection:	\$6,115
E-Giving Online:	\$3,486
Building Fund:	\$2,558
Christmas Collection:	\$16,996
Poor Box:	\$2,731
Mass Attendance:	503
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$694,004

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