



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14



## The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**E**very family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

### Reflect

***What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?***

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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 26, 2025**

For the legal protection of unborn children,  
and for loving support for mothers before and after birth.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS**

1/25	Saturday	5:00pm	+	Luis Masson
1/26	Sunday	8:00am		For the Parishioners
		11:00am		Stefano Rosic - healing
1/27	Monday	12:15pm		Marija Juranic
1/28	Tuesday	12:15pm		Living & Deceased - Charles Mumphrey and Family
1/29	Wednesday	12:15pm		Joan Dondero
1/30	Thursday	NO MASS		
1/31	Friday	12:15pm		Room at the Inn
2/1	Saturday	5:00pm	+	Prof. Giuseppe Quartieri
2/2	Sunday	8:00am		For the Parishioners
		11:00am		Kimberly Oliver

**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 Kinery  
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 ....	\$ 2,612.00
Combined Mission Collection ....	\$ 926.00

**THANK YOU!**

## MINISTER SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 1 AND 2

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Christina Nutt	Cindy Nutt	Emily, Gloria	Amy Nutt
8 am	Mary Ann Garcia	Geoff Stephany	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Pat Nolan	Bill McCutcheon	Ava	Choir

## REFLECTION



The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from I Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

**LEAVE A LEGACY** Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our parish family. Your planned gift to St. Benedict's will provide financial support forever. To learn more about tax-savvy gifts that benefit our parish, contact Gina Rhodes at 704-370-3364 or [gmrhodes@rcdoc.org](mailto:gmrhodes@rcdoc.org).

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I apply the word of God in my life? Can I commit to spending time each day this week reading from the Bible?



# PARISH NEWS



**COMING SOON** – The Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) 2025 with the theme: “Reflecting God’s Light”. The DSA provides annual funding to help carry out our diocesan mission: to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and Western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for more than 50 ministries and programs. The target for St. Benedict’s is \$31,233.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, February 1 and 2, is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your continuing support.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Ladies Group is inviting fellow parishioner to a celebration luncheon of Father Duc's 20th Anniversary as our priest and pastor on Sunday, February 23rd at 12:30pm. All are welcome. Watch for sign-up sheets in both vestibules. More details coming soon!

**BLESSING OF CANDLES:** Next Sunday, February 2, is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. The Blessing of the Candles will take place at each weekend Mass. All are invited to bring candles with them to Mass that day to have them blessed for personal and family use.



**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE** is Monday, February 3. In memory of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats will be given after the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

## 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.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Leonardo (Leo) Garcia and Camden Robinson who received the sacrament of First Penance on Saturday, January 26. Let us keep them in our prayers.



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

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

Bunny Stuart (1/27), Danielle Hayes (1/27), Carina Hernandez (1/27),  
Isabella Bagnoli (1/27)



**Report to Parishioners**  
**Fiscal year report 7.2023 - 6.2024**

December 31, 2024

<b>PARISH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES &amp; CASH FLOWS</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD Actual</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Offerory	139,170.03	260,000.00
Unrestricted Donations & Other Support	2,164.75	1,000.00
Religious Formation Fees	405.00	300.00
Other Fees and Misc Income	14,579.84	5,000.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>156,319.62</b>	<b>266,300.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Ministry & Liturgy	55,185.93	108,390.00
Religious Formation	1,173.20	9,900.00
Charity/Outreach	6,387.09	15,000.00
School Subsidy	4,297.59	8,000.00
Facilities Expenses	39,899.77	87,500.00
Diocesan Assessments	14,906.40	22,642.00
General & Administrative Expenses	11,604.69	26,800.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>133,454.67</b>	<b>278,232.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Activity</b>	<b>22,864.95</b>	<b>(11,932.00)</b>
<b>Capital Activity</b>		
Receipts	9,927.00	12,000.00
<b>Net Capital Activity, excluding debt principal prmts</b>	<b>9,927.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Endowment Earnings, Net of Income Spent</b>	<b>23,444.31</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit) Before Depreciation</b>	<b>56,236.26</b>	<b>68.00</b>
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit) After Depreciation</b>	<b>56,236.26</b>	<b>68.00</b>
<b>Other Sources and Uses of Cash:</b>		
(Increase)Decrease - Endowment Accounts	(23,444.31)	
Increase/Decrease - Current Assets and Liabilities	(788.50)	
Increase(Decrease) - Custodial Obligations & Unearned Income	1,394.00	
(Increase)Decrease - Savings/Reserve Balances	(12,436.00)	
<b>Total increase(decrease) in Checking Accounts</b>	<b>20,961.45</b>	

<b>PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>End of Period</b>	<b>Beginning of Fiscal Year</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Account Balances - Operating	226,788.14	205,826.69



January 26, 2025

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Late 19th-century English author G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, “Catholic doctrine and discipline may be walls, but they are the walls of a playground.” We can think of God’s commandments serving as rules governing primary school recess: by providing us with a structure in which we can explore, play, stumble, and get up again, they allow us to discover who God created us to be without wandering far from his love. The mosaic law that served the Jews in today’s first reading had given them the necessary parameters to live and grow within the covenantal relationship they had with God. Their unfaithfulness had led them astray, but upon their return from exile in Babylon they wept when hearing God’s word for the first time in generations. They knew the power of God’s commandments to keep them safe and secure in his love, and recognized all they had lost by wandering. Their sorrow was turned to joy in the knowledge that God rejoiced in their return to him.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

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

Just as Ezra “opened the scroll so that all the people might see it” in today’s first reading, Jesus also “unrolled the scroll” and then rolled it back up so that all might see *him*. Ezra held the law in his hands, Jesus is the fulfillment of the law in himself. Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,” were an infusion of new life breathed into a new creation by God who is outside of time. All things, all mistakes, all failures brought about in our human pride and disobedience were being refashioned into new brick and mortar to build God’s kingdom in and through Christ. Jesus, with his commandment to love one another as he loves us, gives us structure and a true freedom to discover who God created us to be, while helping us not wander far from this playground the Lord has given us. Knowing what holds us together, and relying on it to guide us, enables us to help build the kingdom even more for the glory of God and the good of others.

### **LEARN**

Research a Catholic teaching you do not fully understand for example, why Catholics attend Mass on Sundays. Ask God for the light to see how this teaching is life-giving instead of life-limiting. If you have the opportunity, share what you’ve learned with someone.

# Dear Padre,

***At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?***

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—uscbb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

***The Redeptorists / 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 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2
Weekday	St. Thomas	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco,	Weekday	The Presentation
Heb 9:15,	Aquinas, Priest	Heb 10:11-18	Heb 10:19-25	Priest	Heb 11:1-2,	of the Lord
24-28	and Doctor of	Mk 4:1-20	Mk 4:21-25	Heb 10:32-39	8-19	Mal 3:1-4
Mk 3:22-30	the Church			Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	Heb 2:14-18
	Heb 10:1-10					Lk 2:22-40 or
	Mk 3:31-35					2:22-32



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.*

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022