

**Ministers of the Liturgy
March 12 & 13, 2016**

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be, Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Hubert LaBorde, George Spaulding, Joseph Segari, Arthur Bertucci, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Special Intention (L), In Honor of St. Jude
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. Casente, 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., Thomas Prunty, Larry Hogan, Special Intention (L), Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Dianne Z. Harrison, Isabella Forsythe, Hilton F. Daigle, Jr. Joseph Donald Bernard, Myron Yochim, Raymond Kimble, Donald Bordelon, Gerald Mocklin, Jason Young
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
P. & R. Serio, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Patty Weiss (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
L. Daigle, B. David
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (3/14-18)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Ray Dunn
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Marian Quigley
	5:30 p.m.	Jamie Byrd (L)
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Joseph Conrad
	8:20 a.m.	Larry Hogan
	5:30 p.m.	Carol Klotz (L)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Casse, Jr.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Ralph Alvarez

Lenten Masses and Devotionals

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



Palms Needed for Palm Sunday

Again this year the Rosary & Altar Society needs your help to supply the congregation with palms for Palm Sunday. To help lessen the work of our volunteers, please bring only **fresh, healthy, cleaned** palms. Containers to place the palms in will be in the foyer of church from **until this Thursday, March 16**. Thanks so much for your assistance.

Walk of Nine Churches

Everyone is invited to participate in the traditional "Walk of Nine Churches" on Good Friday, March 25. Parishioners should meet in the St. Benilde parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to depart via cars by 8 a.m. The first stop will be St. Stephen's Church, 1025 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans. If you are planning to attend, and for more information, please call Janie Wright at 834-9706.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
March 19/20**

4 p.m.	A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
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
Ralph Alvarez

Adoration Chapel
Candles in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of March 13
J. LeBoeuf, J. Rojas, T. Gsell

Linens

Large - K. Birrcher *Small* - A. Duersel, J. Zeringue

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$6,183.00
Loose	3,213.51
Repairs and Maintenance.....	3,051.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	271.00
Totalling	\$12,718.51
Catholic Relief Services Collection.....	\$639.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Lenten Challenge

Lent is a wonderful time of the liturgical year. It is an opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries and tell ourselves that despite falling down all year, now is the time to get back up. It is a time to guard ourselves and give of ourselves in a multitude of ways. We often hear that it is not enough to merely abstain during Lent; we should also do much more during Lent. To be specific, we should give alms. Let us continue our discussion on almsgiving from last week. We must always remember that almsgiving does not need to consist only in giving money. If that were so, those who have little would find it nearly impossible to give alms.

Giving alms can be done in a variety of ways. The Greek word *eleemosyne* means “alms, charity and mercy.” In other words, almsgiving is also the act of being merciful, so something as simple as a kind word, or a word not spoken, can be alms. Going to three different grocery stores to find those special ingredients so you can make your husband a delicious meal because he is tired and a tasty dinner will lift his spirits, can be alms.

If we are watchful and mindful, we can find opportunities to give alms when we are shopping, by letting someone behind us go ahead. We can smile at someone on the street who looks like he is having a hard day. We can go out of our way to help those we see struggling or say additional rosaries for those we know need it. We can visit the sick, spend an extra five minutes during our lunch breaks listening to someone unload about their difficult week, and tell an uplifting spiritual story. We can volunteer to help a young mother with her energetic little ones, and pick up after our own children for possibly the umpteenth time without grumbling. If we look for opportunities to give alms, if we ask God to put those opportunities in our lives, then we will see them on a daily basis.

Here is my challenge to all of us: to give alms during this Lent season, to give and to pray and to thank God for the ability to do so. However, I would like to add an extra element to this challenge. Let us give and not tell. Let us give and not even recall our good deeds to ourselves. Let us give and forget that we did a good deed. For in reality, it is God who should be credited for inspiring us to give. This is what the Gospel teaches us, to give to the poor (in whatever way we are able, to whatever kind of poverty we encounter) but not let our “left hand” know what we have done (cf. Matt 6:3).

Let us become cheerful givers. And if we are not cheerful right off the bat, let us not be dismayed. I believe we will *become* cheerful through giving. It is a worthy goal, for God loves the cheerful giver (2 Cor 9:7). Let us arrive at the Paschal Feast of Easter having given of ourselves, having hidden our good deeds from others and ourselves. Moreover, let us pray that while we were giving, our neighbor saw Christ in us – the True Giver of all good. Let us pray that when we give alms, when others see us being merciful, we will be able to honestly say, “He who has seen me has seen the Father”

“ (John 14:9) because it is not us who gives, but Christ who gives through us.

Lastly, let us not be found giving alms with our right hand and taking away the spiritual profit with our left hand by becoming puffed up, thinking we are good Christians. No, let us give God the glory!

His Mercy Reigns

His Mercy Reigns is the theme for the 40th Anniversary Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to be held April 1 - 3, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel in Metairie. Separate sessions for adults and youth. Inspiring music, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Prayer for Healing, Late Night Worship for Youth, Mercy Sunday Celebration. For more information on the schedule and to pre-register, please visit www.ccrno.org. Single sessions at the door. For more information call CCRNO at 504-828-1368.

Couples Way of the Cross

Passionate about marriage? So are we. Join us for a Married Couples Way of the Cross at St. Phillip Neri Church, 6500 Kawanee Ave., on March 19, at 7 p.m. A reception will follow. Reservations are requested. Please call 504-339-9907 or email mumphrey@nocee.org.

Retreat for Women

"True Radiance: Letting Your Light Shine" will be presented by Kitty Cleveland at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. It will be this Wednesday, March 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20. Registration is required. To reserve your place, please email Susan Halligan at shalligan@arch-no.org or call 504-267-9604. For more information, please email Kathi Zimmermand at kzimmerman@arch-no.org or call 504-453-8626.

St. Joseph Altar

St. Benilde Parish will be hosting a St. Joseph Altar on **Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the Teen Center.** Donations of cakes, breads, cookies, fruits, flowers and any religious artifacts are welcome. **For your convenience, bags with a list of needed items may be found in the foyer of Church this weekend.** Donations may be left on the table provided in the Church foyer on **March 16 and 17**, or in the Parish Office during regular office hours. St. Joseph candles will be available for purchase during viewing. For more information, please call Bonnie at 504-628-1642 or Beth at 504-920-7302.

Adoration Chapel

We are in great need of adorers in our chapel. Please consider becoming a committed adorer or a substitute. For more information call Joy at 834-5525.