

Ministers of the Liturgy February 27 & 28, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

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

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Hilda Thibodaux
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Nellie M. McCabe, Dianne Z. Harrison, James E. Fitzmorris, Jr. (L), Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Daigle Family (L), Joseph Donald Bernard, Mary Comberrel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

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

Weekday Masses (2/29-3/5)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Kim Devillier (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Ryan Vignes
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Maria Mercedes Cabrera
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Candidates
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Raymond Kimble
	8:20 a.m.	Isabella Forsythe
	5:30 p.m.	Sheila Barry
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Raymond Kimble
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Jr.
	5:30 p.m.	Raymond Kimble
Saturday	8:45 a.m.	Rosary & Altar Society

Lenten Schedule

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



Due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass this Tuesday, March 1.

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion March 5/6

4 p.m.	J. Rodosta, L. Segari
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.	A. Calongne, T. Keller



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Raymond Vitrano, Sr.



Altar Ladies

Week of February 28
M. Surcouf, L. Hart, Y. Morise

Linens

Large - Y. Morise Small - C. Ayers

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$23,571.00
Loose	3,318.01
Repairs and Maintenance	430.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	22.00
Totaling	\$27,341.01
Catholic Charities Collection	\$800.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Lenten Fasting

Why do Catholics fast? Our reasons find firm grounding in the Bible. When we fast, we follow holy example. Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before going into God's presence (Ex 34:28, 1 Kgs 19:8). Anna the Prophetess fasted to prepare herself for the coming of the Messiah (Lk 2:37). They all wanted to see God, and they considered fasting a basic prerequisite. We, too, wish to enter God's presence, so we fast.

Christian fasting is revealed in the interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of His ministry. Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone" (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4). The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone" (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4). This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

We fast, not because earthly things are evil, but precisely because they are good. They are God's gifts to us. But they

because they are good. They are God's gifts to us. But they are so good that we sometimes prefer the gifts to the Giver. We practice self-indulgence rather than self-denial.

Why do Catholics fast? One parishioner puts it well: "It is medicine for my biggest problem — selfishness and lack of self-control. To force myself to curb my appetites, to not satisfy my desires — even for a short period of time — this is a good thing. To offer up the little sacrifice to God, for my family, for people who are hungry through no choice of their own, this I think is also good." (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

March Mass Schedule

3/5-6		3/19-20
4 p.m.	Fr. Cooper	4 p.m. Fr. Cooper
9 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	9 a.m. Fr. Cooper
11 a.m.	Fr. H.L.	11 a.m. Fr. Cooper
6 p.m.	Fr. H.L.	6 p.m. Fr. H.L.
3/12-13		3/26-27
4 p.m.	Fr. H.L.	8 p.m. Fr. Cooper
9 a.m.	Fr. H.L.	9 a.m. Fr. Cooper
11 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	11 a.m. Fr. Cooper
6 p.m.	Fr. Cooper	No 6 p.m. Mass

March Calendar

March 1	Confirmation - 7 p.m.
March 3	CALM - 7 p.m. - Church Encountering Christ Group - 7 p.m. - Library
March 4	Radio Rosary - 5:45 p.m. - Library
March 5	Rosary & Altar Society Mass and Meeting Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
March 6	Sacramental Workshop #2 - 2 p.m.
March 7	RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library
March 8	Chers Amis - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
March 10	Encountering Christ Group - 7 p.m. - Library
March 11	Fish Fry - 5:30 - 8 p.m. - Cafeteria
March 12	Legion of Mary - 2:05 - Parish Office Grandparents' Bunko - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
March 13	Holy Name/Men's Club Mass & Breakfast
March 14	RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library
March 15	SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office Advisory Council - 7 p.m. - Faculty Lounge
March 16	Block Rosary - 7 p.m. - Home of E. Beyer
March 17	Encountering Christ Group - 7 p.m. - Library
March 18	Pack 227 Meeting - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
March 19	St. Joseph Altar - 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - Teen Center Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
March 20	Parish Picnic - noon
March 21	Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria RCIA - Retreat
March 23	Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
March 25	Walk of Nine Churches
March 28	RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library