

Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

## The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

### Reflect

***Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?***

**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.

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 4, 2025**

For an end to infanticide:

That the laws of our nation may reflect the law of God,  
and protect the dignity of every human life.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **INTENTIONS**

5/3	Saturday	5:00pm	For the Parishioners
5/4	Sunday	8:00am	+ Gary Doremus
		11:00am	+ Petar Rosic
5/5	Monday	12:15pm	+ Guillermo Alfredo Rose
5/6	Tuesday	NO MASS	
5/7	Wednesday	12:15pm	+ Elizabeth D'Amelio
5/8	Thursday	NO MASS	
5/9	Friday	12:15pm	Room at the Inn
5/10	Saturday	5:00pm	+ Donald DiChiara
5/11	Sunday	8:00am	For the Parishioners
		11:00am	+ Flaria & Mateo Guttierrez - First Holy Communion

+ 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 ....

\$ 2,768.00

THANK YOU!

## MINISTER SCHEDULE: MAY 10 AND 11

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Christina Nutt	Danielle Hayes	Emily, Jelyssa	Myra Vazquez
8 am	Julia Ray	Trudy Menzzento	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Bill McCutcheon	Laura Rosic	Ava	Choir

## REFLECTION



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed My sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Estate planning is the way to continue your life's work and is your legacy! It is vital that you invest some time to ensure that your life's efforts will continue in the hands of the people and causes who will most treasure your gifts. Your attorney, in conjunction with your accountant, will prepare a proper will and make other arrangements for the easy, inexpensive transfer of your estate.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When have I found the courage to speak out on behalf of what I believe?



# 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, 21 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!



**REST IN PEACE** With sadness, I inform you of our oldest and beloved parishioner, Frances Oakes, who passed away at 101 years old on Wednesday, April 23rd. The funeral was on Thursday, May 1, at St. Benedict Church. In your charity, please keep Frances' family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one, and pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Frances Oakes. Sincerely, Fr. James Duong

**THE LADIES GROUP** will meet for dinner on 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.

**MAY CROWNING:** May is a month of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, the mother of Jesus. During May, let us pray more to Our Blessed Mary asking for her motherly help, protection, intervention and blessing for ourselves, our families, and friends. Our May Crowning will take place during the 11 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 11. Crowning is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Virgin Mary is crowned with a wreath of spring flowers to recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth and Queen of Peace.



**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](mailto:Stbenedictgreensboro@rcdoc.org).

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

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

Grady Prevette (5/5), Emiliana Vicard (5/7), Giuliana Ayer (5/8)



## 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](mailto:djduong@rcdoc.org) or check here for details: [trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/np4256](http://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 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 next Sunday, May 11. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Lynne McGrath at 336-272-0303.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

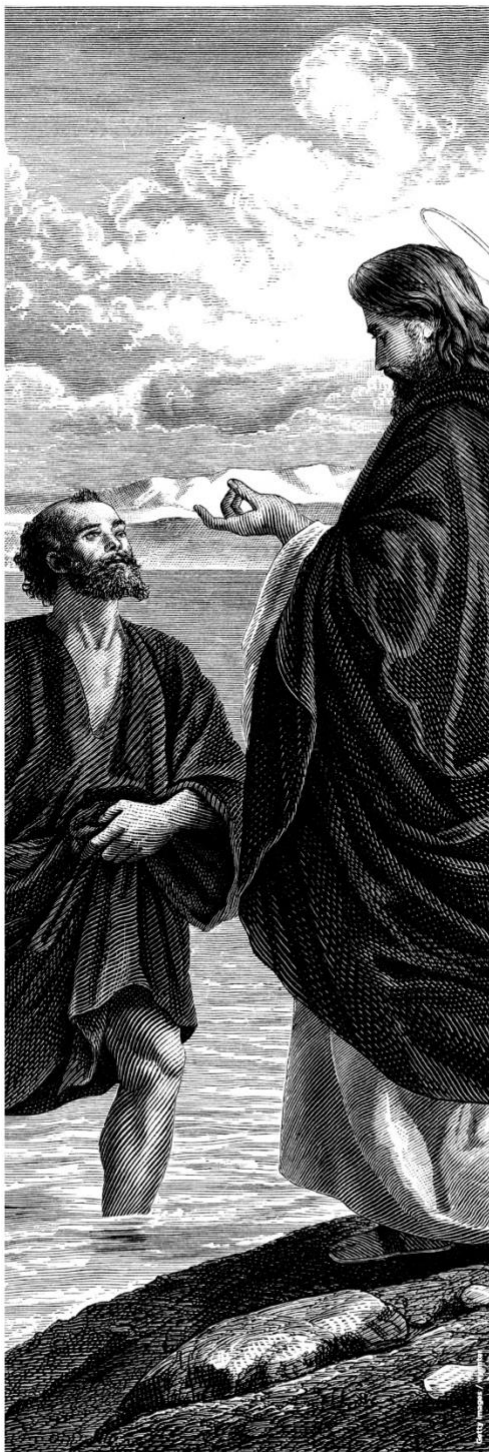
**TEENS: WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN LIFE?** Explore how God is calling you at these vocation summer camps!

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





May 4, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 | Rev 5:11-14 | Jn 21:1-19

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

Underlying Peter's simple statement in today's Gospel, "I am going fishing," is an ocean of sadness. This leader of the Apostles was once so eager and self-assured that he declared to Jesus, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." (Mt 26:35) But we know the story: At the decisive moment, Peter yielded under pressure and three times denied that he even knew Jesus. Now, after witnessing his Master's arrest and execution, Peter, whom Jesus called to leave his nets to be a fisher of men (see Mt 4:19), returns to his old profession. And even there he sustains another failure: he can't catch any fish! Swimming to shore, the ever-impulsive Apostle discovers that Jesus had already procured fish for breakfast without his help. Imagine Peter's consternation: my vocation as an Apostle, my career as a fisherman, my professed willingness to die for the Lord – everything I thought I could hang my hat on – were pretense and illusion.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

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

In our relationship with God, we are at times beset by the reality of our own weaknesses and apparent failures. But for Peter as for us, despondency does not have to have the final word. In one of the most intimate exchanges in the Gospels, Jesus heals Peter's self-inflicted wound. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" the Lord asks three times. What Jesus desires from the Apostle is not eloquent declarations of courage; he wants Peter's love; he wants his heart: conscious of its frailty and humble enough to be led where it does not want to go. Neither Peter's day job nor his grandiose spiritual aspirations are useful to the Lord if Peter has not first surrendered himself to God. This is because only a heart which belongs to God and draws its strength from him can bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven. Such is likewise true for us, often so anxious about tomorrow or preoccupied with our attempts to "earn" God's love. Our primary responsibility, without which none of our other labors will be fruitful, is to give our hearts completely to him.

### **PRAY**

Repetition is the mother of learning. Three times, Jesus asked Peter to renew his love – perhaps, in part, to convince Peter! This week, offer your heart to God as soon as you get up in the morning. You could even use Peter's words: "Lord, you know that I love you." By making this a habit, you invite God's grace and strength to make each day's actions fruitful.

# Dear Padre,

***I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?***

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●



JESUS CERVANTES / SHUTTERSTOCK

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://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
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 13:14, 43–52
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	Rv 7:9, 14b–17
						Jn 10:27–30



SARAVUTPICS / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022**