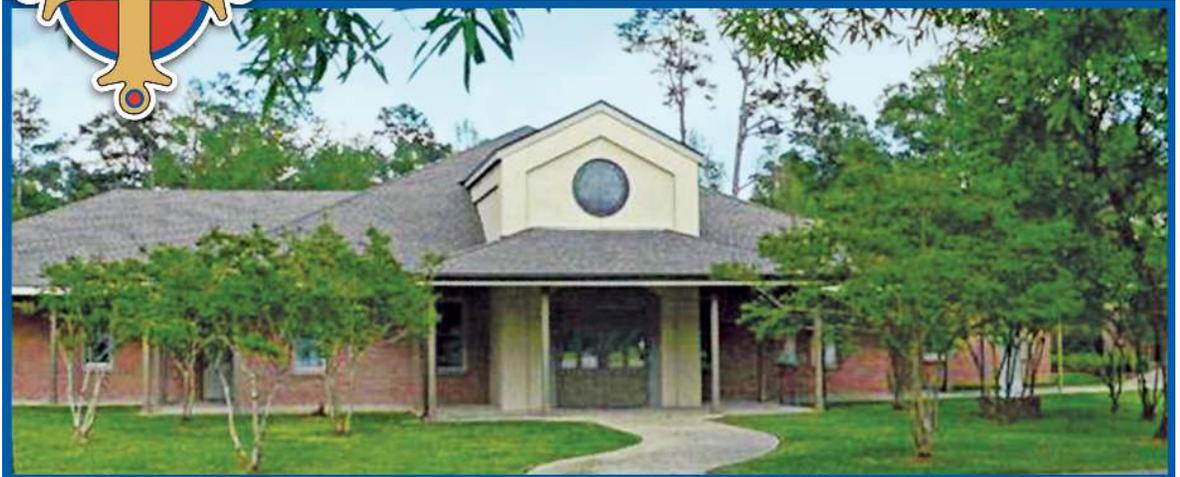


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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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.



### *Father Charles's Corner...*

This weekend's Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ's Sermon on the Mount. The Lord teaches this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted of part of the four Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 1716) this idea is supported in the following passage that states, "The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven."

The Sermon on the Mount provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean, and persecuted to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these are traits the Lord calls us to, and what He may mean by them.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to "hunger and thirst for righteousness," He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important — things like power and success and wealth and possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those. When He calls us to be peacemakers, He probably does not mean that we do not just live in peace, but that we need to bring peace to others.

He also reminds us that the reward for living in these ways may well be persecution. Why? Quite simply because the world has a differing view of these character traits and values. The question we are called to answer through our lives is, "Are these Beatitudes reflective of our lives?" They need to be.



**Tuesday, February 3**  
Nicholas Guzzardo

**Wednesday, February 4**  
+Brian Logarbo, Sr.

**Thursday, February 5**  
+Flo Callahan

**Friday, February 6**  
+Jan Martinec

**Saturday, February 7**  
**5:30 p.m.**

+Normie Miller, +Norma Fabre, +Sidney & Anna Rivero,  
+Skip Miller, +Guy Palermo, +Narvey & Esma DeLage,  
+George & Lavergne Novak, +Benjamin Minden,  
+Bob & Jane Ayerst, +Chris Bohn, +Bill Baker,  
+Mike Langhart, +Steve & Anna Balogh

**Sunday, February 8**  
**8:00 a.m.**

+Cody Lucia, +Mary Courville, +Eric Hoffman,  
+Dan Berlin, +Richard Antolik, +Rob Mingo

**10:30 a.m.**

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



### *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.**



## 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](mailto:hoffmansha@charter.net); Sister Kateri at [srkaterimsc@yahoo.com](mailto:srkaterimsc@yahoo.com) or **504-453-0618**.

To register go online to [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://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®

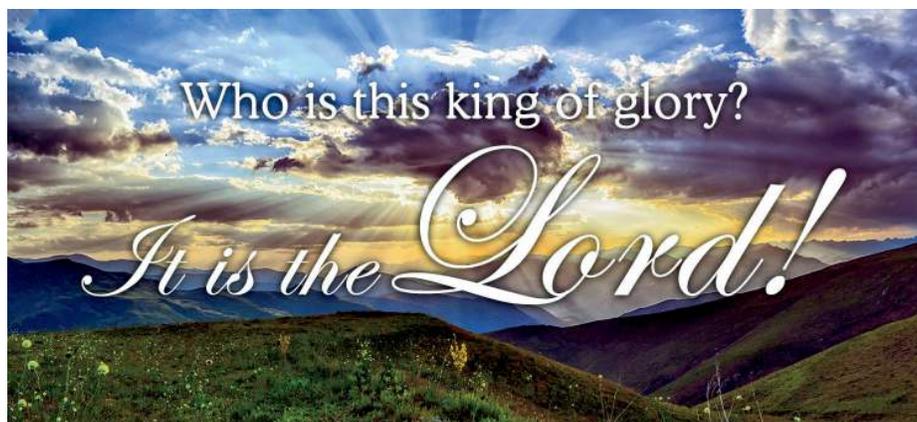
Many individuals who attend GriefShare® sessions consistently express that they experience a sense of comfort and encouragement by being surrounded by others who genuinely comprehend the challenges of grief.



