

**Ministers of the Liturgy  
May 21 & 22, 2016**

**Saturday - 4 P.M.**

*Intention:* Mary Cali & Jacob Kerth, Sr.,  
George Spaulding, Marian Quigley, Walter Haydel,  
Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer,  
Joseph Segari, Rose Marie Greco Federico,  
Hubert LaBorde, Flora Maria Be, Don Matherne,  
Henry Bearmann, Sr., Karen Hebert (L)  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
R. Aucoin, C. Casente  
*Cantor:* Trish Foti

**Sunday - 9 A.M.**

*Intention:* Parishioners  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
C. & R. Ayers, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**Sunday - 11 A.M.**

*Intention:* Dianne Z. Harrison, Ryan Vignes,  
Betty A. Dugas, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote,  
Joseph Donald Bernard, Myron Yochim,  
James Whelan, Raymond Goodrich,  
Thanks to Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
Nellie Hymel, Special Intention (L)  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

**Sunday - 6 P.M.**

*Intention:* A.J. Hardy  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

**Weekday Masses (5/23-27)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Joseph Cazenavette(L)
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Carol Klotz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention (L)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Carol Klotz
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Venita Morel
	<b>8:20 p.m.</b>	Mary Rosa Esler
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	B.P. (Sonny) Boudreaux
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Emily K. Gsell



**"Bible Down the Bayou"**

St. Benilde's Vacation Bible School, *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.** Registration forms available in the Parish Office. More information and the registration form can also be found on the parish website [www.stbenilde.org](http://www.stbenilde.org) or call Anita at 504-874-1210.

**Magnificat House of Discernment**

The Magnificat House of Discernment is accepting applications for Fall 2016, for Catholic women discerning their vocation in life. Women ages 20-50 may live with Sister mentors for up to a year while deepening their prayer and their relationship with God. Fall application deadline is July 31, 2016. Magnificat House of Discernment is a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Applicants do not need to be from the Archdiocese to apply. Magnificat House of Discernment is located at the former rectory of St. Rita Church, 2729 Lowerline St., NOLA. For more information, please call 504-227-3203, email to [magnificathouse@arch-no.org](mailto:magnificathouse@arch-no.org) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/nolavocations>

**Adoration Chapel**

We are in great need of adorers, particularly between midnight and 6 a.m. Please call Joy at 834-5525 for more information or to become a committed adorer.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

**May 28/29**

4 p.m.	E. Van Hoven
9 a.m.	M. Evola, P. Fleming, L. Director, C. Frederick
11 a.m.	N. Bostick, L. Frey, S. Gordon, L. Peters
6 p.m.	D. Childers, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Light in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



**Altar Ladies**

*Week of May 22*  
J. Dunn, C. Batt, L. Segari

*Linens*

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

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes .....	\$3,222.00
Loose .....	2,652.00
Repairs and Maintenance .....	639.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund .....	96.00
<b>Totalling .....</b>	<b>\$6,609.00</b>

## Fr. Cooper's Corner

### *Mother of the Church*

St. John Paul II wrote in *Redemptoris Mater* that the “Church journeys through time toward the consummation of the ages and goes to meet the Lord who comes.” That we are at this moment engaged in a movement from origin to eternity, traversing a path within the Church which leads from birth to final beatitude, is indeed wondrous and spectacular.

It is a privilege to be born in this time, a time which St. John Paul II refers to as “salvation time”: in the fullness of time the Father sent His Son, the eternal Word who assumed human flesh and dwelt among us (cf. John 1:1, 14). This fullness “marks the moment when, with the entrance of the eternal into time, time itself is redeemed, and being filled with the mystery of Christ becomes definitively ‘salvation time.’ Finally, this ‘fullness’ designates the hidden beginning of the Church’s journey.”

This “hidden beginning” of the Church’s journey originated inside the holy, grace filled womb of the Virgin Mary (cf. Luke 1:28), when the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, by the power of the Holy Spirit, assumed human nature and became Jesus the Christ. At that moment, Mary became the Mother of God and the Mother of the body of Christ. Thus, Mary of Nazareth is the Church’s own beginning.

Just as Mary cannot be understood apart from her Son, the journey of the Church cannot be understood apart from Mary. For the Virgin Mary is, by her *fiat*, the first Christian and the first disciple. Further, she is the spiritual mother of all the children of God, given us by our Savior from the cross: “when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (John 19:26-27).

In reflecting on the Virgin Mary’s pilgrimage of faith, we learn a great many things. First and foremost, we see her total commitment to the Father’s will. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Mary spoke these words in filial trust even though she did not yet fully understand the Father’s plan of salvation. She did not yet know the trials, pain and sorrow she would face as the mother of the Redeemer; nevertheless, in complete abandonment, Mary fully assents with both intellect and will to the salvific plan of God.

It is important to recognize that Mary gave her *fiat* in a condition of incomplete knowledge — because Mary is not divine, but rather completely human, she lacked total understanding of God’s plan. We could say that Mary’s *fiat* was given in partial “darkness,” for she could not, as a created being, enjoy the total “light” of a supernatural intellect. Nevertheless, the human condition of finite “knowing” is not a problem for Mary, for she assents unreservedly and eternally to the will of God.

Here we arrive at a distinction which applies to contemporary Christendom: the difference between doubt and difficulty. It is perhaps safe to say that there are no Catholics who do not experience some difficulty with a particular tenet of the Faith. But there are, however, many Catholics and other Christians who doubt, which is altogether different — in fact, it is a problem which can inflict great harm.

The true Christian disciple assents to what God has revealed even in the midst of incomplete understanding — that is what faith is all about. Faith is exercised in man’s response to God, who has revealed Himself to man, and who infuses man with the superabundant light of faith (cf. CCC 26). Although we likely fail to understand to some degree, we do not fail in our own personal “*fiat*.”

Mary is the symbol and most perfect realization of the Church (CCC 507). It was St. Augustine who said that Mary is “clearly the mother of the members of Christ . . . since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head.” Let us trust in the Father and the Church He willed should exist, as did Mary entrust herself to God’s salvific plan; let us consecrate ourselves to Mary’s Immaculate Heart and beg that, through her prayerful intercession, we may obtain the graces necessary to see according to the infallible and divinely penetrating eyes of the Church. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

### **Teresian Sisters Rock 'N' Bowlarama**

Don't miss the 14th Annual "Teresian Sisters Rock 'N' Bowlarama" on Sunday, June 5, from 6 - 9 p.m., at Mid-City Lanes/Rock 'n' Bowl, 3000 S. Carrollton Ave., NOLA. Tickets are \$30 per person. The fun-filled evening will include bowling, dancing, food, silent auction and prizes. The money raised will go to support the retired and elderly sisters, as well as their ministries. You must be over 21 years old to attend. For more information or to order tickets, please call Sr. Isabel at 985-893-1470.

### **Summer Service Opportunity**

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering a summer service program, **Students Engaging in Reflective Volunteer Experiences, SERVE**. This an opportunity for high school students to give back to the community and achieve the service hours required by many parochial high schools. Sessions run for four weeks with 40-hour sessions or a 15-hour session. Northshore SERVE is two 40 hour 1-week sessions run-ning for 2 weeks. **SERVE** sites include day camps and a food bank. **SERVE** is offered on both the Northshore and the Southshore. Students must be incoming freshman. Registration is non-refundable — \$25.00 for **SERVE**, \$15 for **Mini-SERVE**. Registration is open now until full. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For more information contact Shannon Murphy at 504- 310-6962. Register online at <http://www.ccano.org/serve/>