

Ministers of the Liturgy May 7 & 8, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Madeline Gohres Grunewald,
Ethel Cannizzaro, Elenora Cortello,
Joseph Segari, Patrick C. McKinney,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, George Spaulding,
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Walter Haydel,
Venerable Edel Quinn, Legion of Mary,
Hubert LaBorde, Flora Maria Be
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. Hartdegen, R. Aucoin
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
R. Meche, B. O'Hara, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Don Rowan, Sr., Olga Garic,
Barbara Twickler, Rita Burch, Melvin Ducote,
Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Daigle, Sr., Kelvin Ducote,
Joseph Genovese, Frank Pelicano, Holy Souls,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Myron Yochim,
James Whelan, Theresa V. Groetsch
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
P. & R. Serio, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Marine Peters
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
B. Henry, B. David
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (5/9-13)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.
5:30 p.m. M/M Hilton Daigle, Sr.
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Olga Garic
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Bill C. Johnson
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Carol Klotz
5:30 p.m. Special Intention (L)
Friday 7:00 a.m. Paul LaRocca, Sr.



School Mass Change

Please note, there will be no School Mass this Wednesday, May 11, due to repairs being made in Church.



We are very blessed at St. Benilde to have our Adoration Chapel. We recently marked the 10th anniversary of its opening on Divine Mercy Sunday. Would you like to spend some quiet time in prayer with the Lord? Please consider becoming a committed adorer. For more information, please call Joy at 834-5525.

Parish Survey Results

A special thanks to all who completed our Parish Survey. Your candid and thoughtful responses have helped the Parish Pastoral Council assess various areas of parish life as we now plan for the future. If you would like to view the survey results, please visit the parish website: www.stbenilde.org/parish-survey

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

May 14/15

4 p.m. J. Rodasta, L. Segari
9 a.m. C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. & G. Rojas
11 a.m. K. & M. Sorensen, D. Childers, R. Meece
6 p.m. M. Drawe, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Altar flowers in memory
of Lillie Soupenne



Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Dianne Z. Harrison



Altar
Care

Altar Ladies

Week of May 8
A. Delaup

Linens

Large - B. Koch-Jones Small - C. Jones

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$5,535.00
Loose	2,900.00
Clarion	21.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	134.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	1,879.00
Totaling	\$10,559.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Weekly Spiritual Mother's Day

The Christian week has a holy rhythm that those who are striving to respond to the Lord's call to holiness through a Plan of Life should note and live. The most important day of the week is obviously Sunday, the day we call the Lord's because it needs to be dedicated above all to Him. It is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead and therefore the day Christians as a body celebrate with joy His resurrection as we recalibrate ourselves to seeking the things that are from Him. Thursdays, the day on which Jesus gave us his Body and Blood, ought to have a particularly Eucharistic character and Fridays, the day on which Jesus died for us, are supposed to be particularly penitential.

But from the earliest days of the Church, the most important day after Sunday to a Christian's weekly rhythm has been Saturday, consecrated in a particular way in Christian piety to developing our relationship with the mother God the Father chose for His Son and that the Son from the Cross chose to be our Mother. Saturdays developed this Marian character, first, because it was the day immediately before Sunday. Since Sunday was the day of the Lord Jesus and Mary gave the world Jesus according to His humanity, the day before Sunday was considered Mary's day. The second reason was because Saturday was the day Jesus was in the tomb and therefore was a particular day of Marian faith: when all of the other disciples were dejectedly thinking Jesus was dead, never to return, Mary alone lived that day with ardent faith awaiting His resurrection in fulfillment of Her Son's promises and the Archangel's word that of her Son's kingdom there would "be no end." A third reason was that Saturday was the day God rested after Creation was completed, when He looked upon all He had done and pronounced it very good. Mary was viewed as the person whose "*fiat*" led to the fulfillment of God's plan for the recreation of the world and it was she who incarnated how "very good" the human person is ontologically and can be morally.

The early Church trained new Christians to celebrate Saturdays with Marian devotion from their earliest days. After the legalization of Christianity in ancient Rome, on the first Saturday after they were baptized at the Easter Vigil at the Lateran Cathedral, the Pope would lead the hundreds of neophytes on pilgrimage from the Lateran to the Esquiline Hill, dedicated since 354 to the veneration of our Lady and where now the Church of St. Mary Major stands.

Over the course of centuries, this Sabbatine Marian piety would grow. In the eighth century, the Benedictine Monk Alcuin composed two votive Masses to be offered through Mary's intercession on Saturday, something that immediately became popular among clergy and faithful alike. When the recitation of the Rosary spread through the work of the Dominican fathers, Saturday was dedicated to pondering the Joyful Mysteries in which Mary is featured so

prominently. Saturday also became a day of Marian pilgrimages, the meetings of Marian sodalities, the occasion for pious practices like meditating on the seven sorrows of our Lady on seven consecutive Saturdays and for pondering the then 15 mysteries of the Rosary on 15 consecutive Saturdays leading up to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. When Mary appeared in Fatima in 1917, she seemed to give approval to this Saturday Marian tradition, asking the shepherd children to consecrate themselves to her Immaculate Heart and do reparation in a particular way on the first Saturday of five consecutive months.

How should Christians seeking to live a Plan of Life live in good form the Marian character of Saturday? Some Christians add to their prayers a particular hymn, like the "Hail, Holy Queen," pray all the mysteries of the Rosary, do a small mortification in union with our Lady's sorrows, or make a visit to a Marian shrine nearby. The greatest means available to us to mark it, however, is by attending Mass on Saturday and giving Mary the joy of leading us to the blessed Fruit of her womb.

When Saturdays are lived well, we are helped to become more like Mary. There's no greater way to live a Plan of Life, and no greater synthesis of the path to holiness, than imitating her and allowing her to nurture us to become more like her Son. Let us take advantage of our national holiday to live our weekly spiritual Mother's Day as a holy day!

Upcoming Retreats

The following retreats will be offered in May at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie: **May 12 – Day of Prayer** - Thomas Merton: Discovering God Within, facilitated by Rev. Msgr. Doug Doussan; **May 13-14 - Mother/Daughter Retreat** - Once Upon a Time, with Sr. Judith Gomila; **May 17 – Day of Prayer** - Ladder of Perfection: The Beatitudes in Matthew, led by Rev. Msgr William Bilinsky; and **May 27-29 - God's Love for . . . ?** facilitated by Rev. Paul Hart. For more information, please call Susan Halligan at 504- 267-9604, or visit [www. retreats.arch-no.org](http://www.retreats.arch-no.org)

Supper & Substance

Attention all married couples: We would like to invite you to a fun and faith-filled date night celebrating and enriching marriages at our 9th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance on Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl at 3000 S. Carrollton Ave., NOLA. Tickets are \$75 a couple and include food, drinks, bowling and a rockin' good time! Come hear an inspiring presentation from our special guest speaker couple and owner of Rock 'N' Bowl, John and Deborah Blancher, plus listen to live music from the talented Peace of Cake Band! To purchase tickets, sponsor a lane or to learn more about the event, call Jason at 504- 830-3716.