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Church Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec 2 5:00 pm English
 Sunday, Dec 3 8:00 am English
 10:00 am Bilingual

† Steven, Aloys, Gertrude Mika † Larry Gawlik
 † Francisco Riojas † YaYas
 † Victoria Martinez † Victor Nava
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Joe Lyssy
 † Emil Gawlik † Benedict Wiatrek

† Bishop Bernard Popp

Birthdays: Eloise Espinosa

Birthdays: Laura Walrond

Special Int: Immaculate Conception

Special Int: St Benedict Parishioners (per Fr Francisco)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec 04 no Mass

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday, Dec 05 8:00 am Mass

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Novena Mass Of Perpetual Help

Liturgy of the Hour and Lectio Divina

Wednesday, Dec 06 12:15 pm Mass

Isiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec 07 8:00 am Mass

Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec 08 8:00 am, 6:30 pm

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Luke 1: 26--38

Saturday, Dec 09 5:00 pm Mass

Isiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 11:25--30

Sunday, Dec 10 8:00, 10:00 am Mass

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

Our Next Healing Mass, Friday Jan 5, 2024 12:15 PM



Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Dec 2-3 Maintenance Fund

Dec 9-10 Retired Religious (Men/Women)

Dec 25 Assumption Seminary

Holy Day/Holiday Mass Schedule:

Dec 8-- Immaculate Conception: 8am, 6:30pm

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 Chapel.

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

View this bulletin online at DiscoverMass.com

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

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.

Homebound



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



STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND COLLECTION
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY
November 18, 2023

8:00 am	attendance:	59	
12:15pm	attendance:	97	
6:30pm	attendance:	128	
Collection:		\$4,165.00	
St Vincent De Paul:		\$ 45.00	
2nd Coll: Campaign Human Development:		\$385.13	

Are you currently receiving your Donation Envelopes? If not, please update your current information so you can get on our mailing list. Contact the Church office 210-648-0123

St. Benedict Church
Online giving made easier!!

GO TO: <https://ww.givecentral.org/location/969> Or use your phone to scan this QR code For your Sunday Giving

St Benedict Acts is hosting a Community Christmas Party on December 9, 2023 at the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), Post 2059, 3202 Ackerman Road from 8—11pm. All are welcome. Cost is \$15.00. There will be door prizes, Cash Bar and more. Please call Mary Carranza, 210-273-7086, or Belinda Montoya, 210-383-3513

Homily Helps:

- Isaiah pleads with God to “rend the heavens and come down,” and rescue those who have wandered and move the hearts of the stubborn (63:19). For Christians, Jesus is God’s response to Isaiah’s prayer. He is the Good Shepherd, pursuing the lost sheep. He is the teacher, teaching us mercy and forgiveness. May we realize the gift we have in Jesus, our greatest Christmas gift, whom God sent to redeem us all.
- A few weeks ago we heard the parable of the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom, five who foolishly brought no oil with them for their lamps. The lesson from that Gospel can be applied to today’s as well. Be prepared. Be patient. Plan ahead because delays happen. The wise servants in today’s Gospel do exactly that, accomplishing their work so they are ready whenever the master returns, but waiting patiently because it may be a while. May we be reminded that our period of preparation does not end on December 25, for the Lord comes in different ways to different folks, not just as an infant child on Christmas Day. Let us make ourselves ready, whether it’s today or years from now.
- Contrasting these two stories, in today’s Gospel each servant has different work to do. Some may have difficult or time-consuming tasks while others have lighter ones. So it is with us. We cannot truly know the amount of work or amount of time our neighbor must put in to prepare or keep watch. Instead of comparing ourselves to our neighbor, we should offer to help.

Altar Society: Accepting donations for Seton Home. Our Christmas delivery to be announced. Please see Evelyn for more info.

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

WANTED! Looking for a Hard Working, Motivated, Inspiring Person to Chair our 2024 Fall Festival **Needed:** Strong, Vocal, Leader to head our 2024 \$10K raffle. These are our main fund raisers, **Please** step up to make them a **Fabuloso Success**. Talk to Father for info.

Familia Guadalupana

Looking for “Matachines” to help celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec 12. Practice tba. Sofia Nunez to teach the routine. All are welcome. If interested In becoming a Guadalupana, please see Sylvia Enriquez and/or Mary Carranza. Dec 8—6:30 Adoration

Accepting Donations for Christmas Flowers. Use your church envelopes.

Need Choir Member for Christmas. Practices has begun, Wednesdays @ 5pm. Christmas Caroling will be Dec 24th at the 5pm mass. POC Armando Carranza

Religious Education News: CCD classes resume today, 3 December. 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.

The Lumen Gentium Award 2024 honors Catholic laity from each parish who have exemplified leadership in the mission of the Church to bring Christ’s light to all. Join us to celebrate those who share their talents as missionary disciples in the local Church. See Father for Nomination requirements: