

**Welcome to St. Benedict Parish!**

8110 Jewel Lake Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

Parish Office Phone: 243-2195 • Fax: 243-0088
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm
People Mover: Bus Route 7J
Web: www.stbenedictsak.com
E-mail: info@stbenedictsak.com

* Parish Calendar of Events

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*Sacramental Information*

**Contact the Parish Office at 243-2195 for information:**

- **Baptism of Infants** is celebrated either during Mass, after the 12:15 Mass or at any other time approved by the pastor. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism of the child.
- **Marriages** are scheduled by meeting with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding date.
- **Funerals** contact the parish office immediately after the death.
- **Anointing of the Sick, Communion to the Homebound**, Call the parish office to request a visit.

**Mass Intentions (*)**

- 3/19 5:00pm Police Officers & Firefighters
- 3/20 8:00am Wesley Nell (ROS)
- 10:30am George Gucker (ROS)
- 12:15pm All Souls in Purgatory
- 3/21 9:15am • Mass
- 9:15am • Mass
- 10:00am Kid Play
- 5:30pm • Zumba
- 7pm • Choir Practice
- 3/22 9:15am • Mass
- 9:15am • Mass
- 10am • Lector Practice
- 11am • RCIA

*see mass intentions key on the back page*

**Readings**

- **Sunday 3/20**
  - Ezekiel 37:12-14
  - Romans 8:8-11
  - John 11:1-45

- **Sunday 3/27**
  - Colossians 3:1-4
  - John 20:1-9

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**Pastoral Assistant**

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Pastors Corner

Make This Week Holy!

I don’t know about you, but even though it is only one week earlier, it seems that Holy Week has arrived very quickly this year. I’m not sure I’m ready for it! Nevertheless, much like Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem, here it is. God’s grace is like that sometimes. It just sort of shows up whether we are ready or not.

Passion (Palm) Sunday is a curious liturgy. It starts off with lots of excitement and ends with an incredible downer. Very intentionally the Church gets us all excited about Christ’s triumphal entry and then we have the dramatic reading of Christ’s suffering and death, this year from the Gospel of Luke. Thus begins this week that we call “Holy.”

We know that to make something “holy” is to set it aside for God. We make holy or “sanctify” three things in the Church—people, places, and time. We are a holy people, set aside for God in baptism. Likewise we have holy places like churches, shrines and our prayer spaces at home. We also have holy seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. We have holy days, holy hours, and especially “Holy Week.”

I invite you, along with all in your household, to find a way to make this week holy—to set it aside for God. There are many creative ways to do this, but the essential thing is that you set aside a bit of time everyday this week to pray together. Here are must some ideas on how you might spent it.

- Pause at the end of dinner and have someone read the meditation off the parish app, or from the “Five Minutes with the Word” or “Magnificat” or some other prayer source.
- Be extremely diligent about getting your “ten minutes a day” for private prayer.
- Come to the Liturgies of Holy Week. Vespers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are a great way to find some serenity in an otherwise hectic world. The Triduum Liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Solemn Easter Vigil) are truly special.

We are set aside as a holy people so that all people might become holy. We sanctify certain places so that the whole world may be holy. We sanctify certain times, like Holy Week, so that all time may be holy. It takes a little effort, but the rewards are truly out of this world.

See you in church!

Listen to Fr. Leo’s recorded homily podcasts: www.stbenedictsak.com/podcasts.html or the Parish app

This week we introduce you to the Strong family. Cora grew up and attended Catholic schools in the Philippines while Ed was raised Protestant in Kentucky. She joined the Parish in 1986 and Eddie converted in 1999. Daughter Elizabeth has been an usher since she was ten. Eddie is also an usher while Cora serves as a Eucharistic minister. Together they help prepare meals for Clare House. Following the example of parish families who made them feel welcome, the Strong’s thought it was their turn to return the hospitality. Serving the Parish has given them the opportunity to get to know the people of St. Benedicts in a much more personal way and has made worshipping more meaningful to them. As a family they enjoy dip netting on the Kenai as well as gardening and sightseeing. Please join us in a ROUND OF APPLAUSE for the Strong family.

