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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:30 am
<b>Tuesday-Friday</b>	8:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00-6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Fridays</b>	8:30-9:30 am
<b>First Friday</b>	7:00-8:00 pm

## ROSARY FOR PEACE

<b>Third Thursday</b>	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](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.



## *Fr. Charles's Corner...*

This weekend's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christians are to approach our relationship with God and others.

The First Reading gives us an early glimpse of the extravagance of God's mercy revealed in the very first book of the Old Testament. In this passage from Genesis, we find Abraham testing the limits of God's kindness and patience with His people. God tells Abraham that despite the terrible depravity in Sodom and Gomorrah, for the sake of just a handful of innocent people, He would spare them all. What an infinitely loving God we have!

The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer, offering us both a method of prayer from Jesus Himself and the encouragement to persist in prayer. In this passage, some of His disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

In the Our Father, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children.

After giving us the Our Father, Jesus shares the story of the man who bugs his neighbor for bread in the middle of the night. The man's persistence pays off. How much more perfectly the Father will answer the prayers of His children when we persist in going to Him with our needs.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others!

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, July 29**

+Don Mastio

**Wednesday, July 30**

+Don Mastio

**Thursday, July 31**

+Hugh Warren

**Friday, August 1**

+Cody Lucia

**Saturday, August 2**

**5:30 p.m.**

+David Mastio, +Doug Ellis, +Don Mastio, +Jerry Wilson,  
+Deanie LeBlanc, +Normie Miller, +Russell Rudolph,  
+Dale Lorio, Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors,  
+Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate,  
+Carrol Arcement Family

**Sunday, August 3**

**8:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

**10:30 a.m.**

+Cody Lucia, +Shirley Savoie, +Ray & Elmira DeRoche,  
+Phillip E. Lee, Jr.



## Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Tina Zocco, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Reber, Anna Ison, 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, Ina Berlin, Paul Richmond, C.J. Richmond, Avery Fuselier



# Saint Benedict Catholic Church

August 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	2 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Blessing of Students & Teachers at Mass
3  Blessing of Students & Teachers at Mass	4 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	5	6 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	9 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Catholic Relief Services Second Collection
10  Catholic Relief Services Second Collection  2025 Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	11 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	12 Altar Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13 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.	14 Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary  Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.	15  Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary  HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  Mass at 8 a.m.  Parish Office Closed  Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	16  Father Sergio D. Martarena  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
17  Father Sergio D. Martarena	18 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	19	20 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.	21 Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.  4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 p.m.	22 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	23 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass
24  2025 Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass  Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	25 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	26	27 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	28	29 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	30 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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## OUR NEEDS

- Regular attendance of doctors and specialists to visit and care our young people.
- The possibility of employing teachers for our young people with different abilities.
- To improve the building structure for the youth such as stoves, chairs, washing machines and dryers, etc.



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## WHAT IS OUR HOUSE OF MERCY?

The “House of Mercy” of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a permanent shelter for male beneficiaries who are mentally handicapped and with physical movement disorders. Currently, the children and adults who attend have different pathologies and disabilities such as Down syndrome, Alzheimer’s, Autism, mental retardation, etc.

Our home is an institution guided by the principles of Jesus Christ. That is why we try to serve the most helpless, the poorest and those who are sometimes in desperate situations. The scope of our service wants to be as vast as the mercy of Christ.



## PLACE AND HISTORY

On December 12, 2006 feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we received the formal permission to found a House of Mercy and the following year on April 15, 2007 Divine Mercy Sunday, this home was officially inaugurated and is currently located in King Mariout, on the outskirts of Alexandria, Egypt.

## CITY OF CHARITY

The Home “Our Lady of Guadalupe” is part of a larger project, which we call “the City of Charity”. This “City” does not consist in a specific physical space, but in the coordination of all the charitable works of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word. For this reason, this House of Mercy is currently and jointly working with the two Houses of Mercy: “Blessed Catalina Troiani” and “Divino Niño”.



## VOLUNTEERS

In this home we also try to give the possibility to those who want to volunteer. They are able to experience what Our Lord Jesus Christ said through the mouth of St. Paul “there is more joy in giving than in receiving”, and therefore, they can make a work of mercy in order to receive the mercy of God.



