

Ministers of the Liturgy April 9 & 10, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Joseph Segari, George Spaulding, Marian Quigley, Hubert LaBorde, Clara G. Todaro, Karen Hebert (L), Rose Marie Greco Federico, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Willis, Sr., Flora Maria Be, Sr. Therese Fletchinger, SSND, In Honor of St. Jude
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, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Ryan Vignes, Dianne Z. Harrison, Ebling Family, Colgan Family, Myron Yochim, Mary & Jules Haydel, Kelvin Ducote, Melvin Ducote, Joseph Donald Bernard, Rita P. Mullen, Special Intention (L), Thanks Our Lady of Lourdes
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik, P. & R. Serio
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
L. Daigle, B. David
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (4/11-15)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Bill C. Johnson
	5:30 p.m.	Myron Yochim
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Olga Claiborne D.J. (Budd) Olistter, Jr.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	John Herbert, Jr.
	8:20 a.m.	Mary Rosa Esler
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Edward F. McCabe
	5:30 p.m.	Joey DiMaggio
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Marian Quigley



Collection Totals

Collections on Holy Thursday and (1st) Easter totaled \$13,352. The (2nd) Easter collection for seminarians & charities totaled \$1,818. Good Friday collection for the Holy Land was \$420. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Server of the Year

Congratulations to **Matthaeus Dischner** for being selected as the representative from St. Benilde Catholic Church to receive the 2016 Altar Server Award from Archbishop Aymond. Because of his faithfulness to this important ministry in the Church, our parish community is proud to nominate him for this honor. We extend our personal congratulations to Matthaeus, and we extend our thankfulness to all the boys who are dedicated to serving at the Altar of the Lord.

St. Joseph Altar Thank You

A sincere "thank you" to all the generous donors who helped make the 10th Anniversary of our St. Benilde Parish St. Joseph Altar such a tremendous success this year. The food that we collected was donated to Ozanam Inn, where it was greatly appreciated.

Adoration Chapel

We are in great need of adorers in the Adoration Chapel. Please call Joy at 834-5525 for more information.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

April 16/17

4 p.m.	R. Aucoin, C. Casente
9 a.m.	R. Meche, B. O'Hara
11 a.m.	K. & M. Sorensen, D. Childers, R. Meece
6 p.m.	M. Drawe, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Candles in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Sanctuary Light in
memory of
Joseph J. Bodine, Sr.



*Altar
Care*

Altar Ladies

Week of April 10
M. Curry, G. Boling

Linens

Large - J. Wright Small - F. Cortello

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$6,121.00
Loose	2,788.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	334.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	2,318.00
Totalling	\$11,561.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Why a Year of Mercy?

On December 9, 2015, Pope Francis and the Church inaugurated the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It was begun on the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, which can be considered the beginning of the Redemption, when God responded to sin with the grace of His mercy and filled Mary's soul with it from the first moment of her life.

This 349-day Jubilee, like every ecclesiastical holy year, is meant not to remain at the periphery of the Church's life but rather to transform — sometimes subtly, sometimes profoundly and conspicuously — everything we do as Catholics. It is supposed to flavor our personal, familial and communal prayer, the way we celebrate baptisms, weddings and funerals, the way we mark Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter and all of the feasts of faith, as well as the way we go about our day to day life. It is meant to be a key by which we unlock anew the mystery of who God is, how He loves us, who we are, and how we are called to love Him and others.

At this halfway point in the Jubilee Year, it is important to reflect on, once again, this question: Why did Pope Francis think the Church and world needed a Jubilee of Mercy now? Because we're living, he has said, in a "kairos of mercy," a special time in which mercy is needed. He's given St. John Paul II credit for this intuition and John Paul II believed it was a special time of mercy because he thought that one of the greatest crises the human race faces is unexpiated guilt.

After two World Wars and the Cold War, after the Holocaust, after the genocides in Armenia, the Ukraine, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, after so many atrocities from tyrannical governments, after the waterfalls of blood flowing from more than two billion abortions worldwide, after the sins that have destroyed so many families, after so much physical and sexual abuse, after lengthy crime logs in newspapers every day, after the scourge of terrorism, after so much hurt and pain, the terrible weight of collective guilt crushes not only individuals but burdens structures and whole societies.

Whether we admit it, whether we realize it or not, we are longing for redemption. We're yearning for a second, third or seventy-times-seventh chance. We're pining for forgiveness, reconciliation, and a restoration of goodness.

And if we can't have that personal and collective do over, then at least we ache for liberation from the past and, like Zacchaeus or Ebenezer Scrooge, for a chance make up for has been done. We want atonement.

And God responds to our age's great desire and need for expiation with His mercy.

The Church is like a "field hospital in battle," to use Pope Francis' famous image, and he's called a Year of Mercy to open up this worldwide spiritual MASH unit, to nurse and help heal ours and the world's deepest wounds. This is a *kairos* of mercy. We need it. Let's seize it! (*Full article on frcooper.info*).

Summer Cabbage Ball

Registration is open for the St. Benilde Men's Club Summer Cabbage Ball Program. It is open to boys and girls currently in grades pre-K4 to 12th. Games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from May 24 to June 30. The registration fee includes insurance, free icees after each game, and a team shirt. The cost before April 15 is \$20/per child; between April 16 and April 29 - \$30/per child; and after April 29 - \$30/per child. Forms available in the the School and Parish Offices and on the parish website. Sponsorship forms must be submitted no later than May 9. For more information, please email Phil Borne at pjborne@christovich.com or call 504-228-7573.

St. Francis of Assisi Reunion

As part of its 125th Anniversary Celebration, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is hosting an "All"Year Reunion, **Saturday, April 16.**, beginning with the celebration of Mass at 4 p.m. followed by a reception in the school cafeteria and surrounding grounds. Tickets are \$25 per person if purchased prior to event and \$30 at the door. Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi, 631 State Street. N.O., LA 70118. For more information call 504-891-4479 or e-mail sfa@stfrancisuptown.com.



"Bible Down the Bayou"

Registration forms for St. Benilde's Vacation Bible School are now available in the Parish Office. *Bible Down the Bayou* will be held July 5 - 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. **The deadline to register is May 27.** More information and the registration form can be found on the parish website www.stbenilde.org or call Anita at 504-874-1210.

Liturgical Ministry Workshops

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anyone who is interested must first get Fr. Cooper's permission and then attend a workshop. Two are scheduled at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3368 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, on May 7 and June 11. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be presented by Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and to be registered.

Safe Environment Training

All Volunteers who have ongoing contact with minors, even one unsupervised contact with minors, and all who participate in an overnight event, **must** attend Safe Environment Training prior to volunteering for the first and **every three years thereafter**. Safe Environment training will be held at St. Benilde on **May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria.