



[The scribe said to Jesus,] “To love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

MARK 12:33

Liking Versus Loving

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“I never met a man I didn’t like.” Will Rogers said that. I can believe he said it, but I have a more difficult time believing he meant it. I don’t think he lied. I just find it hard to believe there could be a person who never disliked anyone.

Loving is something different, although there are many people who talk as if liking and loving are interchangeable. They love ice cream or country music, and they like their friends. One can love, that is, behave in a loving manner, without positive feelings. You couldn’t say that about liking, but about loving you can. Some folks say one of the reasons you should love others and do good for people is because of the good feeling you get when you help someone. The problem

with this is that when you no longer get a good feeling, you stop doing the good things. But as disciples of Jesus, love we must. It’s different than liking.

It seems to me the most difficult people to love today are the anonymous souls, the people we don’t know—the immigrant coming to our land, the person of another religion who prays differently, or those living a lifestyle foreign to us. Jesus didn’t have a problem with loving people like them. ●

Reflect

Who has loved you and who do you find most difficult to love?

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

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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.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

For those nearing the end of life:

May they place their faith in Christ and be strengthened
in hope for eternal life with Him.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

11/2	Saturday	5:00pm		For All Souls
11/3	Sunday	8:00am	+	Rita Bliden
		11:00am		For the Parishioners
11/4	Monday	12:15pm		Deceased/Kuljanic & Rosic families
11/5	Tuesday	12:15pm		Room at the Inn
11/6	Wednesday	12:15pm		Deceased/D'Silva & Drozario families
11/7	Thursday	NO MASS		
11/8	Friday	12:15pm		Hurricane Helene victims
11/9	Saturday	5:00pm		For the Parishioners
11/10	Sunday	8:00am		St. Benedict Eucharistic Ministers
		11:00am	+	Jose Alan Pagan

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	\$ 2,412.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 175.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 9 AND 10, 2024

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 PM	Bob Nutt	Cindy Nutt	Tom Garcia
8 AM	Julia Ray	Trudy Menzzentto	
11 AM	Bunny Stuart	Khiem Villarin	Choir

REFLECTION



What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

LEAVE A LEGACY

Your Catholic Heritage...Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our parish families. Your planned gift to a St. Benedict's endowment will provide financial support forever. To pass on your Catholic heritage contact Gina Rhodes at 704-370-3364 or gmrhodes@rcdoc.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I show my love for God and my love for neighbor? When have I felt myself giving that love with all my being?



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.



LITURGICAL NOTE During November we are called in a special way “to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest” (Eucharistic Prayer II). A book of remembrance is available at the communion rail in which the faithful can inscribe the names of their beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer during the month.

LADIES DINNER will be Tuesday, November 12 at LongHorn Steakhouse, 2925 Battleground Ave. We will discuss winter meeting times and the parish Christmas party. Come and join in. No reservations necessary.

NEED YOUR HELP: We are in need of substitute catechists for Faith Formation and altar servers (adults and children) at all Masses. Please prayerfully consider helping with these ministries as a means of honoring God and giving back to our parish. Call Lynne McGrath in the parish office for more information.



GIFT GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE Saint Benedict parish is partnering with World Relief Triad locally to ‘welcome the stranger’ by helping with home setups, collecting household items needed during the resettlement process, and other efforts with local refugees. This year we are dedicating our Giving Tree to help collect needed items as they start their new life in America. We are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider taking one or more tags from the Giving Tree and providing the needed items. Just bring the items back to St. Benedict’s and place them under the tree before the end of December. We will take care of getting them to World Relief Triad for local refugees.

This week’s altar flowers were donated anonymously in memory of the deceased members of St. Benedict’s. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 24 - Last Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B
- Nov 28 - Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 29 - **No Mass** – Church office closed
- Dec. 1 - Advent begins – A new Liturgical Calendar - Year C
- Dec. 7 - Decorate Parish Hall for Christmas Dinner – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 8 - Christmas Dinner – 4:00 p.m. – watch the bulletin for more information
 - 6:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass? Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec. 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary,
(a holy day of obligation)
 - **Mass of the day** Monday Dec. 9th at 12 p.m.
 - **Mass # 2** Monday Dec. 9th at 6 p.m. ?
- Dec. 21 - Clean the church for Christmas - 11:00 a.m.

This week we say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Justin Damian (11/4), William Kalbaugh (11/6),

Lucie Petit (11/7), Precilla Villarín (11/8), Khiem Villarín (11/8)

