



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

**Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?**

**[Jesus said,] "My sheep
hear my voice; I know
them, and they follow me."**

JOHN 10:27

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 11, 2025

For those struggling with infertility:
May their hearts rest in the Good Shepherd,
whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

5/10	Saturday	5:00pm	+ Donald DiChiara
5/11	Sunday	8:00am	For the Parishioners
		11:00am	Flaria & Mateo Gutierrez Puig – First Holy Communion
5/12	Monday	12:15pm	Room at the Inn
5/13	Tuesday	12:15pm	Eric Hofer & Family
5/14	Wednesday	12:15pm	+ Gloria Mendez
5/15	Thursday	NO MASS	
5/16	Friday	12:15pm	+ Deceased of Joseph R. DePaoli family
5/17	Saturday	5:00pm	For the Parishioners
5/18	Sunday	8:00am	David & Jay Baesler
		11:00am	+ Msgr. Joseph Showfety

+ 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, Susan Wilson, Brian Wilson, Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,936.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 853.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: MAY 17 AND 18

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Amy Nutt	Bob Nutt	Emily, Jelyssa	Tom Garcia
8 am	Linda McLendon	David Kolosieke	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Pat Nolan	Bill McCutcheon	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



Paul and Barnabas encounter both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in service of God, but, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Before you go on vacation, enjoy the security of knowing that your will has been written or revised and your estate plans will be carried out according to your wishes, not the state's. Contact your attorney and set up an appointment before you go on vacation. Being a good steward begins at home. Protect your family!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How has my mother (or mother figure) been a good shepherd for me? Make sure to thank her today.



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. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** To date, 22 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!



MOTHERS DAY PRAYER "Lord, we thank you for our mothers, for the gift of life, for their love and care, for all the sacrifices they have made for us. Please bless them with health, happiness, and peace. Guide their steps and surround them with your love. Comfort them when they are hurting and give them strength to face any challenges. May they know your presence and find joy in your embrace."

THE LADIES GROUP will meet for dinner this Tuesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at Tripps Restaurant, 4402 W. Wendover Ave. All ladies of the parish are welcome. No reservations necessary. Come and enjoy a good time with your fellow parishioners.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, May 17 and 18, is for the International/National Combined Collection which supports numerous ministries including Catholic Relief Services, Collection for the Holy Land, for the works of the Holy Father, Catholic University of America, and Catholic Communications Campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION ST. BENEDICT GRADUATES from college, university and high school. Please call or email the church office this week, so we may add your name to our list of 2025 Graduates.

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.

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

John Sappy (5/11), Annette Bagnoli (5/14), Alison Babiarz (5/14),
Thomas Garcia (5/16), Justo Nunez (5/16)





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 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. Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibules. Deadline to sign up is TODAY. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Lynne McGrath at 336-272-0303.

A mandatory retreat for Confirmation candidates will be this Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4:30 in the parish hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TEENS: WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN LIFE? Explore how God is calling you at these vocation summer camps!

- Young men (ages 15-19) – June 16-20 (deadline to apply June 2)
- Young women (ages 16–19) June 23-27 (deadline to apply June 9)
- Young women (ages 12-15) one-day, June 23 (deadline to apply June 9)

All are held at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC. For details:

www.charlottediocese.org/vocations or (704) 370-3353.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION, a self-guided tour, will take place on Saturday, May 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pennybyrn Community Center, 109 Penny Road, High Point. This exhibition, which is an opportunity to delve deeper into the Catholic belief in the true and real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, has been verified and approved by the Vatican. English and Spanish versions will be on display.

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY is in need of volunteers for their Client Choice food pantry. Volunteers work one day a week for a 3-4 hour shift sorting produce and canned goods, stocking shelves and assisting clients. Afternoon volunteers are most needed. For more details: ledford@guministry.org or 336-271-5959.



May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus' sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ's flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world's fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd's voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today's second reading, however, St. John's vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them." In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father's will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd's attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep's attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●



REASTOCK / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Jn 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



NANCY BAUER / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022