

6TH SUNDAY of Easter



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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...

This weekend's readings invite to think about hospitality. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings. To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives. This can be done in small and simple ways. Perhaps you can commit to setting your alarm ten minutes early to meditate on the day's Gospel. Perhaps you could read a paragraph of the Catechism with your family at dinner. You could pray over a portion of the Psalms before going to bed at night. You can start a Bible study right here at the parish. There are many ways to grow in knowledge and love of God's word.

Over time these simple practices can radically change one's life. We will begin to more easily think like Jesus, respond like Jesus, and live like Jesus. We really will form our minds, hearts, and souls into a place where the Blessed Trinity is pleased to dwell.

How is this possible? Because we have an Unseen Teacher with us as we seek to know and keep God's word. Jesus tells us so later in this same Gospel passage. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when and how you can get to know God's word in your particular circumstances and then commit to it!

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed

Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, May 27

+Joseph Candilora

Wednesday, May 28

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Thursday, May 29

+Emily Bresolaro

Friday, May 30

Katherine McMillian

Saturday, May 31

5:30 p.m.

Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +David Mastio, +Doug Ellis, +Dale Lorio, +Sr. Suellen Tennyson, M.S.C., Theresa Dicks, Paul Benham, Diane Ryan, +Bill Hipp, +Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate, +Skip Miller, +Adrienne Paciera, +Don Mastio,

Sunday, June 1

8:00 a.m.

+David Powers, +Eric Hoffman, +Nancy Young, Brady & Ashlyn Ross, +Richard Duvieilh, +Joseph & Norma Bossenmeyer, +Sr. Suellen Tennyson, M.S.C.

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, 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., 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



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 9th. 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. You can also use the QR Code below to register online:



Happening this Week

Monday, May 26

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, May 28

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 5 to 6 p.m.

Friday, May 30

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 31

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day and will re-open at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28th.

STEWARDSHIP – May 18th

Weekly Collection:	\$3,997
E-Giving Online:	\$4,069
Building Fund:	\$25
Poor Box:	\$48
Mass Attendance:	418
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$651,690

Thank you for your generosity!

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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 and click “find a group” and register. For more information, contact Sharon at 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.



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