This month features Catholic Daughters of the Americas, which is the only Court in Alaska. The Knights of Columbus founded CDA in New York in 1903. It has a membership of over 70,000 Catholic Women with Courts all over the United States as well as in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Catholic Daughters of the Americas is dedicated to the principles of Unity and Charity, which is also the order’s motto. The Anchorage Court helps through monetary contributions, volunteerism, and they step forward at special moments of need. They volunteer each year to help the Archdiocese with hosting the annual receptions after the RCIA service, the Chrism Mass, ordinations for deacons, and priests. Monetarily the court has donated to support St. Therese Camp, the pro-life effort, the Community Pregnancy Center, Beans Café, Kid’s Kitchen, Brother Francis Shelter, and Covenant House. The Catholic Daughters also support the youth through annual scholarships and support all the Catholic Schools with an annual donation for buying books to enhance their libraries. If any Catholic woman is interested in joining or would like more information about Catholic Daughters contact Mary Rapp.
March Anniversaries

Robert and Susan Oravec  03/12/1969
Tom and Max Blake      03/23/1973
John and Loretta Tibor 03/20/1976
Tom and Susan Corkran  03/30/1985
Michael and Marilyn Gogolowski 03/31/1989
Gary and Roxanne Bucy   03/28/1992
Rolando and Maria Repuya 03/22/1997
Ropati Taunu and Carol Campbell 03/05/2005
Manuel and Sherry Madrigal 03/31/2012

Many thanks and grateful prayers for your steadfast witness to the gospel in the vocation of married life. May Christ richly bless you in the coming year!
If you want to be sure that your anniversary is acknowledged, contact the parish office at 243-2195.

Holy Week Schedule

*Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday (3/19)*
Mass Time: 5pm

*Palm Sunday (3/20)*
Mass Times: 8am, 10:30, 12:15
Dr. Bob Schihl, Shroud of Turin Presentation 9AM
Filipino Pabasa 1:30pm

*Vespers and Confession*
Monday, March 21, 6pm
Tuesday, March 22, 6pm
Wednesday, March 23, 6pm

*Mass of Lord’s Supper*
Thursday, March 24, 7pm

*Good Friday, March 25*
Stations of the Cross, 3pm
Good Friday Liturgy, 7pm

*Solemn Easter Vigil Mass*
Saturday, March 26, 8pm

*Easter Sunday, March 27*
8am Mass
10:30am Mass
Sulabong
12:15pm Filipino Mass

Archangel Attic: The Archangel Attic will be closed Good Friday and Holy Saturday in observance of Easter. We wish you a Blessed Holy Week and Easter. As always, thank you for your generosity especially during this Lenten season.

Thank You for adopting all the Lilies!
Labels will be prepared for the requested name dedications and plants will be on display in the church soon!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:
The Offertory Collection for Sunday, March 13: Weekly offering was $10,155.19 online giving added $2,177.00 the Building Fund was $455.00 online giving added $105.00 for a total of $12,892.19 for the weekend. Our weekly average is $15,378.59

Thank you for your continued and generous support!
March 25th ~ Good Friday Faith Walk
Join the members of St. Benedict at the Delaney Park Strip, Papal Mass Site, 10th Avenue & M Street at 10:30am for Good Friday’s Faith Walk!

Got app?
Go to myparishapp.com today and download this FREE app today!

New Parishioner Dinner!
THANK YOU to our Ministry coordinators, the New Ministry organizers, and especially the New Parishioners who attended our first New Parishioner Meet and Greet Dinner last week. It was an opportunity to meet some of St. Ben's newest members over dinner and a short program. We look forward to continuing this "new" tradition again in the fall.

Soup Suppers!
Thank you to everyone for cooking up the amazing variety of seafood and vegetarian soups as well as the wonderful weekly attendance! Each week was better than the last and filled with fun and fellowship!

Congratulations to Hunter Hayden for earning his Boy Scout Light of Christ Award!
Knights of Columbus Scholarship Contest

The Knights of Columbus scholarship contest is underway. It is open for 12th graders who belong to St. Benedict or are students of Lumen Christi High School. Informational material is available in the back of the church. The deadline for entering is April 4th, 2016.

Contact David Mitchell at 250-7694 for more information.

Our Patriotic Rosary is prayed twice each month on the first and third Mondays at 6 pm at the church. Please set the time aside to join us to pray for our country.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PRAY WITH US.

Knights of Columbus 15th Annual Bison Hunt Raffle

Guaranteed Hunt includes one 2-4 year old bull (head, meat & hide) with 3 days meals, lodging and ground transport during the hunt. No hunt license needed. Scheduling to be arranged by winner. Optimum period is Sept-Jan. Travel to Kodiak not included. Winners may opt for $3500 cash prize. Prizes are transferrable. One drawing for either Bison hunt or $3500 for each 1300 tickets sold! Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charitable work in Alaska.

Drawing April 16, 2016 in Anchorage. To buy tickets contact Paul Hafele at 907.632.0076 or ask any Knight.