ISAÁBEL FROM SPAIN

*What struck me the most is to see the joy of the children and everyone. And you can see that this place is being built with love.*



VASSEL FROM  
NETHERLANDS

*I am very grateful to God for giving me the opportunity and the grace to help and take care of these little ones.*





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## MASS INTENTION POLICY

*The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, or a specific intention, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. The following policy was implemented in order to accommodate the numerous Mass requests in a reasonable and fair manner.*

1. The *Mass Intention Book* will open on August 1<sup>st</sup> for 2026.
2. Until November 1<sup>st</sup> we will accept no more than 12 single intention requests from a household for 2025. (Unlimited requests for Sunday or Saturday Masses will be accepted.) After November 1<sup>st</sup> all intentions will be accepted until the schedule is full.
3. Mass requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received at the parish office.
4. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone. Mass requests must be made in person in the parish office, or in writing and placed in the collection basket or drop box outside of the parish office. Requests may also be mailed to the office. Forms for requesting a Mass can be obtained from the parish office, in the back of the church, or available online on the parish website.
5. A \$5 stipend—established by the archdiocese—is to accompany each Mass request. The stipend is a gift to the Church for the Mass intention. At present, St. Benedict Church will continue bearing the costs associated in sending a card to the person for whom the Mass is being offered, or if the person is deceased, to their next of kin.
6. Canon Law requires that only one intention per Mass is allowed except for two Masses each week when the pastor can allow multiple intentions. These multiple intention Masses are designated for weekends.
7. Intentions must be specific and deliberate: “special intention” or “private intentions” will not be accepted. Lengthy intention listings cannot be published in the Bulletin and must be edited for the sake of brevity. Also, when the intention is for a family, up to three first names with the same last name (i.e. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or the parents’ first names and last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith Family) should be used.
8. Mass intentions will not be rescheduled if a verbal announcement was not heard during Mass. The priest celebrant is under the strict obligation to remember the intention for which the Mass is being offered and it is presumed that the priest will offer the Mass as requested. The intention is a spiritual act and its verbal publication neither adds nor subtracts from its validity.
9. All intention requests are subject to acceptance by the pastor, who will also have the final determination of the wording of any intention.
10. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.
11. Please remember the Mass intention is only a request. Once the Mass is scheduled we will do our best to celebrate the Mass on the day and time scheduled. However, this may not be possible because of unforeseen circumstances. In this case the next available date and time will be scheduled. Attempts will be made to contact the concerned parties ahead of time, but please note that this is not always possible.





## STEWARDSHIP – July 20th

Weekly Collection:	\$5,996
Black & Indian Home Mission	\$968
E-Giving Online:	\$2,260
Building Fund:	\$600
Poor Box:	\$2,052
Mass Attendance:	463
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$662,505

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The 2026 Mass Intention book will open on Friday, August 1st for the upcoming calendar year. Until November 1st we will accept no more than 12 weekday (single intention) requests from a household for the upcoming year (unlimited requests for Sunday or Saturday Masses will be accepted). After November 1st, all intentions will be accepted until the schedule is full. Mass requests will be honored on a *first-come, first-serve* basis in the office. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone. Mass requests must be made in person in the parish office, mailed to the office, or put into an enveloped and placed in the collection. Forms for requesting a Mass can be obtained from the parish office, in the back of the church, or online on the parish website.

## *Happening this Week*

### **Wednesday, July 30**

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5 to 6 p.m.

GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### **Friday, August 1**

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

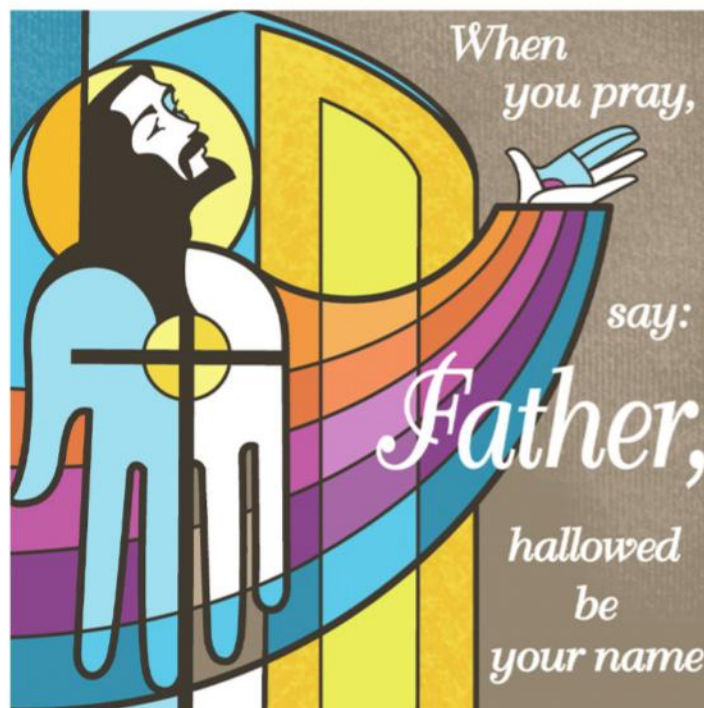
### **Saturday, August 2**

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

Blessing of Students & Teachers at Mass

### **Sunday, August 3**

Blessing of Students & Teachers at Mass



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## CONFIRMATION 2025

### **Sunday, August 10**

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

### **Sunday, August 24**

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

### **Sunday, September 14**

Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 25**

Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.



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