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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](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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend readings remind us as disciples that we are also called to be stewards of what God has given us. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin, have been born again into the great light that is God's grace in us. We have become cherished members of God's family.

This privilege comes with the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and in our own home.

In our second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul urges us to keep the responsibility of sharing the Gospel our foremost priority. In this passage he addresses the divisions and rivalries that have cropped up in the Christian community in Corinth. He urges the Christians there to "be united in the same mind and the same purpose," reminding them that it was Christ and only Christ Who was crucified for us. We owe everything to Him. Our lives are therefore not about us, our egos, our personal ambitions and loyalties. Those things cannot satisfy us, anyway. Our loyalty must be to Christ above all else and our priority must be to bring His light to everyone He puts in our path.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with our call. We see this in our Gospel passage from Matthew, where we find Jesus on the move. He has left Nazareth and goes to live in Capernaum, fulfilling what was said of Him through the prophet Isaiah, as we recall from today's first reading. "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

Our Lord sees Simon and his brother, Andrew, living an ordinary day as fishermen when He said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." The two did not hesitate. They didn't think about themselves or how this might disrupt their business. Rather, "at once they left their nets and followed him." Then, Jesus called two more brothers, James and John. They, too, were living an ordinary day as fishermen, working alongside their father mending nets in their boat. Jesus called them and "immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." They did not worry about their personal lives and how their father might react. They put our Lord and His will first and responded without hesitation.

This is the essence of who we are — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, January 27**  
Handmaids of the Precious Blood

**Wednesday, January 28**  
Sister Joel Gubler

**Thursday, January 29**  
+Anthony Napolitano

**Friday, January 30**  
+Cody Lucia

**Saturday, January 31**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
+Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate,  
Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +Richard Antolik,  
+Joseph Stephens, Rebecca Lucia, +Hattie Schuler,  
+Carrol Arcement Family

**Sunday, February 1**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
Parishioners of Saint Benedict

**10:30 a.m.**  
Connor McDonough, +Richard Antolik, Patrick Hymel



## 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

### Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in New Orleans. To register, please contact the parish office by **Monday, February 2, 2026.**



*Happening this Week*

**Wednesday, January 28**

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Thursday, January 29**

Parish Office Closes at Noon

**Friday, January 30**

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, January 31**

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



On Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first **2026 Prayer Blanket Ministry Meeting**. In case you are unfamiliar with our ministry we would like to tell you a little bit about us. We accept donated material and then ministry members make quilted, knitted, and/or crocheted blankets for parishioners, family members, friends and those who are in need of our prayers. Our Spiritual Works of Mercy call us to comfort the sorrowful and pray for the living. Whether it is from illness, anxiety or other needs, we want them to know that we as a Catholic Christian community are praying for them. We pray that God's love and peace will fill each of them in their need. It connects us as a community and as a people of God. Fr. Charles blesses the completed blankets at a Sunday Mass for distribution. Our blessed blankets are then available in the church office for distribution.

We would love for anyone interested in this Ministry to join us on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Catechetical Center. We also ask that you include all of our blanket recipients in your prayers.

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*Magnificat*  
*West St. Tammany*  
BREAKFAST & GUEST SPEAKER  
**ANGELLE ALBRIGHT**



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Men of the archdiocese, answer the call! Join our gathering of hundreds of men at the 2026 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Through dynamic speakers, Reconciliation, and Mass, see how Mary's "Let It Be Done" echoes your vocation in the world.

Learn more and register today at [nolacatholicmen.com](http://nolacatholicmen.com).

**STEWARDSHIP – January 18th**

Weekly Collection:	\$3,878
E-Giving Online:	\$3,160
Building Fund:	\$25
Poor Box:	\$552
Mass Attendance:	573
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$694,004

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