

Ministers of the Liturgy November 28 & 29, 2015

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Bob Whitman, Marian Quigley,
Marie O'Malley, George Spaulding,
Frank Anthony Federico, Flora Maria Be,
Lucia Salvo H., Augustine Borrás,
Karen Hebert (L), Rose Marie Greco Federico,
Joseph Rodosta, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Patrick C. McKinney, Joyce Sirgo,
Hubert LaBorde, Ruby Lambert,
Joseph Segari, Mary Rose Deist, Elaine Durel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. & P. Delaup
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. & G. Rojas, C. Rispoli, B. Soletto
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Dianne Z. Harrison, Hilton Daigle, Jr.,
Frank E. Golemi, Lena Sensebe, Rita Burch,
Louis Lehrmann, Jr. & Sr., George Prattini,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Donald Tarsney,
Margaret & Larry Pregeant, Melvin Ducote,
Kelvin Ducote, In Honor of St. Joseph
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Marian Quigley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
D. Powers, T. Kettenring
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (11/30-12/5)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Marie O'Malley
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Maxine Nicaud
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Marion Holloway
8:20 a.m. Hilda Thibodaux
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Mary Comberrel
5:30 p.m. Lillie Soupenne
Friday 7:00 a.m. Marine Peters
Saturday 8:45 a.m. Rosary & Altar Society

December Mass Schedule

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| Dec. 5/6 | Dec. 19/20 |
| 4 p.m. Fr. H. L. | 4 p.m. Fr. H. L. |
| 9 a.m. Fr. H. L. | 9 a.m. Fr. H. L. |
| 11 a.m. Fr. Cooper | 11 a.m. Fr. Cooper |
| 6 p.m. Fr. Cooper | 6 p.m. Fr. Cooper |
| Dec. 12/13 | Dec. 26/27 |
| 4 p.m. Fr. Cooper | 4 p.m. Fr. Cooper |
| 9 a.m. Fr. Cooper | 9 a.m. Fr. Cooper |
| 11 a.m. Fr. Cooper | 11 a.m. Fr. H. L. |
| 6 p.m. Fr. Cooper | 6 p.m. Fr. H. L. |

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Vigil Mass will be celebrated at **5:30pm on Monday, December 7**. Masses on **Tuesday, December 8** will be at **7am, 8:20am (School Mass), 12 Noon, and 6 pm**. **Due to the Holy Day of Obligation, there will be no 6pm Holy Hour and Confessions on Monday, December 7.**

Adorers Needed

We have many open times in the Adoration Chapel. If you would like to spend an hour once a week in quiet prayer, please call Joy at 834-5525 for more information.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Dec. 5/6
4 p.m. K. Hartdegan, D. Martin
9 a.m. R. Meche, P. Manfre, M. Evola, P. Fleming
11 a.m. K. Robertson, R. Meece, J. Hutchinson,
R. Oleksik
6 p.m. A. Calongne, T. Keller



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of November 29
J. Dunn, C. Batt, L. Segari

Linens

Large - J. Zeringue Small - A. Delaup

Last Week's Collection

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.

December Calendar

- Dec. 1 Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
 Dec. 2 Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
 Dec. 3 CALM - 7 p.m. - Church
 Dec. 4 Radio Rosary - 5:45 p.m. - Library
 Pack 227 Meeting - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
 Dec. 5 Rosary & Altar Society Mass and Meeting
 Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
 Dec. 6 CCD Confessions - 10 a.m. - Church
 Jr. Confirmation Activity - 4 p.m. - School Bldg.
 Dec. 7 R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Parish Office
 Dec. 9 Grandparents' Club - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
 Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
 Dec. 12 Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
 Dec. 13 Holy Name/Men's Club Mass and Breakfast
 Dec. 14 R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Library
 Dec. 15 SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office
 Advisory Council - 7 p.m. - Faculty Lounge
 Dec. 16 Block Rosary - 7 p.m. - Powers Home
 Dec. 18 Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
 Dec. 19/20 Hospitality Weekend - CYO
 Dec. 20 Men's Club Chili Cookoff - Schoolyard
 Dec. 21 Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
 R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Library
 Dec. 30 Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center

St. Vincent de Paul Report

During the months of July, August and September, we were able to assist 101 clients. We provided \$4,518 for utility and housing assistance. We were also able to distribute food valued at \$3,900. We could not have met the dire needs of our less fortunate neighbors without your generosity. We sincerely appreciate the parishioners of St. Benilde.

Christmas Memorial Greenery and Flowers

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Benilde Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Christmas Flowers Memorial Envelopes** found in the vestibule of Church.

Donations toward the cost of Christmas decorations in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received during this past year. *The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance.* Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, the Poor Box or bring it to the Parish Office before December 23. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the Christmas Season and names will be printed in the bulletin.

Advent Message 2015

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

There is a parable told of a man whose neighbor found him on his hands and knees, searching the ground. The neighbor asked, "What are you looking for?" "My key," replied the man. So the neighbor got down on his hands and knees to help. After several minutes with no results the neighbor asked, "Where were you when you lost it?" "In my house," came the answer. "Why are we looking for it out here then?" the neighbor asked. The man replied, "Because it's brighter out here."

I find the story delightful for two reasons. The first is its simple humor; the second is the broad extent to which the story is a parable of human activity. In our search for security, meaning, peace, serenity, and other deep needs of human life, we tend to go looking in the places where it's easy to look, rather than in the places where we are likely to find them. We get attracted to bright, flashy, simplistic solutions and fail to look at the dimmer, often hidden, and more complex realities which are the fabric of human life. We look to ourselves, when our hope lies with God.

Christian hope is a rich and many-textured virtue. Hope is grounded in the past, with the stories of creation, fall and redemption, in which God responds to our rebellion and willful disobedience by choosing to pursue us through prophets, kings and sages – even to the point of death – until we are restored to life. Hope is enlivened with faith, as we learn through the story of salvation history to trust the one who will never give up on our broken humanity. Hope is refined by love as we see revealed in the compassionate heart of God and God's desire for union with us through the binding of the Holy Spirit. Hope dwells firmly in the present as we lay the veils and barriers of worry and concern in the hands of the one who alone can resolve them. Hope stands on the truth of God's justice and waits with patience for its fulfillment in God's good time. Hope makes future present as the assurance of God's coming reign is realized in our Lord Jesus Christ who stands with us in each moment of our days. Hope is an overwhelmingly generous gift that God plants in our hearts as we turn to Him to be refashioned into the image of Christ.

Advent is a season of hope. It is a season where the story of our past and our yearning for the fulfillment of all things, finds its answer in the enfleshing of God in the miracle of the Christ child. In this Advent season, when the days darken into the depths of winter, we are called through a renewed commitment to prayer and study, and through action which bears witness to God's reign of justice, peace, and charity to place our hope in the One who is more certain than the sun's returning light in springtime.

Praying that you may have a holy and blessed Advent Season,

I remain

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Cooper