

Ministers of the Liturgy February 20 & 21, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be,
Wilton Bonamour, Joseph Segari,
Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Elvera Youngblood, Hubert LaBorde,
George Spaulding, Rose Marie Greco Federico,
Raymond Kimble, Marian Quigley

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

J. Rodosta, L. Segari

Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Hilda Thibodaux

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

J. & G. Rojas, D. Childers, B. O'Hara

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Margaret M. Knocker, Mary Comberrel,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Thanks to St. Lucy,
Dianne Z. Harrison, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote,
Thanks to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters

Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M. Drawe, D. Powers

Cantor: Lauren Gisclair

Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (2/22-26)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Parishioners
	5:30 p.m.	Ryan Vignes
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Raymond Kimble
	5:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Isabella Forsythe
	8:20 a.m.	Sheila Barry
	5:30 p.m.	Olga Garic
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Raymond Vitrano, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Rita Burch
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention (L)

THE JOURNEY

WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

For our complete Lenten Schedule visit:
www.stbenilde.org/lent

Easter Memorial Flowers & Lilies

The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Benilde Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes. Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers 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. The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, the Poor Box or bring them to the Parish Office **before March 27**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the Easter Season. The names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be printed in the parish bulletin in the weeks following Easter Sunday.

Archdiocesan Lenten Confession Nights

During this Year of Mercy, Archbishop Aymond is asking all churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to have a light on in the confessional on Wednesday, March 2; Wednesday, March 9; and Wednesday, March 16 from 5 pm - 6:30pm as a sign that Christ is not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and to heal us. If you have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we invite you to come back to God's loving mercy and forgiveness.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Feb. 27/28

4 p.m.	R. Aucoin, C. Casente
9 a.m.	C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
11 a.m.	C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
6 p.m.	J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of February 21
M. Curry, G. Boling

Linens

Large - Y. Morise Small - C. Ayers

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes & Loose	\$8,321.13
Repairs and Maintenance	9,273.61
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	268.00
Totaling	\$17,862.74
Ash Wednesday.....	\$2,395.27
Regular & 2nd collections Feb. 13/14.....	\$7,241.65

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Lenten Prayer

It is not so much by the ash mark on your forehead or fish marks on the calendar. Tradition tells us that Lent has three distinguishing marks: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For the next three consecutive weeks, we will examine those practices. Prayer is surely the best place to begin, because it is the one that unites them all. Fasting and almsgiving are themselves really forms of prayer.

Prayer comes in many forms and styles. These are usually divided into “vocal” and “mental” prayer. The categories are helpful, but not watertight. All prayer, after all, should involve our mind; so, in a sense, all prayer is mental prayer.

Prayer is a conversation that never ends. In the Scriptures, St. Paul says: “Pray at all times” (Eph 6:18); “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:1); and “be constant in prayer” (Rom 12:12). He saw prayer as endless conversation. That seems to be asking a lot, but it is really the best way to think about it. If we are to pray this way, we have to form the habit of prayer. And, like any good habit or skill, prayer requires a sustained effort, over time, with much repetition.

The most effective way to discipline our prayer life is by following a program, a schedule of sorts — what the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin called “a game plan for the Christian.” We have been speaking of a spiritual plan of life for the past several weeks. The best time to set up such a plan is during Lent. As you may recall, a “plan of life” is a firm but flexible program that schedules our prayer amid the ordinary duties of work, family life and social activity. A daily plan should include some vocal prayers, such as the Rosary or other devotions; plus reading of the Bible and some spiritual book; attendance at Mass (at least on Sundays and holy days, but more often if possible); and quiet time for more focused conversation with God in mental prayer. The best place for focused prayer is in church or adoration chapel, before Jesus in the tabernacle or monstrance.

It helps to set standard times, or to key each practice to other activities, so that we never forget. We can keep our spiritual book by the coffee pot and read while the java is brewing every morning. We can use the beginning of our lunch hour as a reminder to say the Angelus. We can pray the Rosary while waiting in traffic during the evening commute. We can listen to ten minutes of the Bible on tape as we drive. We should also plant prayers throughout the day like vines. Put one here, one there — and pretty soon, like ivy on a wall; our prayer will cover our day.

Even the more unpleasant and difficult things in life can become reminders to pray. The key is to think of them as opportunities rather than obstacles. A friend of mine admits that it is hard to find time to pray. She’s a mother of five, owner of a home-based business and volunteer at her children’s Catholic school. “It helps to offer everything up... all the little things that you don’t like to do,” she says. “I hate folding laundry. But, instead of getting annoyed about it, I

try to offer it up and think about what other people have to deal with. Efforts like this keep me talking with God throughout the day.” Sounds like a promising plan!

(Full article on frcooper.info)

Radio Guild Drive

Next weekend we will hold our annual Radio Rosary Appeal. In direct response to the request of the Blessed Mother and our spiritual leaders, the Holy Name Society has sponsored the daily broadcast of the rosary since 1946. The only source of income to pay for expenses is the "Radio Rosary Drive" envelopes given out to each parish annually by the Holy Name Society members. We thank you in advance for your generous contributions. May God bless all of you.

Morning of Reflection

On Saturday **February 27**, men and women are invited to join the St. Benilde Rosary and Altar Society for its annual *Morning of Reflection*. The presenter this year will be the Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D., Rector/President of Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology. The program will start with the recitation of the Rosary at **8:30 a.m.**, followed by Mass. Then a coffee and donut breakfast will be provided by the Rosary and Altar Society in the school library. Fr. Wehner will start his presentations at 10:30 a.m. The morning will end at approximately **12 noon**. Please contact Anita at 504- 835-3119 or Kay at 504-834-7908 to let us know if you plan to attend.

The Paschal Candle

During the 50 days of the Easter Season the Paschal Candle (Easter Candle) will burn at all Masses celebrated at St. Benilde Church. The Paschal Candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side. During the Easter Vigil, the deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet and the current year. If you would like the Paschal Candle to burn in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for prayers answered throughout the Easter season, please contact the Parish Office. **The cost of the candle is \$300.**

Palms Needed for Palm Sunday

Please save your palms for Palm Sunday. To help lessen the work of our volunteers, please bring only **fresh, healthy, cleaned** palms. Containers will be in the foyer of church from **Saturday, March 12 until the deadline of Thursday, March 16**. As always, thank you very much for your assistance.