



Why Doesn't God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

Reflect

*In what ways do I act like an adult?
How is the world a better place because of me?*

[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
JUNE 1, 2025

For all children in the womb:
May they be seen as gifts from the Father,
and gifts for the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

5/31	Saturday	5:00pm	For the Parishioners
6/1	Sunday	8:00am	Bob & Arden Vaughan
		11:00am	Intention of Father Duc
6/2	Monday	12:15pm	Intentions of the Tran Family
6/3	Tuesday	12:15pm	Eric Hofer & Family
6/4	Wednesday	12:15pm	+ Alma Scheidelman
6/5	Thursday	NO MASS	
6/6	Friday	12:15pm	Living & Deceased of the Tran Family
6/7	Saturday	5:00pm	First Communion Candidates & For the Parishioners
6/8	Sunday	8:00am	+ Robert Higginbotham
		11:00am	Confirmation Candidates

+ denotes deceased

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Khieim 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, Susan Wilson, Brian
Wilson, Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,506.00
International/National Combined	\$ 1,130.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: JUNE 7 AND JUNE 8

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Kim Garcia	Cindy Nutt	Emily, Jelyssa	TBA
8 am	Christine Gnaster	Trudy Menzzento	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Bunny Stuart	Laura Rosic	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



In today's first reading, we learn that Jesus "gave instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen." Throughout the Gospels, we have been given instructions about how to be good stewards of God's gifts. Do you continue to seek Christ's guidance every day on how to be a good steward?

LEAVE A LEGACY

Do you own stock that has appreciated since you purchased it? You may be able to make a gift to St. Benedict's and receive immediate tax benefits. Contact your broker or accountant. They will help you determine the best time to make your gift to support our parish. You will need to complete the stock transfer form and submit it to stockgifts@rcdoc.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How have I borne witness to Jesus Christ? How will I bear witness between now and Pentecost?



PARISH NEWS



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. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** To date, 24 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS to those who will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday:

- ❖ Leo Garcia
- ❖ Camden Robinson
- ❖ Adrian Lopez
- ❖ Abel Lopez



CONGRATULATIONS to those who will be confirmed by Bishop Martin on Sunday:



- * Daniel Cabrera
- * Sebastian Espitia-Garcia
- * Daniela Garcia-Moncada
- * Sean Robinson

- * Uriel Garcia
- * Delila Michel
- * Jose Pareda
- * Emily Alexa Ruiz-Sosa

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generous support.

FIRST FRIDAY is this week. Please join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Adoration following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 9, in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to come. At the last meeting it was reported that we had over 75 returns to the diocesan survey and that the data will be available to the parish in 4 to 6 weeks. An update was given on our refugee partners through World Relief Triad. Current needs include providing transportation to classes and/or job interviews. A critical need is someone to teach English as a second language. The council also reviewed maintenance issues.

THE LADIES GROUP will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at Kiosco Mexican Grill, 3011 Spring Garden St., Greensboro. All women of the parish are welcome!

Faith Formation News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place Saturday, June 7, at the 5 p.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION will take place Sunday, June 8, at the 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Michael Martin officiating.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 will be the week of June 23 - 27 for all youth in grades pre-school through seventh grade.



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



Carole Gale (5/31), Michael Busch (5/31), Bill McCutcheon (6/1),
Silvia Tazbir (6/3), Mason Harder (6/4), Donald Gifford (6/4),
Mary Kathryn Pegram (6/4), Aurora Cantarelli (6/5),
Alexander Zatolokin (6/6)

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 Pope Leo...
... 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





June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Lk 24:46-53

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

Every day the world urges us to place our trust in countless things: money, brands, self-improvement methods — all with instant results! As Christians, however, we know that only God's promises are worth betting everything on, and they are not fulfilled on our self-determined timelines. Today's readings portray Jesus, the wounds of his crucifixion still visible, accompanying his followers for 40 days after his resurrection. Now the Apostles, some with questions of their own, are asked to wait once more for "the promise of the Father" of which they heard Jesus speak: baptism by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. For the Apostles as for us, following Christ is not an easy path, the Apostles likely were wondering what to expect in this "baptism." The fulfillment of God's promises doesn't always happen quickly, nor are we usually able to grasp the big picture at the moment of fulfillment. Nevertheless, it is in these periods of waiting that faith takes root and deepens. Uncertainty makes room for faith, and as the Holy Spirit descends into our life and makes things clear, we see the beauty in God's mysterious and loving plan for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There's a saying, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." It is often a matter of timing and expectations around life that can sew doubt into our faith. In the first reading, the Apostles ask the resurrected Christ if now he would restore the kingdom of Israel. He responds, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons." We are reminded that our faith never obligates us to know what events are to come, and which date in our calendars to mark. Our role, as the second reading says, is to let our "hearts be enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope that belongs to his call." We wait in faith for the Holy Spirit to move and enlighten us to what God wills. We can rest secure in the assurance that we will be given all we need.

PRAY

Is your prayer sometimes full of questions about God's timing and intentions, or are you able to wait in faith for God to act? Ask the Holy Spirit for the faith and hope you need to remain at peace as you wait. Then, keep your eyes fixed on Christ, and be not afraid.

Dear Padre,

What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at Vatican.va.) ●



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CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

Monday

June 2
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday

June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday

June 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday

June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop
and Martyr
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday

June 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

Saturday

June 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

Sunday

June 8
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
or Rom 8:8–17
Jn 20:19–23 or
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26