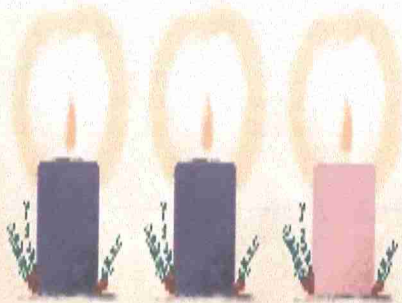


December 17, 2023

Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of
you; he will prepare
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



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Church Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec 16 5:00 pm English
 Sunday, Dec 17 8:00 am English
 10:00 am Bilingual

Sanctuary Candle: For Paul Perez

† Steven, Aloys, Gertrude Mika	† Rudolph/Guadalupe Becerra
† Alice Lulu Villarreal	† Vincent & Erna Respondek
† Victoria Martinez	† Joe Solano
† Holy Souls in Purgatory	† Evert Dworaczyk
† Jeanette Smith	† Benedict Wiatrek
† Dan & Alice Collins	† John & Martha Kert

† Francisco Riojas
 † Hubert Cansler
Birthdays: Paul Perez
 Maddie Espinosa
 Yvonne M Gonzalez
Special Int: Disciples of Christ Young Adults
Special Int: St Benedict Parishioners (per Fr Francisco)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec 18 No Mass
 Jeremiah 23:5; Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday, Dec 19 8:00 am Mass
 Judges 13:2-7.24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
 Novena Mass Of Perpetual Help
 Liturgy of the Hour and Lectio Divina
Wednesday, Dec 20 12:15 pm Mass
 Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday, Dec 21 8:00 am Mass
 Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zepaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Friday, Dec 22 No Mass
 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Saturday, Dec 23 5:00 pm Mass
 Mat: acjo 3rd 1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66
Sunday, Dec 24 8:00, 10:00am, 5pm, Midnight Mass

Every Friday 6:30—7:30 (Chapel) Church, POC: Deacon Todd



Upcoming 2nd Collections:
 Dec 25 Assumption Seminary

Holy Day/Holiday Mass Schedule:

Dec 21—Parish Reconciliation 6:30pm
 Dec 24—Christmas Eve: 8 am, 10am, 5pm, Midnight
 Dec 25—Christmas Day: 8am, 10 am

Deadline for **Mass Intentions** are 2 weeks prior to the date you want the mass said. Donation of \$5 is required. **Flowers** are also due 2 weeks prior to date. If you're looking for a way to remember a loved one, consider a **Sanctuary Candle**. Check with the office for dates available for Church and

St Vincent De Paul

Serving those in need every 1st and 3rd Tues of the Month at the Nest 9-10:30am. Volunteers/donations are always needed. POC: Mike Barry, 210-386-3914

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SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please call and leave a message if there is a name you wish to include on this prayer list or send email: stbenedictchurch4535@gmail.com



Nora Gawlik, Selena Montez, Leroy Trevino, Maria Trevino, James Trevino, Robert Miller, Cheri Eaton,

Agnes Jendrusch, Janice Lubel, Rosie S. Martinez, Michael Ortega, Francisco Garcia Jr, Soledad Gonzalez, Yvonne M. Gonzalez, Blanca Garcia, Maria Jimenez, Alyc Williams, Daniel Alvarez III, Susana Feiler, Stan Whitner, Robert Galindo, David A. Vocations, Carlos Flores, Amanda Lane Dosf, Angelina Lane Mouton, Sulema Lucio, Linda Miranda, Diana LaVelle, Francis Wise, Bobby Wise, Steve Michael Franco Terri Cervantes, Gloria Rivera, Jesse H. Soto, Maria Escalante, Regina Gray, Bill Gray, Ruben Morales, Mary Helen Cervantes, Adrian Perez, Jesusita Garcia, Karen Christenson, Gloria Cappelli, Maria Socorro Mendez, Maria Luz Montoya Cervantes, Velia/Ralph Fuentes, Jacob, James & Avery Ford, Santos Estrada, Mary Ann Silva, Beatrice Ortega, Richard Travis

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We look forward to welcoming your child into our family at St Benedict Catholic Church. Baptism Sacraments are held on the 4th weekend of the month after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. **Documents needed:** State issued Birth certificate of the child being baptized, Updated Baptism Certificate of godparents. These should include notations for Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Marriage must be through the Catholic Church. Once documents are received, the Office will set date for classes. Baptismal classes for Parents and God-Parents are required; these are held on the first Saturday of each month. The office will advise you of your class date. All documents must be submitted to office prior to attending Baptismal classes.

PENANCE

Experience the joy of forgiveness. Confessions are offered **each Saturday at 4:00 pm** in the Church or by appointment. Please call the church office.

MATRIMONY

...and the two shall become as one. Mark 10:8. Please contact Church office 6 months prior to anticipated wedding date. Couple must meet with pastor, and attend marriage retreat.

