



[Jesus said,] "Peace
I leave with you; my
peace I give to you. Not
as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let
your hearts be troubled
or afraid."

JOHN 14:27

The Wisdom Channel

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful. ●

Reflect

**What items are on my wisdom list?
How or from whom did I learn them?**

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 25, 2025

For all Christians:

That we may rejoice in the gift of our earthly life,
and in the hope of eternal life with God.

MASS SCHEDULE

5/24	Saturday	5:00pm
5/25	Sunday	8:00am
		11:00am
5/26	Monday	NO MASS
5/27	Tuesday	12:15pm
5/28	Wednesday	12:15pm
5/29	Thursday	NO MASS
5/30	Friday	12:15pm
5/31	Saturday	5:00pm
6/1	Sunday	8:00am
		11:00am

+ denotes deceased

INTENTIONS

Russo & Woods Families
+ Gregory Brown
For the Parishioners
+ Arnaldo Romero
Room at the Inn
Fernando Pilar Mentos
For the Parishioners
Bob & Arlene Vaughan
Intention of Father Duc

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Khien 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	\$ 2,738.00
International/National combined	\$ 1,043.00

THANK YOU!

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Maintenance Fund.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: MAY 31 AND JUNE 1

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Bob Nutt	Christine Nutt	Emily, Jellyssa	Christine Gnaster
8 am	Mary Ann Garcia	David Kolosieke	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Myra Vazquez	Bill McCutcheon	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

LEAVE A LEGACY

You can make a significant difference at St. Benedict's by remembering the ongoing and long-range needs of our parish. Bequests, gifts of real estate and life insurance, stocks, bonds, and certificates of deposit can perpetuate your ideals and faith at St. Benedict's while ensuring that future parishioners will be able to enjoy the same opportunities we have enjoyed.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What resentments, jealousies, or ambitions do I have in my heart that interfere with the presence of peace? How can I overcome these?



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, 24 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is this Thursday. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Charlotte. We will celebrate the Ascension next Sunday, June 1.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Jacob Brown who is graduating from Southeast High School. Jacob, the grandson of Leslie Brown, will be joining the U.S. Marine Corps in July.

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.



REST IN PEACE With sadness, we inform you of the death of Alma Scheidelman, mother of Trudy Menzzentto, on May 15. A Mass of Christian Burial will be June 2 in Utica, NY. Please join us to pray for Trudy and her family and for the peaceful repose of Mrs. Scheidelman's soul.

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 Francis...
... 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



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

Elizabeth Colamarino (5/26), Brit Harder (5/28), Jean Wilson (5/28),
Justina Sugg (5/29), Kim Garcia (5/30)



Faith Formation News

FIRST 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.

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 next today 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@gumministry.org or 336-271-5959.



May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

A quip on a church marquee has stuck with me for years: *If you feel distant from God, guess who moved?* In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples that he would be with them "only a little while longer." Of course, we know the full story: Jesus did not abandon his followers. Today we hear of his parting gift to them and to us. Although Jesus would soon return to the Father, he was sending someone to minister to the disciples and to encourage them in their mission: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Often in our lives, when we feel distant from God, we may wonder if the Lord has departed from us. In these seasons, remember that Jesus – who has *never* broken a promise – did, indeed, send the Holy Spirit to be with us. Take heart in moments of trial and call upon the Spirit, the Advocate, whose name in Latin means "he who is called to one's side." He will come close, reminding you of the goodness of God and encouraging you on the path to heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's second reading narrates St. John the Apostle's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem. John describes the radiant splendor of this place "like that of a precious stone." Though the vision is resplendent, John observes: "The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." God himself is the source of light which illumines heaven. But he is likewise present among us and his reign is meant to extend on earth as well. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can, therefore, prepare for heaven while also striving to bring God's glory to earth by living for him each day. So many times we have prayed the words of the Lord's Prayer: "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, *on earth as it is in heaven.*" Allow the glory of God to illumine your everyday life. Call upon God's grace and the Holy Spirit to witness to his truth, beauty, and goodness.

REFLECT

Inviting the Holy Spirit to act as our Advocate, how do we reveal the glory of God in our daily activities? As you begin your work, study, or household tasks, offer him your undertakings (and your heart) and ask him to transform the mundane into the sacred.

Dear Padre,

I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a	May 27 Easter Weekday Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	May 28 Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	May 29 Easter Weekday Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20	May 30 Easter Weekday Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56	June 1 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit."... And let us also ask this...for those we meet each day.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 22, 2022