Knights Table

www.facebook.com/kofc12290

January
Knight of Month: Russell Carr
Family of the Month: James Curro (also was in the top 100 by Supreme Council)

February
Family of Month: James Kvidera

March
Knight of the month: James Seeberger
Family of Month: Patrick O’Brien

Fish Fry Thank You!
Thanks to everyone who supported this year’s Fish Fry. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Canned Food Drive!
During LENT the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a 40 days of canned food drive to help support the food pantry. Drop off your canned food downstairs throughout Lent!

Thank you!
Evangelization Team
We have begun gathering to discuss how our parish can live out our call to evangelize. If you are interested in more information, please contact
Bob McMorrow
Our next meeting will be
April 1st at 11 A.M.

Have you ever had a life-changing Lent?

Maybe it’s time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you’ll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew’s new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way.

The program is free!

All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

Adult Education during Super Sundays (2-3PM)
Our next class will be April 3rd!

1) Fr. Leo presents – Mercy! The Best Kind and Where to Find It! A theological and pastoral exploration of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

2) Understanding Catholic morality with Bob McMorrow – We will go over our beautiful system of Catholic morality and then use it to understand the Church’s teaching on the various “hot topics” of today.

This session will run until April 24.

Have you ever had a life-changing Lent?

St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.
Patron of our E/C Team
Pray for us.
In these three beautiful talks, Monsignor James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers like Fr. Richard Neuhaus, Caryll Houselander, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr. James Edwards, these powerful meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

Sign in to Formed.org (follow the directions below), click on Audio, and enjoy!

“The Saints did not all begin well, but they all ended well.”

St. John Vianney

Today is Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week, which commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday the faithful receive palm fronds to participate in the reenactment of Christ’s arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, palms or small branches in front of him as a sign of homage and great respect. Palm branches are a symbol of peace and victory. The use of a donkey instead of a horse represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are blessed and distributed to parishioners for a ritual procession into church. Since the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes for the following year’s Ash Wednesday observance. The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood Christ paid for the world.

It is easy:
1) go to www.formed.org, 2) scroll down, 3) put in our code: 2a81e2
4) choose what you want to watch
It’s that simple. Check it out and pass it on to those in our parish and school.
(Our contract does not allow us to send it outside of St. Benedict/Lumen Christi)
Super Sundays
Family Faith Formation
Sundays from 1:30-3PM

Join us for
Super Sunday
Will not meet during Spring Break and Easter. Our next Super Sunday will be April 3rd.

-Gym will be open from 12-1:30
-Super Sunday begins at 1:30 – classes and adult ed. begin at 2PM

All are invited

Prayer of the month:
Pray this prayer as a family. Once learned, share it with your teacher and get St. Ben Bucks…

Heavenly Father,
you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth.
Help us, O Loving Father,
to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign.
Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families,
May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day,
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.

Amen.
Modified prayer by Bl. Mother Theresa

Holy Guardian Angels,
be always with us, guide and protect us.

Family Bible Study -
For Super Sunday (or just because)

Gospel of Luke:
April 3 - Luke Ch. 3
April 10 - Luke Ch. 4
Get cool Catholic prizes.

St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.
Patron of our E/C Team
Pray for us.

The 2nd course...

March 19 at 6PM in the room above the gym.

Newly married? Starting a family? Trying to guide your young family to a vibrant faith? Looking for a mentor to help answer some of your questions?

Looking for fellowship with other families trying to live the Catholic faith?

Join us for our next potluck and discussion on the Catholic faith and families.

Please RSVP to Doug and Rebecca at berrybecca6@aol.com
Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends!

We are accepting donations for the Italian dinner auction which will be Saturday, April 16th. You can contact BobMcMorrow for details.
rmcmorrow@stbenedictsak.com

1st Communion retreat will be Saturday, April 2nd from 11-2PM. Parents and all those receiving the Sacrament should attend.

1st Communion will be April 9th at 10AM

Krakow WYD will be in July, 2016.
Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers.
Pick.Click.Give. allows Alaskans to share a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividends with causes they care about. For those who may not have used Pick.Click.Give. in the past, the program provides a safe and secure way to make a donation. When you go online to apply for your dividend, you will see the Pick.Click.Give. option. Click and follow the instructions to make your donation. You may give all or part of your dividend, whatever is appropriate for you and your family. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education!

For more information you can see our profile on: www.pickclickgive.org under Youth & Education or Lumen Christi High School

Don't Forget! PFD Deadline is March 31st!!
Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Russia—March 19-20  This weekend’s collection for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Russia supports Catholic organizations that offer affordable shelter and training to seminarians while also providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps to restore the Church and build the future for millions of people. The collection also supports the Archdiocese of Anchorage’s mission in Magadan, Russia. Please prayerfully give to this collection.

