

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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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 week in our liturgical year that is like no other — Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday's liturgy is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose love for us knows no bounds — culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death — all for us.

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. They did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives that we become His true disciples.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week — attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit — and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 15

+Clara Armstrong

Wednesday, April 16

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Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m.

Father Charles

Friday, April 18

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19

8:00 p.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m.

+Cody Lucia, +David Powers, +Edward Lancaster,
+Eric Hoffman, +C.J. Armand, +Paul Guilbault,
April Mayo, Sylvia Norton, Joseph Derouen,
+Nancy Young

10:30 a.m.

Bennett Shorts, +Richalyn Nye



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, Fred Guillot, 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, Rose Jones, Ken Gainwell, Heidi Jean Smith, Lezlie Brown, Linda Richerson, Elsa Zeringue

The second collection on Easter is to help cover our assessment of \$10,043 for the salaries and benefits of priests working in hospital and nursing home chaplaincies, seminaries, and high schools.

Please be generous



Holy Week Schedule



Holy (Spy) Wednesday (April 16th)

Morning Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Deanery Penance Service at 6 p.m.

at Most Holy Trinity Church in Covington

(N.B. NO confessions at St. Benedict)

Holy Thursday (April 17th)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by adoration until 10 p.m.

Good Friday (April 18th)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross

Followed by Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday (April 19th)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

(N.B. NO Confessions or Mass at 5:30 p.m.)

Happening this Week

Tuesday, April 15

GriefShare Meeting 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Deanery Penance Service 6p.m. at Most Holy Trinity
(No Confessions at St. Benedict)

Thursday, April 17

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Parish Office Closed

Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

Celebration of Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP – April 6th

Weekly Collection:	\$6,601
E-Giving Online:	\$12,529
Building Fund:	\$3,209
Poor Box:	\$2,053
Mass Attendance:	402
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$643,391

Thank you for your generosity!



FOOD DRIVE

Our Confirmation Class is collecting non-perishable food items for the Northshore Food Bank. Please take a brown bag from the back of the church and return it with non-perishable items to assist those who are in need during this time of the year.

Easter Flower Sponsorship

The Altar Society is accepting memorial and honorable sponsorships for Easter Lilies and to help provide flowers in the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season for a donation of \$20 per sponsorship.

In memory / honor (circle one) of _____ by: _____

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*Please cut out and place in an envelope with donation and place in the collection basket or
bring to the office by 9 a.m. on Monday, April 14th*

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