

[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

MARK 10:43-44

## Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision.

It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else's evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind.

In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ. ●

### Reflect

***Is it possible to respond to evil without escalating it among individuals or among nations?***

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**Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.**

**Rev. James Duong, Pastor**

**Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator**

**Weekend Mass**

**Sat.** Miraculous Medal

Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

**Sun.** Mass at 8am & 11am

Chaplet of Divine

Mercy after 11am

Mass

**Confessions**

Weekdays before 12:15

Mass

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

**Weekday Mass**

Rosary at 11:45am

Mass Monday - Friday

12:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Mass

**NO MASS on Thursday**

***Bulletin requests must be in***

***the Parish Office by noon***

***Wednesday, ten (10) days in***

***advance of the weekend of***

***publication.***

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

**HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS:** If you or any members of your family are sick and, in the hospital, or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to them, please call the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION:** All classes from pre-K to high school are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

**RCIA:** Please call the parish office for more information.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 20, 2024**

May we build a culture of life  
by embracing our mission as messengers of God's love.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS**

10/19	Saturday	5:00pm	+	Robin & George VanPelt The Duong Family
10/20	Sunday	8:00am 11:00am	+	Victor Bliden For the Parishioners
10/21	Monday	12:15pm	+	Mr. & Mrs. John Stanley Polickowski
10/22	Tuesday	12:15pm		Room at the Inn
10/23	Wednesday	NO MASS		
10/24	Thursday	NO MASS		
10/25	Friday	12:15pm		Western NC residents
10/26	Saturday	5:00pm		For the Parishioners
10/27	Sunday	8:00am 11:00am	+	Gregory Brown The McGrath Family

**Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers**

Kharll Skycer Villarin  
Sgt. W.R. Williams III  
Maj. Russel Henderson  
Sgt. Bryanna Spade  
Sgt. Kyle Spade  
April Ducote  
Aaron Gaither  
Phillip Kiniery  
Christopher Simmons  
Kris Guffey  
Jennifer Kmiecinski

**Sick and Shut-In**

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers and at Mass: Carol Camp, Lynn Clay, Richard Collings, Virgil Dotson, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards, Bonnie McIntyre, Barbara Parsons, George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel, Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny & Laura Rodrigues, Kim Snyder, Vivian Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin Jr., Teresa Thu Tran, Frank Williams, Beth Wilson, Brian Wilson, Deborah Wilson, Jean Wilson

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory ....	\$ 3,633.00
Maintenance Fund ....	\$ 220.00
Tropical Storm Helene Relief ....	\$ 270.00

**THANK YOU!**

## MINISTER SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 26 and 27, 2024

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 PM	John Foley	Brendan Hodges	Christine Gnaster
8 AM	Mary Ann Garcia	David Kolosieke	
11 AM	Tom Halsey	Laura Rosic	Choir

## REFLECTION



Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Estate planning is a way to continue your life's work and is your legacy. It is vital that you invest some time to ensure that your life's efforts will continue in the hands of the people and causes who will most treasure your gifts. Your attorney, in conjunction with your accountant, can prepare a proper will and make other arrangements for the easy, inexpensive transfer of your estate.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Looking at my life right now, how is Jesus summoning me? How can I be of service in my family, my parish, my community?



# PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN  
SUPPORT  
APPEAL** 2024

**ONE** *Body in* **CHRIST**

**DSA 2024 - DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL** We are now 10 months into the Diocesan Support Appeal campaign and *as of today 41 families have contributed*. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$28,753.00. Thank you.



**MONTH OF THE ROSARY** October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7. At St. Benedict's, the Rosary is prayed at 11:45 a.m. before each weekday Mass. Everyone is encouraged to pray the Rosary daily as an individual and especially as a family.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the generous parishioners of St. Benedict's who contributed to the relief efforts of those affected by Tropical Storm Helene. Donations were designated to help the parishes most affected by the storm and Catholic Charities' efforts to help individuals and families in these communities.

## **A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**

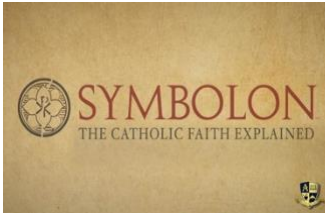
O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Find more prayer resources at: [respectlife.org/respect-life-mon](https://respectlife.org/respect-life-mon)

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.** This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services to those in need. Please consider how you can generously participate. Thank you.



**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FOR ADULTS** continues each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. This program will be beneficial for:

- Those wishing to become Catholic
- Those adults wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation
- Anyone who wants to learn more about the catechism

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained** is a systematic presentation of our Catholic faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.

**This week we say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

Katherine Walston (10/19), Jose Parada (10/19),  
Zoey Pegram (10/24), Willie Estes (10/25)



### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Faith Formation grades pre-K through high school  
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the parish hall

**Next Sunday, October 27** – In honor of All Saints Day, all Faith Formation youth are encouraged to come dressed as a saint. All children of the parish are invited to participate.





October 20, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our world lays down rules for greatness: wealth, accomplishment in the performing arts, beauty, business acumen. Hmm. I don't recall hearing any of these attributes in the Scripture passages today. What I do remember is Jesus saying that whatever authority the disciples exercise must be rendered as service rather than for personal gain: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." Jesus, as we heard in the second reading, can "sympathize with our weaknesses" and understands that, as humans, we may be tempted to seek power and authority. And yet Jesus calls us to service. Does our service have to be something spectacular that the world would deem "great"? I believe that God's grace allows us to embrace the role of Christian servant in whatever way is most fitting for us, and that makes it great in God's eyes.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

On earth, we are told again and again the most powerful people are the toughest. Strength is measured by prestige and how many people serve you. Weakness will get you crushed. Jesus turns this message inside out and reminds us we must find strength in our weakness and use that strength to serve other people. Of course, being a servant to others may involve self-sacrifice and foregoing worldly cares and aspirations. But the more we take care of others, the happier we will be. Let us ask God to lift us up when we feel weak. As we heard in the second reading: "Confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." Continuing the work of Jesus here on earth can transform our corner of the world.

**WITNESS** This week, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family to help people in need. Prepare food for a soup kitchen, do yard work tasks for an elderly or ill neighbor, sign up to take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners in your parish, or offer tutoring services through a local school or library. Bring the gift of Jesus to others through your family's service. God wants us to use the gifts he gave us to care for others and create his kingdom here on earth.

# Dear Padre,

*I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?*

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the *ordinary* of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an *auxiliary* is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A *coadjutor* bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●



VATICAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:12-22	Eph 3:2-12	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 4:7-16	Jer 31:7-9
Lk 12:13-21	Lk 12:35-38	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Lk 13:1-9	Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet.... Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.*

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