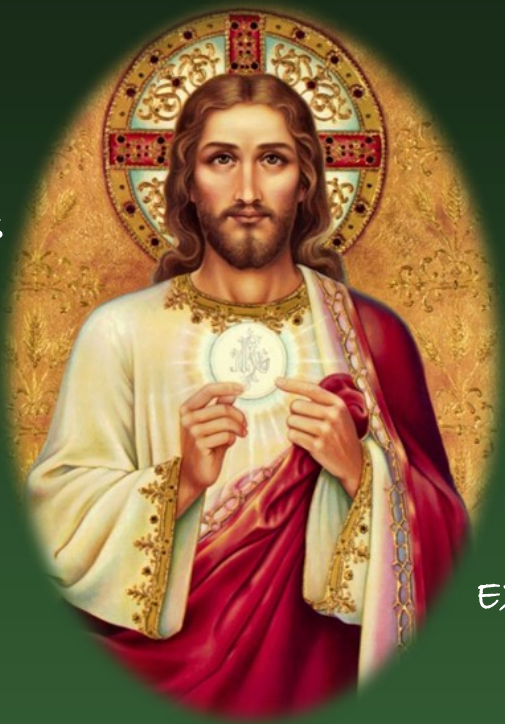


November 18, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ORDINARY FAMILIES



EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

ST. BENILDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Rev. Robert T. Cooper, *Pastor*
Rev. H.L. Brignac, *Sacramental Asst.*
Deacon Biaggio DiGiovanni
Deacon Stephen Gordon
Deacon Clifford Wright

BAPTISMS

First and Third Sundays of the month
at 12 Noon. Please call the Parish
Office for more information.

MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest/deacon
8 months prior to your wedding.

FUNERALS

Arrangements may be made at the
Parish Office.

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil ... 4 p.m.
Sunday ... 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday—Friday ... 7:00 a.m.
Monday and Thursday ... 5:30 p.m.
First Saturday ... 8:45 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin for Schedule

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.
Sunday ... 5:00—5:45 p.m.
Monday ... 6:00—6:45 p.m.
and by appointment at the Parish Office

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 p.m. Sunday
till 4:00 p.m. Saturday

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour in Church
Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Following 7 a.m. Mass on Tuesday

NEWCOMERS

Call the Parish Office to receive a New
Parishioner Registration Packet.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference
(504) 233-3246

ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mr. Thomas Huck, Principal
1801 Division Street • Metairie, LA
(504) 833-9894



Ministers of the Liturgy

November 17 & 18, 2018

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., Colgan Family,
Hubert LaBorde, Pete Muscarello, Jr., Theresa Bacino,
Joseph Segari, Austin Burroughs, George Spaulding,
Flora Maria Be, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Bob Kelly,
James Jones, Patrick C. McKinney, Russell Joubert, Jr.

Rita Hecker, Audrey LeBlanc, Judith Theisges,
Melissa Mendel Zimmerman, Edward Van Hoven

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

A. & P. Delaup

Cantor: Kevin Rouchell *Organist:* Jared Croal

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Nikki Oddo Sanchez,
Dianne & Ronnie Harrison, Audrey Cusimano,
Kelvin Ducote, Mary & Melvin Ducote,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Rose Mary Silbernagel,
Judith Theisges, Sr. Therese Fletchinger SSND,
Geno Soletto, Paul J. Hymel, Jr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

J. Ackermann, J. Wright, C. & T. Pitre

Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Russell Joubert

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M. Drawe, D. Powers

Cantor: Lauren Gisclair *Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:00 a.m. June & Marion Ackermann (L) 5:30 p.m. Joy Rojas
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Bill C. Johnson
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Joy Rojas, Judith Theisges, Chris & Marine Peters, Dora Saborio, Jeffrey Morise
Friday	7:00 a.m. Mary Erin Mothes Constant

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp
burns in memory of
The Souls in Purgatory**



**The Blessed Mother
Votive Lamps burn
in Memory of Joy Rojas**

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamps
burn for a
Special Intention (L)**



**Adoration Chapel
Sanctuary Lamp burns
in memory of
Stuart & Gloria Fourroux**

**Adoration Chapel Candles
burn in memory of
Ronnie & Dianne Harrison**



Altar Ladies

Week of November 18

M. Curry, G. Boling

Linens

Large - J. Zeringue
Small - A. Delaup



**The Altar Flowers are in
memory of
Deceased Parishioners**



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of November 10 & 11

Envelopes	\$4,267.00
Loose	2,433.00
Electronic Giving	1,004.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,432.00
Msgr. Richaud Fund.....	257.00
Totaling	\$10,825.00

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."

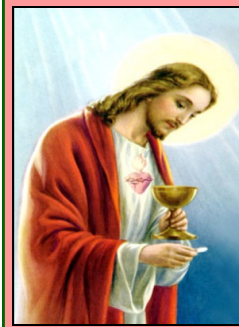
~ Fr. Cooper



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Nov. 24/25

- 4 PM J. Rodosta, L. Segari
 9 AM C. & R. Rodosta, L. Segari, R. Theriot
 11 AM K. Archer, K. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
 6 PM D. Childers, T. Pitre



Out Of Reverence For The Lord Jesus

who so generously shares with us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, worshipers are earnestly invited to remain with the congregation until Mass is concluded.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Fr. Cooper **will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 22 at 9 AM.** Thanksgiving Day is a special time to remember the blessings we have received from God, so that we can be a more thankful people every day. The reasons for having grateful hearts make up a long litany: the gift of life itself, faith in a God who loves us and is very near to us, good health, loving family, caring friends, opportunities to serve, food on our tables, roofs over our heads. Yes, we have our times of doubt, our aches and pains, our family conflicts, and our economic struggles. But in spite of all these challenges, we are incredibly blessed! **There will be no 7 AM or 5:30 PM Mass on Thursday, November 22.**

Adoration Chapel - Thanksgiving Day

The Adoration Chapel will close at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, November 21 and will reopen at 7:30 AM on Friday, November 23.

