



From Anger to Peace


FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

***Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;
do I pray for peace?***

A close-up photograph of a white lily flower with yellow centers, set against a dark, blurred background. The flower is in full bloom, with its petals slightly curled.

[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21-22

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 or in the hospital or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to you/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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 27, 2025

May the infinite mercy of our Divine Savior
reach all who are suffering from participation in abortion,
and transform them with His healing, hope and peace.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

4/26	Saturday	5:00pm		For the Parishioners
4/27	Sunday	8:00am	+	Rita Bliden
		11:00am		In honor of the Divine Mercy
4/28	Monday	12:15pm	+	Madeline Dineen
4/29	Tuesday	12:15pm	+	Msgr. Joseph Showfety
4/30	Wednesday	12:15pm		Room at the Inn
5/1	Thursday	NO MASS		
5/2	Friday	12:15pm	+	Frances Oakes
5/3	Saturday	5:00pm		For the Parishioners
5/4	Sunday	8:00am	+	Gary Doremus
		11:00am	+	Petar Rosic

+ denotes deceased

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Khiem Villarin
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: Lynn Clay,
Richard Collings, Virgil Dotson, Janice
Drasler, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards,
Kimberly Oliver, Barbara Parsons,
George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel,
Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny &
Laura Rodrigues, Stefano Rosic, Kim
Snyder, Vivian Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin
Jr., Teresa Thu Tran, Roberta VanPelt,
Frank Williams, Wilson, Brian Wilson,
Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,694.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 1,726.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: MAY 3 AND 4

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Bob Nutt	Amy Nutt	Emily, Jelyssa	Lori Hodges & Donna Estes
8 am	David Kolosiecke	Mary Ray	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Bunny Stuart	Bill McCutcheon	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen but believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

LEAVE A LEGACY

Create a memorial fund in memory of your parents. Parishioners may wish to establish an ongoing fund which can be added to each year or make a one-time gift. This type of endowed gift will carry on its benefits from generation to generation. To establish a memorial fund in the name of those most special to you, and for the purpose at St. Benedict's you wish to support, contact Gina Rhodes, Director of Planned Giving, at 704-370-3364 or gmrhodes@rcdoc.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Where and when do I recognize Christ's wounds in the body of Christ? What can I do to heal those wounds?



PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2025**

Reflecting God's Light

THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) 2025 is underway. We are all called to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters both here in our parish and in the diocese. Most of us are not qualified to provide such services as counseling, refugee resettlement, adoption, natural family planning, prison ministry, sacramental preparation, and many more. But we can do it through financial contributions which support the work of the Church in areas such as these. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** To date, 21 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is dedicated as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, we reflect on God's love for us and the whole world. We are called to respond to His love. At 2:30 p.m., we will have the Divine Mercy liturgy with adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. Let us come to pray and give thanks for the gift of God's love for us.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 28, in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY is this week, May 2. We will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

JOB OPPORTUNITY St. Benedict's is looking for a parttime organist/pianist, mainly for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If interested, or know of someone who might qualify, please contact Father Duc at 336-272-0303 or Stbenedictgreensboro@rcdoc.org.

SECOND COLLECION next weekend, May 3 and 4, is for the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your on-going support of our church and parish property.

Please welcome our newest parishioners/families:

- Jonathan Leyua and children, Jocelyn Leyua-Arellano and Anthony Leyua-Arellano
- Pete Shaw
- Patrick Fitzgerald



A JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. James Duong at St. Benedict Parish in Greensboro,
Fr. Tien Duong at St. Francis Assisi in Franklin,
Fr. Tri Duong at St. John University in New York,
invite you to join them on a 12-day pilgrimage to ITALY...
... to visit PADRE PIO, St. FRANCIS, St. CLARE, St. BENEDICT...
... to have a Papal audience with the Pope ...
... to visit JUBILEE DOORS at 4 major basilicas...
... and Our Lady of Medjugorje.

For further information, please call Fr. James Duong at 336-272-0303
or djduong@rcdoc.org or check here for details: trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/np4256



Faith Formation News

Faith Formation grades pre-K through high school
is from
9:15am – 10:30am every Sunday in the parish hall.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment is held at the same time and place. All are welcome.

**** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025** will be the week of June 23 - 27 for all youth grades pre-school through seventh grade. Please save the date. Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibules. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Lynne McGrath at 336-272-0303.

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

Alex Robinson (4/27), Priscilla Torres (4/27), Joanne Murphy (4/29),
Juan Espitia-Garcia (4/30), Frank Perreira (5/1),
Alexandra Starr (5/1), Catherine Bagnoli (5/1)





April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

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

On this Easter Octave, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus revealed to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, the blood and water that gushed forth from his side during his crucifixion would become a “fountain of mercy” for all of us. In today’s first reading, we witness what happens now that the Apostles have received that mercy flowing from the foot of the cross. Motivated by the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, these men are now continuing his ministry of healing. Just as the ill and possessed flocked to Christ, so now those sick in body or spirit see the power of Christ working through the Apostles. The beauty of receiving God’s mercy is that it doesn’t stop once it’s been poured into us – his mercy *compels* us, inspiring us to become living fountains of mercy to those we encounter.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In a somewhat confusing chronology, today’s Gospel takes place in time before the events in our first reading. So we go with the disciples back to “the evening of that first day of the week.” They have been through a *lot* over the past weeks. They have watched their community turn on Jesus and give him over to be brutally killed. They have walked with him through his agonizing passion and bitter death, and they have witnessed his glorious resurrection from the dead. “Overwhelming” seems too small a word. Can you imagine the weight of their experience on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level? Now, in today’s Gospel, we see them gathered together behind locked doors, shaken from the recent events, and fearing for their own lives. Somehow, mysteriously, Jesus enters the room and says, “Peace be with you.” Three times, Jesus repeats this phrase to his disciples in this reading. Untethered by space and time and in the wake of grief and glory, the Savior of the world extends himself in an intimate encounter, radically present to those who love him.

REFLECT

Throughout today’s Scriptures, we see the Lord’s relentless pursuit of the human heart. We see a God who loves us so passionately that he pours himself into us, inviting us to partake in his mission by the outpouring of his mercy and the power of his Holy Spirit. Today, pause to reflect on the mercy of God. In what areas of your life can you see God’s mercy at work? How can you be an instrument of his mercy for others?

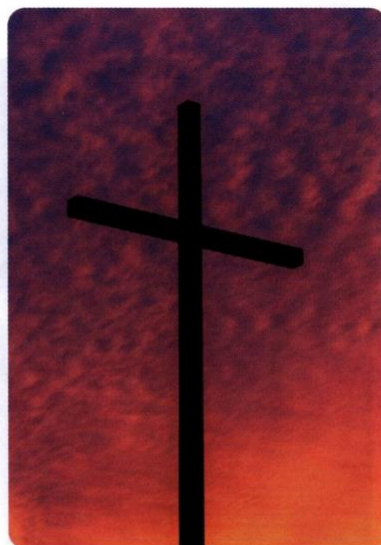
Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
Easter Weekday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23–31	Acts 4:32–37	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Acts 5:34–42	1 Cor 15:1–8	Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Jn 3:1–8	Jn 3:7b–15	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Jn 6:1–15	Jn 14:6–14	Rv 5:11–14
						Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



ANNETNAVI / PEXELS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022