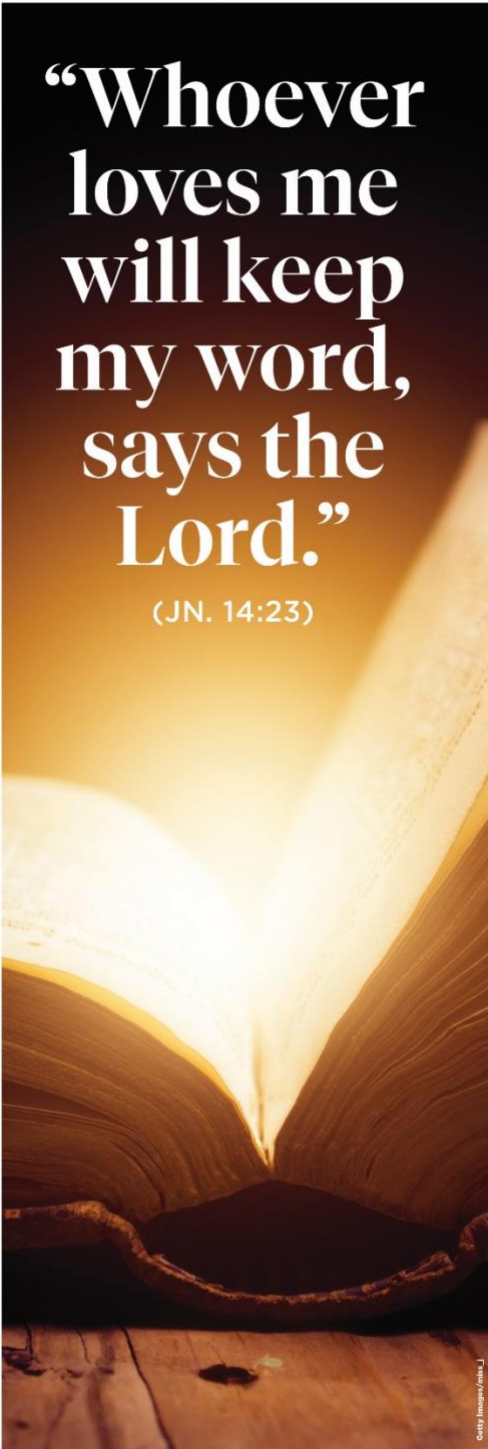


FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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



Thank You! to the Confirmation class who hosted this year's All Saints party for the Faith Formation students. Games were set up and supervised and candy prizes awarded by the Confirmation candidates. Father Duc discussed the various saints and their attributes with the students.



“Whoever
loves me
will keep
my word,
says the
Lord.”

(JN. 14:23)

November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE IT

is not surprising that we hear both Moses and Jesus speak the same words in today's Scripture. After all, Truth and Good News bear repeating! The Lord our God is Lord alone! “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” In these words, Moses is instructing the people to fear the Lord and keep all his commandments and in turn God would give them “a land flowing with milk and honey” (Canaan). He is telling them the way to live. When Jesus repeats these words around 1,400 years later, the reason and message are the same, but he also adds to them: “love your neighbor as yourself.” The two commandments are inseparable. He tells us the *way* to live, and *how* to live. It's not enough to *know* what God asks of us, we must *do* what God asks of us: love him and one another. When God is the source and reason for all our thoughts and actions, we too will not be “far from the kingdom of God.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we put God first in our lives, ensuring he is that source and reason? When *he is everything*? Not a short order, right? He is everything when our heart, soul, mind, and strength are united with his - when Jesus is the lens through which we see the world. The psalm today reveals that it is the Lord, himself, who is our strength. When we surrender to Jesus, he gives us the strength to love him with everything within us. And when we truly love him, we cannot help acting on that love in how we care for and love our neighbor. How will we know he is first in our lives? Jesus' words in today's Scripture tell us how: by accepting God's love for us, by loving him back, his love will overflow to those around us. Think of those whom your life touches daily: your colleagues at work, the barista at the café, those who hit the gym the same time as you and yes, those who live right next door - your neighbors. In your prayers, ask Jesus, “how can I love and serve them better?”

SERVE This week, find a particular and concrete way to love someone who needs it, or who lacks what you have: be a listening ear for someone who has no one to talk to; help a neighbor with physical house or yard work; buy groceries for that person who just lost their job. The opportunities are endless, if we just look for them.

Dear Padre,

Do saints ever smile? That question comes to me every year on the feast of All Saints (November 1) as I look at the pictures and statues in church. The faces are so somber and serious. What are the saints really like?

Artists through the centuries may have portrayed sanctity in very subdued tones. The saints, however, and their biographers tell a different story. The holy men and women who make up the communion of saints are an incredibly fascinating array of diverse personalities. The feast of All Saints celebrates our universal call to holiness. Our challenge is to imitate the characteristics these unique individuals have in common.

Saint Irenaeus (125–202) said that the glory of God is the human fully alive which reflects Jesus' own words, "I came so that they may have life; and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Saints enjoy life! The nearsighted St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787), founder of the Redemptorists, sat in the back row of the Naples theater with his glasses off so he could enjoy the music he loved without the distraction of the half-naked chorus line. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), caught devouring partridge in the convent kitchen, said, "When I pray, I pray; when I eat partridge, I eat partridge!" Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) loved horses, and St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) loved chess. Indeed, saints do smile. They even laugh. ●



Sculpture of a smiling Pope St. John Paul II outside the Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Trnava, Slovakia.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is necessary that...the "great commandment," [love God and our neighbor] resound in us, that it be assimilated, that it become the voice of our conscience. This way, it does not remain a dead letter, in the drawer of the heart, because the Holy Spirit makes the seed of that Word germinate in us.

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Monday

November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:1–4

Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 5

Weekday

Phil 2:5–11

Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 6

Weekday

Phil 2:12–18

Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 7

Weekday

Phil 3:3–8a

Lk 15:1–10

Friday

November 8

Weekday

Phil 3:17–4:1

Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Sunday

November 10

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44