April 1-3  “Women with a Heart of Mercy,” A Retreat for Women in the beautiful surroundings of Alyeska. Sister Theresa (Terry) Ricard, OP, D.Min. and Sr. Mary Ann Collins, OP, will be our Retreat Directors. Come and be refreshed and nourished as we reflect upon both biblical and contemporary women who model hearts of mercy.

Brother Francis Shelter is in need of Industrial Toilet paper, Coffee, 33 gallon trash bags, Twin Fleece blankets. Please drop off donations to 1021 E. 3rd Avenue or you can order through Amazon http://amzn.com/w/37WJP00DD43G0

Clare House is in need of: Dish soap, Liquid laundry detergent, Pinesol, Totes, Dish sets (Used or New), Plates, bowls, cups, Utensils, Serving utensils, Pots, Pans, Tupperware-Please drop off donations at 4110 Spenard Road or you can order through Amazon http://amzn.com/w/2ZEB2V5XTOGOZ

St. Francis House Food Pantry is in need of fresh fruit, vegetables, and data entry volunteers. Please drop off donations at 3710 E. 20th Avenue.

Charity Ball 2016: Celebrate Catholic Social Services’ 50 years of Serving Alaskans

When: Saturday, May 7th doors open at 5:30
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
Contact: Tricia Teasley, tteasley@cssalaska.org, 222-7355

You can participate in this event by attending, donating auction items, advertising through our many channels, or volunteering during the event!
Following in His Footsteps

Thrift Store: Open Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, and Saturday 10am-4pm; contact the Store at 245-0017 or for other questions or to volunteer call Colleen: 354-4372 or Mary: 868-3453


Choir: See Ken Miller after Mass or email stbenmusic@gmail.com

Clare House: Food for Clare House: 4th Tuesday each month; contact Linda Fleener: 243-5688

Hospitality: Coffee and donuts, following 8:00am and 10:30 am Masses, except on Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast: Served 8:00am to 12:00pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month from October to April

Knights of Columbus: Meets every 1st Wednesday at 7pm. The Patriotic Rosary is on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6pm

Legion of Mary: Meets every Monday at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall; contact Phyllis Wilson: 344-8947

Samoan Mass: At 12:15 Mass, the 1st Sunday of the Month

Filipino Mass: At 12:15 Mass, the 3rd Sunday of the Month

Outreach: Emergency food for those in need call 273-1596

Prayer Chain: For information call Ann Curro: 349-3772 or email Peg Walsh Bernert: peg500@aol.com

R.C.I.A.: Meets Tuesday 6:30-8:00 pm; contact Marcy Adkins: 273-1554

Mass Intentions: SI=Special Intentions, RTH=Return to Health, ROS=Repose of the Soul

Youth Group:

3/20—No Class: Spring Break
3/23—Youth Night
3/24—Holy Thursday Retreat
3/25—Good Friday Faith Walk
3/27—No Class: Easter
3/30—Youth Night: Easter Partaayyy
4/1—Decades Dance Set—Up 5 PM—6:30 PM
4/1—Parish Fun Night: Decades Dance! 7 PM—9 PM
-All are welcome!
-Costumes are encouraged, but not mandatory
-Please bring a snack to share!

Title: Youth Group:

“...One does not become Christian by oneself, that is, through one’s own effort, autonomously; neither are Christians made in a laboratory, but they are created and they grow in the faith within that great body which is the Church.”

-Pope Francis

Thank you all for your generous donations for the mission trip!
Please keep our mission team in your prayers!

Confirmation Practice will be April 3rd at 4PM
Confirmation will be Tuesday April 5th at 7PM.

St. Benedict Catholic Church, is seeking a youth and young adult minister. Candidate should be a dynamic, spirit-filled individual who is passionate about his/her relationship with Christ, the Catholic Church, and in helping others grow in the faith. This full-time position will focus on the high school youth ministry program, which includes organizing and leading weekly youth nights, the Confirmation program, retreats, pilgrimages, mission trips and other youth activities. Candidate will also collaborate with Director of Evangelization and Catechesis to bring the New Evangelization to the whole parish with a special focus on parents and families.

Candidate should be organized, motivated, energetic, and able to work in a team environment to collaborate on events and activities. A bachelors degree in Pastoral Theology, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, or related field is required. Two years experience in ministry preferred, as well as strong organization skills, good communication, and a passion for helping youth and their families grow in love of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Résumé, references, and cover letter should be sent to Bob McMorrow at rmcmorrow@stbenedictsak.com by March 31st.

Parishioners,

I will be stepping down from youth ministry this summer to focus on family. I am so grateful for my time spent as youth minister at St. Benedict Parish and I look forward to continuing to stay involved in the youth program.

In Christ,
Oriele Kinder