St. Benilde Movie Night

Just in time for the Advent Season, we invite you to join us for the presentation of **"Silent Night."** Learn the true story behind the most popular Christmas carol of all times. This 90-minute film is an inspiring story of faith, hope and perseverance.

Friday, November 30, 2018

7 PM in the Teen Center

1901 Division Street, Metairie, LA.

Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We will reopen on Monday, November 26 at 9 am.

Contact person: Val Hebert at valencemet@aol.com or at 504-427-0327.





FR. COOPER'S CORNER

Thanksgiving Message 2018

When the pilgrims lowered the anchor in Plymouth harbor in December 1620, they were filled with hope. They had survived a perilous three-month journey on an inhospitable Atlantic with only one casualty. Their incessant prayers for a safe arrival had been heard. They had finally landed in the new world and were ready to begin a new life. Little did they know the year that would await them.

Of the 103 that disembarked, more than half would die before winter was over. Governor John Carver, their leader, succumbed quickly to fever. Ten of the seventeen husbands and fathers died. Fourteen of their seventeen wives also perished. The young wife of soon-to-be Governor William Bradford drowned in Plymouth harbor before even reaching shore. Those who avoided the grave remained in grave danger because of fevers, famine, and freezing temperatures. Yet they did not give up hope.

With the Spring came the arrival of Squanto, who taught them various survival tactics, like how to distinguish between poisonous and good plants, to tap maple trees for sap, to fertilize soil with dead fish and to plant corn. When that soil produced a modest harvest a few months later, they organized a feast not just to thank Squanto, Samoset, Massasoit and their large families, but principally to thank God for all His blessings since their arrival. The fifty-one survivors easily could have looked at the previous eleven months as the worst year of their lives. They had buried almost as many bodies in the soil, after all, as bushels of food they had taken from the soil.

The reason they were able to thank God so heartily, however, in spite of the suffering they had endured was because they believed those hardships and blessings were both part of God's providential care. Providence comes from the Latin word "fore-see," to "look out for," and therefore, to "provide." And they were confident that God, who foresees everything, who always looks out for His sons and daughters even when it might seem like He is not, would indeed provide, as He did. No amount of personal suffering could shake that faith. No amount of personal hardship could rock their trust in a God whom they knew loved them and was looking over them.

They convened full of gratitude because they realized they were on a pilgrimage not only to Plymouth but also to Paradise. Everything—adverse or propitious, life and even death—was part of God's plans for them on their journey not merely to the new world but to a New World. That final destination, and their faith in the God who awaited them, were what gave meaning to all their sufferings and joys along the way.

They had come to our land in search of religious freedom. As they neared the first anniversary of their arrival, they used that freedom to express heartily their gratitude toward God and to others. We still enjoy that freedom; however, there continues to be growing incursions by secularist judges and legislatures against the religious freedom upon which our nation was founded. Archbishop Charles Chaput once wrote, "Religious liberty as an ideal sounds lovely. But in the abstract, it has very little power. It has political force only to the degree that ordinary people believe and practice their faith—and refuse to tolerate anyone or anything interfering with their faith...If lay Catholics accept government behavior [that infringes on religious liberty] without inflicting a political cost on the officials responsible for it, then they have no one to blame but themselves when they find that their liberties have gone thin."

As we come together with our families on Thanksgiving Day, it is proper for us to put it to its supreme use in expressing gratitude to God. No matter what type of year we have had, everything has come from God's providential hands. Many





we exercise our religious freedom and give praise to the Lord from whom all good things come into lives. So in a time when mankind has all but forgotten that the Lord is the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the Author of all our victories, who arranges every opportunity and fashions every blessing, this Thanksgiving Day may serve as good reminder to give thanks where thanks is due. "May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26). Happy Thanksgiving!

CHURCH SUPPORT

With the calendar year almost over, please be reminded that many of you indicated during school registration in January 2018 that you desired to be a registered, active, and supporting (RAS) family of St. Benilde Parish. Thank you for your commitment to our parish and for your desire to support the work of the Church in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel! **Please note that to be recognized as a RAS family at St. Benilde Parish, a contribution level has been set at \$520 per calendar year.**

This is a friendly reminder that if you do not maintain the status of a RAS family by December 31, 2018, you will have to pay a **higher non-participating tuition rate per child for the 2019-2020** school year. This has been a long-standing policy of our parish and is consistent with our neighboring Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. If you would like to check your current contribution level, please call the Parish Office at 834-4980.

#iGIVECATHOLIC

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Beginning November 12,
visit **iGiveCatholic.org**
to make an advanced day
#iGiveCatholic gift in support
of your favorite parishes,
schools, and ministries
or "Give Catholic" on
#GivingTuesday, November 27!



Retreat Center

Upcoming Retreats

December 4 – Day of Prayer

Living in Hope

Dr. Paul Ceasar/Darryl Ducote

December 11, 6pm-8pm

Becoming a Woman of Faith

Don't Just Do Something.

Sit There!

Lorraine Hess

January 11-13, 2019

Legends of the Soul:

Stories of Transformation on

The Journey of Faith

Rev. Joseph Nassal

January 18-20, 2019

Crossing the Street to Heaven:

Stop – Look – Go!

Rev. Anthony Rigoli, OMI

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
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Give Thanks to the Lord

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FRIDAYS - 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: