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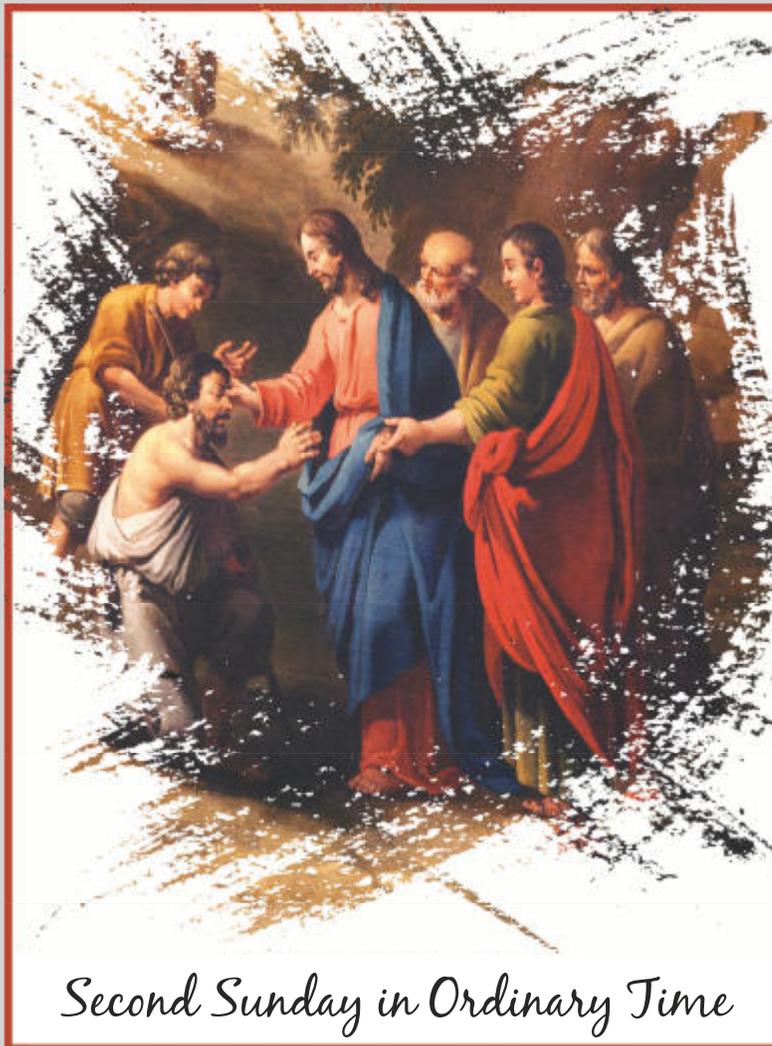
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Mon—Fri: 8:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Office Hours

Mon—Thurs: 9:00am-2:30pm



The parish office is closed
Monday, January 18th in
observance of
Martin Luther King Day

Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Benedict, are called through our Baptism to share the mission of Jesus. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim the good news by living His message of love, peace and hope. We welcome everyone to our parish community and encourage all to reach out to one another in faith, prayer and service.



Mass Intentions

For The Second Week In Ordinary Time
January 16 — 24, 2021

Saturday, January 16 Weekday

5:00pm †William Zukas by Bill Zukas

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict

10:30am †Peter McManus

Monday, January 18 Weekday

8:00am †Roland Salvador by Loving Sister

Tuesday, January 19 Weekday

8:00am †Boyd Waler by John Conroy

Wednesday, January 20 St. Fabian, Pope

8:00am ♥All My Children and Grandchildren
by Loving Grandparents

Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am ♥Bill and Terri Obermeier

Friday, January 22 St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

8:00am †Mary Meglen
by Clemmer and Samm Families

Saturday, January 23 St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

5:00pm †Deceased members of
The Smith-Fulton Family
by Paul and Jolinda Fulton

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Parishioners of St. Bendict

10:30am †Dr. Susanna Donaire

faith
— over —
fear

Pray for our People...

Our Sick...

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould, Irene Cmar
Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Al Plante, Maria Canale,
Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Joan Golway,
Dan Clymer, Marvin Long, Juanita Downum, Kevin Terrell,
Annetta Wiczorek, Milton Miller, Ralph Esposito,
Agnes and Michael Ross, Doug Sheppard, Marianna Simpson,
Barbara and Fred Born, Linda Fusco, Ron and Mary Guadagnini,
George Williams, Chuck Stuckey, Eugene Janusz,
Debra Cappadona, Tammy Myers, Joan Turcotte, Henry Suraci,
Donna Sepe, Randy Sailor, Cole Eskay, Dayden Floyd, Lisa Mott,
Tim Lolly, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Michael Celentano,
Una Lewis, Chris Grivois, Bill Obermeier, Roman Jakubowski,
JoAnn Dunton, Vincent Smith, Frank Polash, Smirna Velez,
Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin, Sigmund Sobiesiak,
Elliana Deane, Angelina Jesselli, Sarah King, Michael Hembree,
Alma Stephens, Joyce Cassidy, George McCurdy,
Matthew McCown, Mary Jane Eggleston, Mary Jo Gallagher,
Lindsay Longo* Monica Trapani, and Annie Davis

Active Duty...

Those protecting us at home and afar..

Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross,
Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen,
Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Michael Turcotte,
Cody Hibbard, Matthew Zarek, Dadrian Ruiz, John Kelley, Ron
Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind,
Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis,
Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson,
Richard J. Surowiec, Robert J. Milan Jr., and Blake Leibach,

Our Deceased...

Into your hands, O Lord we commend the souls of our
dearly departed. Grant unto them eternal rest and may
perpetual light shine upon them.

Send your prayer request to our prayer warriors through
Anne at aschukne@tampabay.rr.com

Stewardship

January 10, 2021

Attendance — 289

St. Benedict is totally dependent upon the generous
stewardship of our parishioners. The use of envelopes,
regardless of the amount of the contribution, makes
possible our many parish activities and services.

Offertory	\$6,920.00
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Maintenance	\$265.00
Miscellaneous	\$360.00
Total	\$7,645.00

Amount needed Weekly for Operating Expenses: **\$9,765.00**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Reading 1 — [1 SM 3:3B-10, 19](#)

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING 2 — [1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20](#)

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL — [JN 1:35-42](#)

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Receiving Communion

During communion you are asked to sit, sanitize your hands, and remain in your seat as a minister will be coming to you with the Eucharist. As the minister approaches you, pull your mask under your chin and extend your arms as far as you can.

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- Jn 1:35-37

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PRAYER FOR PEACE FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD

O God, giver of peace,
in whose image and likeness each of
us has been created,
with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth
and destined for eternal glory,
listen to the cry that rises from our human family,
torn by violence and conflict,
in every corner of this fragile nation.
Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother,
we ask You to give peace in our time,
O good and gracious God,
that peace which is, as your son Jesus Christ told us
and as we have experienced in these days,
a peace which the world cannot give.
To leaders, grant the wisdom to see beyond the
boundaries of race, religion, and nation to
that common humanity
that makes us all your children,
and brothers and sisters to one another.
To those who have taken up arms in anger or
revenge, or even in the cause of justice,
grant the grace of conversion
to the path of peaceful dialogue
and constructive collaboration.
To the innocent, who live in the shadow of terror,
especially the frightened children,
be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.
And, to those who have already lost their lives
as victims of human cruelty,
open wide your arms and enfold them
in the embrace of your compassion, healing,
and everlasting life.
Have mercy on us and on our nation and the world.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.
Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for you servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)



PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)



SECOND READING

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)



GOSPEL

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Flight 2021

Good Morning and welcome to Flight 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices; pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will BE NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY and new BEGINNINGS! **Stay Blessed and welcome in 2021!!!**

Dreams that Lead to Action Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most important African-American leaders in U.S. history and one of the iconic figures of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s. King's fight against discrimination and segregation changed American history and gave hope to millions of a future of equality.

One of the most inspiring moments of King's life was the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, and his "I Have a Dream" speech, where he stated, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

King's call for racial equality is echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity." (CCC 1934). In his remarks, Pope Francis noted that King's message of equality is rooted in the Gospel passage of the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12).

As the Holy Father stated:

"This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

The struggle for equality often places us in conflict with policies or laws that seem to contradict this Gospel message. Determining how to respond can be a great challenge. In his famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," King eloquently conveyed his approach to resolving this conflict. His answer was rooted in the teaching of St. Augustine that "An unjust law is no law at all," as well as the guidance of St. Thomas Aquinas: "Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law, or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust."

Recent events demonstrate that we still have much work to do to achieve the racial equality of which King dreamed. It is clear that the wounds and effects of slavery and segregation remain enormous challenges facing our country, its citizens, and its policymakers.

Yet, while the struggle began by Dr. Martin Luther King and others continues, Pope Francis reminds us not to lose hope: "Building a nation calls us to recognize that we must constantly relate to others, rejecting a mindset of hostility in order to adopt one of reciprocal subsidiarity, in a constant effort to do our best. I am confident that we can do this."

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On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis released the Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), in which he recalled the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 *PATRIS CORDE*. We will be sharing this Apostolic Letter with you as a series for the next nine weeks.

Series #2

APOSTOLIC LETTER
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH
AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH



1. A beloved father

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation".[7]

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home".[8]

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.[9]

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.[10]

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph", which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do" (Gen 41:55). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. Gen 37:11-28) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. Gen 41:41-44).

As a descendant of David (cf. Mt 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

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