

**“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.”**

JOHN 2:10

## When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F**or all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, “There’s no more wine.” It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel “espoused” not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God’s presence. ●

### Reflect

***Is there an area in your life where you need “new wine”?***

**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.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 19, 2025**

For all women with difficult pregnancies:  
Through the intercession of Our Lady, may they be lovingly  
supported in welcoming the mystery of life within them.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS**

1/18	Saturday	5:00pm	+	Luis Masson
1/19	Sunday	8:00am		Victor Bliden - birthday
		11:00am		For the Parishioners
			+	Petar Rosic
1/20	Monday	12:15pm	+	Pauline & Alfred Odeven
1/21	Tuesday	12:15pm		Eric Hofer & family
1/22	Wednesday	12:15pm		Room at the Inn
1/23	Thursday	NO MASS		
1/24	Friday	12:15pm		Pham Toa (Father Duc's mother)
1/25	Saturday	5:00pm	+	Luis Masson
1/26	Sunday	8:00am		For the Parishioners
		11:00am		Father Duc's Intention

**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 Kmicinski

**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 .... \$ 1753.00  
Maintenance Fund .... \$ 335.00

THANK YOU!

## MINISTER SCHEDULE: JANUARY 25 and 26

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Danielle Hayes	Amy Nutt	Emily, Gloria	Myra Vazquez
8 am	Christine Gnaster	Trudy Menzzentto	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Bill McCutcheon	Laura Rosic	Ava	Choir

## REFLECTION



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. Because the generosity of God knows no limits, the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Consider our Christian responsibility to yourself, your family, and to God to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given us. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Call Gina Rhodes at 704-370-3364 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Name one spiritual gift that I can identify in myself. How can I use that gift in service to the Lord?



# PARISH NEWS

**INFORMATION FOR YOUR 2024 TAX RETURN:** St. Benedict's will mail out individual giving statements to all registered parishioners and regular visitors who have contributed over \$250.00. These statements will serve as the documentation required by the IRS. If you find any mistakes in your statement, please let us know at 336-272-0303. For stock gifts and DSA, the diocese will provide those documentations. Please contact the Diocese of Charlotte at 704-370-3320 if needed. **Be sure we have your current contact information – address, email, and phone number – to ensure your statement(s) are received on time.**

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, January 18 & 19, is for the Combined Missions (Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa), U.S. Mission Appeal (Black and Indian Missions), and Catholic Home Missions. Thank you for your generous support of these multiple charities.



**MARCH FOR LIFE** The National March for Life Bus Trip Pilgrimage is January 23-25.

Join a pro-life pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the nation's biggest pro-life witness! Events includes the vigil Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Life Fest with the Sisters of Life, the National March for Life, and more! Tickets are \$200-\$300

and include lodging and transportation. Student discounts are available. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Charlotte. Questions? [respectlife@rcdoc.org](mailto:respectlife@rcdoc.org).

**LADIES GROUP** will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, January 21 (postponed from last week due to winter weather) at Tripps Restaurant, 4402 W. Wendover Ave., Greensboro. We will be making plans for Father Duc's upcoming anniversary celebration. All women of the parish are welcome!



**'TIS THE SEASON** It is Covid/flu/cold season again. If you have had it, or been exposed to someone who has been sick, please share your act of charity and kindness by remaining at home while you have symptoms and keeping your distance from others. Thank you for understanding.

**2025 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is this week: January 18-25. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) has a history of over 100 years in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)



**A HUGE “THANK YOU!”** to St. Benedict parishioners for helping 'Welcome the Stranger' with the amazing Giving Tree response, donating household items to help World Relief Triad with local refugee resettlement. Parishioners donated hundreds of items including enough blankets, comforters, pillows, towels, dishes, silverware, cups, pots and pans for 10-12 home set ups. Additionally, many much-needed lamps, paper towels, toilet paper, clocks, toiletries, laundry detergent, child car seats and more were collected. Matt Scarborough, World Relief Triad Warehouse Manager, said "Wow, this donation is a true blessing" adding that World Relief has a big need for everything provided. In addition to the Giving Tree effort, about 15 parishioners also helped in 2024 in setting up 29 homes for incoming refugees, and two parishioners partnered with World Relief in helping a Rwandan refugee and her children get established in High Point. There is a critical and on-going need for individual family support after the refugees are settled. If anyone is interested in joining any of our efforts please call or text parishioner Steve Finger at 864-247-8815.



Fr. Duc & Lynne helping load World Relief truck

World Relief truck loaded

### **Faith Formation**



*Sunday School 2025 for those age 3 through high school  
is from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in the parish hall.*

**\*\*\* During inclement weather, check our website for any cancellations \*\*\***

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

Dope Akouegnon (1/18), Julieta Salazar (1/20), Michael Gnaster (1/23)





January 19, 2025

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Written by  
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FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today's Gospel? If you're unsure, you're not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today's first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. "As a young man marries a virgin," the prophet Isaiah writes, "your Builder shall marry you." Jesus is the "Builder" of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls "Woman," stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will "wed" himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It is clear that Scriptures give us many "stories behind the stories" – a sort of "visible invisible" as we see with today's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, self-sacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God's immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.

### **JOURNAL**

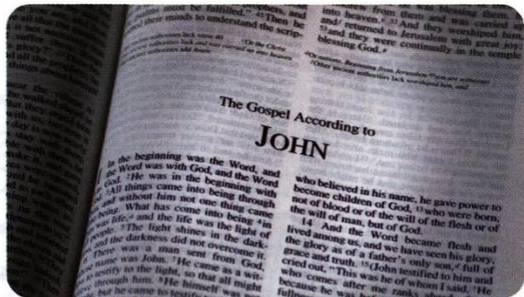
Although God's love for us never diminishes, we sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual "photo album" you can use to remind yourself of God's blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.

# Dear Padre,

*Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?*

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world."



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Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / 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
January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26
Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 5:1-10	Heb 6:10-20	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17	Heb 7:25-8:6	Heb 8:6-13	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Mk 2:18-22	Mk 2:23-28	Mk 3:1-6	Mk 3:7-12	Mk 3:13-19	Mk 16:15-18	1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
						Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?*

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