

Ministers of the Liturgy November 14 & 15, 2015

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Ed & Dorothy Van Hoven (L),
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Marie O'Malley,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney,
Joyce Sirgo, Hubert LaBorde, Marian Quigley,
Daniel McIntire III, Joseph Segari,
Eve Vavrick (L), George Spaulding, Joan Picou
Frank Anthony Federico, Flora Maria Be,
Mary Rose Deist, Mary Ann 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:
K. Klapatch, R. Theriot, C. & R. Ayers
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Dianne Z. Harrison, Frank E. Golemi,
James E. Fitzmorris, Jr. (L), Daigle Families (L),
Hilton Daigle, Jr., Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote,
Gustave Hartdegen, Deacon Ronnie Rosato,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Rita Burch,
Leah Iimmola Paternostro, Marian Quigley,
Margaret & Larry Pregeant,
In Honor of St. Joseph
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
P. & R. Serio, C. & T. Pitre
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Marian Quigley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
D. Childers, D. Powers
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (11/16-20)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Ray Dunn
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Marian Quigley
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Olga Garic
	8:20 a.m.	M/M Joseph F. Willis, Sr.
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Marie O'Malley
	5:30 p.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	J. B. deVillentroy III

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.**

Is Mary Calling You to Her Legion?

The Legion of Mary is the right arm of the pastor. We assist in many other Spiritual Works of Mercy needed to help our pastor. **We meet most Saturdays at 2:05 p.m. in the Parish Office.** We need your help. Will you answer Our Lady's call? For more information, please call Diane Schexnayder at 504-577-4190.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Nov. 21/22

4 p.m.	A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
9 a.m.	D. Childers, B. O'Hara, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
11 a.m.	N. Bostick, L. Frey, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
6 p.m.	L. Daigle, J. Zeringue



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Sanctuary Light
in memory of
Don Rowan, Sr.



**Altar
Care**

Altar Ladies

Week of November 15
A. Delaup

Linens

Large - J. Zeringue Small - A. Delaup

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$4,052.00
Loose	2,816.51
Clarion	46.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	264.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	457.00
Totaling	\$7,635.51

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Eucharistic Adoration

As we prepare to celebrate the end of another liturgical year, it's a good time to turn to something that ought to be part of a Catholic's Plan of Life each week: a Holy Hour in the presence of the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council stressed that Jesus in the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life," meaning that it is the starting point and goal for any life worthy to be called Christian. This is true because Jesus obviously ought to be the alpha and omega of the Christian life and the Eucharist is Jesus.

One of the real movements of the Holy Spirit in recent times has been to move Catholic parishes, pastors and parishioners to take Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist more seriously and to create opportunities for Eucharistic adoration. Many have added extensive periods of time when Catholics can come to spend time in Jesus' presence and some, including St. Benilde, have started perpetual adoration, giving people the privilege to be with Jesus at any time during the day or night.

The Popes have been explicitly encouraging such developments. A decade ago, in response to a recommendation from the Synod of Bishops, Pope Benedict wrote, "With the Synod Assembly, I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community. ... Wherever possible, it would be appropriate, especially in densely populated areas, to set aside specific churches or oratories for perpetual adoration."

Pope Francis talks frequently about Eucharistic adoration, doubtless in the hope to inspire people by his personal example. In an interview, he confessed that among all types of prayer, "What I really prefer is adoration in the evening. ... Between seven and eight o'clock, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration." At times, he says, because of fatigue, "I allow myself to fall asleep while sitting there, looking at Him. I feel as if I were in someone else's hands, as if God were taking me by the hand."

Our approach to Eucharistic adoration, he said in a September 2013 homily, is an indication of whether we really seek to worship God. Pondering how Jesus is supposed to be the center of the Christian life, he stated, "A man or a woman who adores Jesus is a Christian. If you can't worship Jesus, something is missing. ... The sign [of a Christian truly focused on Jesus] is adoration of Jesus." In a homily the following month, he added that Eucharistic adoration can crush or expose our idolatries. He said that as human beings, "We all need to adore, because we have God's very imprint within us. ... When we do not adore God, we adore creatures." What idols we have in place of God will often be revealed by the choices or excuses we make when we don't make time to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For some people, it's work or family chores. For others, it's television or exercise. For others it's time with friends. But if we say that over the

course of the 168 hours in a week that God gives us, we can't find one hour to come to praise and thank Him, we can be pretty sure we're placing something or someone else before Him.

I'm convinced that if we really believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and if we really love Him, coming to adore Him would be as much a no-brainer as it would for two people in love to want to spend time together. In terms of a commitment for a Plan of Life, I recommend coming for a Eucharistic holy hour once a week and preferably at a fixed time that we keep so that, barring true emergencies, nothing else will come up to get us to tempt us to not keeping it. Mark "Jesus" in your calendar the same way you would put down any other important appointment and then keep it.

Among my greatest joys as a parish priest has been to see the changes that have happened in parishioners once they began to respond to Jesus' Holy Thursday request, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" I still get thank you notes several years later from parishioners who took up this challenge and who tell me about the difference doing so has made in their lives. If you're not regularly coming to spend time with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel here at St. Benilde, I'd urge you to make a resolution to do so starting now. I also encourage you to become a committed adorer. For more information, please contact Joy Rogas at 834-5525.

Morning of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Ministers

In preparation for the Season of Advent, the Office of Worship will hold a Morning of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Ministers entitled "Heralds of the Lord's Coming". This time of prayer and reflection will feature Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction; time for personal prayer; special presentations on spirituality for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, and Musicians; and a keynote address by Deacon Jesse Watley. This morning of prayer will be held at St. Ann Church, Metairie on December 5, 2015, from 9:30-12:30. To register contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email worship@arch-no.org.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI and Dr. Mary Healy will be the featured speakers at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat from January 29-31, 2016, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. The retreat theme is "All Beautiful is the King's Daughter." Fr. McAlear is known worldwide for his ministry of evangelization and healing. Dr. Mary Healy has a passion to bring the grace of Baptism in the Spirit to people all over the world. This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO). Weekend and Saturday commuters are welcome. For more information and to register online visit www.ccrno.org or call 504-828-1368.