

**Ministers of the Liturgy
November 21 & 22, 2015**

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., Marie O'Malley, Rose Marie Greco Federico, George Spaulding, Bill C. Johnson, Joseph Segari, Joyce Sirgo, Mary Cali Kerth & Jacob Kerth, Sr., Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Frank Anthony Federico, Flora Maria Be, Hubert LaBorde, Mary Rose Deist, Marian Quigley, Lucia Salvo H., Karen Hebert (L), Augustine Borrás
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
D. Childers, B. O'Hara, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Arthur Bertucci, Sr., Dianne Z. Harrison, Frank E. Golemi, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Ruby Lambert, Joseph Ancona, Hilton Daigle, Jr., Joseph Donald Bernard, George Scofield, Jim Kastor, Walter Fowkles, Lucia Salvo H., Margaret & Larry Pregeant, Rita Burch, In Honor of St. Joseph
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
N. Bostick, L. Frey, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Marian Quigley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
L. Daigle, J. Zeringue
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (11/23-27)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Joseph Segari
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Marie O'Malley
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Charles Holloway
Thursday 9:00 a.m. See next column
Friday 7:00 a.m. Medardo Jimenez, Sr.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Fr. Cooper will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26, 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 26.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Intentions

Lastenia Alvarez, George Spaulding, Frank E. J. Golemi, Mary Torres Golemi, Joseph F. Golemi, Lena G. Kensele, Adline C. Torres, Josephine T. Cousins, Christian Sensebe, Louis A. Lehrmann, Louis A. Lehrmann, Jr., Lena Sensebe

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We will reopen on Monday, November 30 at 9 am.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Nov. 28/29

4 p.m. A. & P. Delaup
9 a.m. J. & G. Rojas, C. Rispoli, B. Soletto
11 a.m. K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
6 p.m. D. Powers, T. Kettenring



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Dianne Z. Harrison



Altar Ladies

Week of November 22
B. O'Hara, J. Didier

Linens

Large - J. Zeringue *Small* - A. Delaup

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes \$3,467.00
Loose 2,748.86
Repairs and Maintenance 221.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund 125.00
Totaling \$6,561.86

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Thanksgiving Message 2015

Thanksgiving brings us together as a Nation. In the rich tapestry of our diversity, we rediscover our unity in the values which form and ground the American experiment in ordered liberty. Many Catholics will participate in Mass on Thanksgiving Day and hear the Gospel chosen from St. Luke (Luke 17:11-19); the familiar story of the ten lepers who were miraculously healed by Jesus during His journey to Jerusalem. Only one came back to give thanks. The challenge leaps forth - are we that one?

Our celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy is always a call to return to the source of every gift – the God who gave Himself for us. It is the invitation to give thanks which will gather us as families around the dinner table on Thursday. We will tell stories of our past and toast to hopes for our future. Although a “secular” holiday, the celebration is profoundly religious at its core. Even in the midst of the struggles we face in the United States, we really do need to stop and give thanks! We are a truly blessed people.

When we strip away everything, it really all just comes down to love. This beautifully simple yet profound truth was regularly expressed by St. Pope John Paul II. In his 1979 Encyclical Letter “The Redeemer of Man,” he puts it this way: “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. This, as has already been said, is why Christ the Redeemer ‘fully reveals man to himself.’ If we may use the expression, this is the human dimension of the mystery of the Redemption. In this dimension man finds again the greatness, dignity and value that belong to his humanity. In the mystery of the Redemption man becomes newly ‘expressed’ and, in a way, is newly created” (Par. 10). The Feast we celebrate in the “secular” arena on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, reveals that there really is no separation between the secular and the spiritual. After all, God is the Creator of all and the Author of life. He is also the source of all that is good - whether He is acknowledged to be so or not. As the beloved disciple John said “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God” (1 John 1:4-7).

We gather to express our gratitude for our health, our happiness and our life together. Around tables throughout America, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will gather with mothers and fathers, Grandpas and Grandmas, extended family, neighbors and friends to thank God and one another. And then, we all feast; not only on the food, but even more importantly, on the gift of the love which forms all family relationships and true friendships, the real source of lasting joy.

On this “secular” holiday, infused as it is with such profoundly religious meaning, Catholic Christians should really take some time to reflect on the fact that the Greek

word from which we derive the word “Eucharist” is rendered “Thanksgiving” in English. The Catechism reminds us “The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification” (CCC #1328).

How appropriate, in that Sacrament of Sacraments, we receive Jesus Christ in His fullness, the greatest gift of the Father. And, we are called to give thanks. In the words of the Apostle Paul to the early Christians we are reminded to “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, my dear parishioners and beloved friends; may it be a day for love and gratitude. No matter how difficult the challenges we face, we have so very much to be grateful for. As we give thanks, we find the strength we need to love even more fully. As we give thanks, we also discover how to be faithful to our call to continue the redemptive mission of Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate, in an age hungering for the fullness of God’s love.

Learning to Love is learning to Live. We are called to be a People of Thanksgiving. We are called to love. A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel will close at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, November 25, and will reopen at 7:30 AM on Friday, November 27.

A Day of Giving

The St. Benilde Fund is the annual fund for St. Benilde School. Proceeds benefit our children by ensuring teachers have access to top notch training and learning resources. This year, we launch the St. Benilde Fund with a twist: The #iGiveCatholic giving day is an initiative of the Catholic Foundation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans to promote charitable giving in the schools, parishes, and nonprofits of the Archdiocese. The giving day this year is on December 1, 2015. From 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM, secure, tax deductible donations will be accepted on iGiveCatholic.org. **100% of the donations you make for St. Benilde School will come directly to us!**

Community Challenge!

The Whitman Family Foundation - a long time family and alumni of SBS - have issued our community a challenge! They will match every gift to the St. Benilde Fund up to \$20,000. So turn your \$50 gift to a \$100 gift, and let’s raise over \$40,000 for our students and teachers!