## Calling All 6th-12th Grade Girls to the 2026 Nun Run!

Are you curious about religious life? Come along on our Nun Run on Saturday, January 31 (8:30 AM–4:30 PM). Participants will leave from Mary, Queen of Peace (Mandeville) and visit four different religious orders, experience their communities firsthand, hear the sisters' vocation journeys, and gain deeper insight into what it means to be a religious sister. This is an amazing opportunity for anyone discerning God's call or seeking to learn more about consecrated life.

For More Info: <https://www.maryqueenofpeace.org/nun-run>





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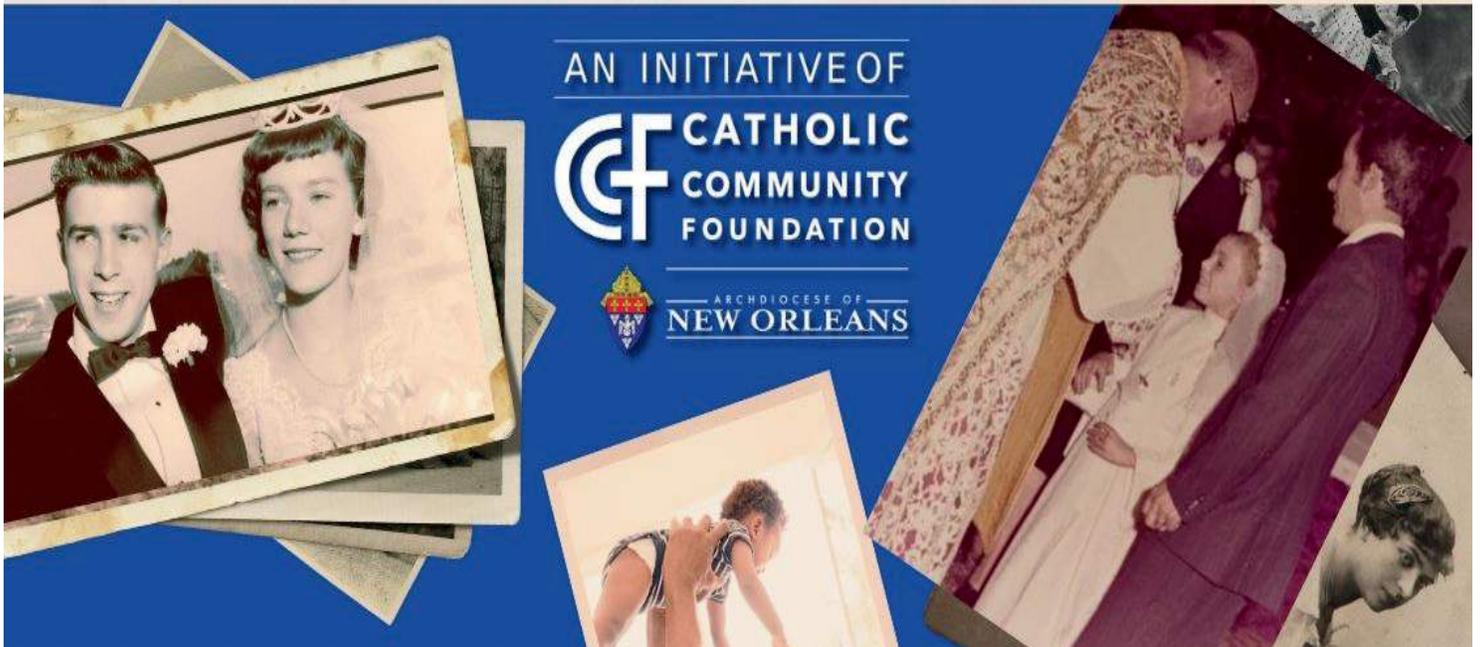
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February 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	3 GriefShare 1:30 p.m.	4 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	5	6 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	7 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
8	9 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	10 GriefShare 1:30 p.m. Altar Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	12 Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass Blanket Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m.	14  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
15	16  Parish Office Closed KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	17  Parish Office Closed	18  Masses at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. <b>DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE</b> Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass <b>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b> Way of the Cross, 7p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation	21 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Collection Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass
22 Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Collection Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	23 KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	24 GriefShare 1:30 p.m.	25 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	26 Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m. Parish Office Closes at Noon Family Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 p.m.	27 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass  Men's Club Fish Fry 4 - 7 p.m. <b>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b> Way of the Cross, 7p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation	28 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Collection





*Happening this Week*

**Tuesday, February 3**

GriefShare Meeting 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 4**

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

**Friday, February 6**

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, February 7**

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



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 28th, 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 25th

Weekly Collection:	\$3,228
E-Giving Online:	\$2,769
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Mass Attendance:	347
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$701,405

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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.



**MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

The Men's Club will hold their annual Fish Fry Dinners during Lent on February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.



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