EUCCHARIST

Distribution of the Eucharist is available to the sick/homebound. Please call the church office or Mike Barry, 210-386-3914

CONFIRMATION

Contact Religious Education Office for more info

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the church office to set up appointment for Fr Francisco. Call for Last Rites should be made by an immediate family member. Anointing for the sick is also done at the Healing Mass held on the first Friday of the month, at 12:15 pm.

HOLY ORDERS

Please pray for vocations

QUINCEANERA

Meet with Pastor 6 months prior to anticipated date.

If you're sick or had recent surgery or just homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, Please call the office or Mike Barry, 210-386-3914



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5:00 am	attendance:	62
8:00 am	attendance:	86
10:00 am	attendance:	189
Healing Mass:		\$102.00
Collection:		\$5,088.00
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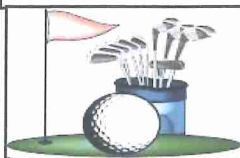
Homily Helps:

- If the first half of the first reading sounds familiar, it may be because this is the passage that Jesus reads in the synagogue at the beginning of his ministry. If you recall, after reading it Jesus proclaims that this scripture passage has been fulfilled in their hearing. Because Jesus is with us as we are gathered here today, Isaiah's words are fulfilled now as well. Jesus continues to bring glad tidings, healing, justice, favor, and vindication. So we prepare ourselves this Advent as a bride prepares for her wedding, wearing the promise of justice and the hope of salvation and shining with the jewels of generosity and praise.
- In darkness, the first need is for light. At any given time the world can be full of darkness, but lately it seems like the darkness threatens to overwhelm us. War abroad. Strife at home. COVID-19. Mass shootings. Natural disasters. And on and on. But into all this darkness comes a light. Not just a light, but the light, the light John testified to. The kingdom of God has drawn near to us in Christ and we respond with joy when we realize that he comes to us, for us, and remains with us, even when we're not conscious of his abiding presence. May we recognize the light of the Lord that is within us and our neighbor as well.
- May we be as bold as John the Baptist, who testified to the light but declared that he himself was not the light. Even if we have the light within us, we did not create that light, we did not produce that light. That light comes above and we merely direct it in the way that we live. May we bear witness to the light by directing it upon the darknesses in our world, producing glimmers of goodness.



Prayer after Communion

O Lord, you graciously made blessed Benedict the father of many peoples. Having all shared in the one bread, we ask you that through his prayer you may favor your Church with unity and gladden her with fruitfulness. Through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. **St Benedict: Pray for us**



****Save the Date****

April 6, 2024

Mission Del Lago Course



Need Choir Member for Christmas.

Practices have begun, Wednesdays @ 5pm. Christmas Caroling will be Dec 24th before the 5pm mass. POC Armando Carranza



Religious Education News: December holidays will be 17, 24, and 31st. No classes.

Interested in Becoming a Deacon: If you feel that you may be called to become a deacon, first we encourage you to reflect on it in prayer. Next, schedule some time to visit with your pastor about the diaconate and seek his counsel. We would also suggest that you talk with deacons about their vocation and their responsibilities to get a clear understanding of what a deacon does and is. Most importantly, discuss this with an open heart with your wife and family, if you are married. Then contact the Office of the Diaconate at (210)-734-1658.

RCIA: Accepting Socks for Men and Women to deliver to the Nursing home for Christmas. Prefer socks with slip resistance pods on the sole, but all will be accepted. POC: Corina Castellano



Knights of Columbus are having a Christmas raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. Drawing will be December 19, 2023 @6:30. Please support our Knights. POC Chris Arriola

Church Office Hours
WE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 1ST
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL
RESUME TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

The Parish Staff Wish Each Of You A Happy, Holy, and Peaceful Christmas!



OH HOLY NIGHT!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MASSES:

THURSDAY, Dec. 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM

PARISH CONFESSIONS (3 Priests available).

SATURDAY, Dec. 23, 2023: 4 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY, Dec. 24, 2023! 8 am Mass (English); 10 am Mass (Bilingual); **Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Christmas Caroling; 5:00 PM Mass (English); 12:00 PM MIDNIGHT MASS (English).**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,

MONDAY, Dec. 25, 2023: 8 am Mass (English) and 10 am Mass (Bilingual).

SATURDAY, Dec. 30: 4 PM Confessions and 5:00 PM Mass.

SUNDAY, Dec. 31, 2023: 8 am Mass (English) and 10 am Mass (Bilingual).

NEW YEAR 2024

MONDAY, January 1, 2024: 6:30 PM Mass. Holy Day of Obligation: **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.**

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Merry Christmas !



As the holidays approach, it is a great time to remember those who are close to us, helping to bring love and happiness to our lives. Wishing you a happy Christmas season. We will keep you and your families always in our hearts and in our prayers.

The Parish Staff Wish Each of you a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2024!

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