



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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His Love and Mercy

Having been recently re-commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, I had the occasion to reflect on what this ministry has come to mean for me. First of all, it is to have a deepening experience of this friendship with the Lord of which He spoke in His farewell address to His disciples. "I have not called you slaves, for a slave does not know what his master is about. Instead, I call you friends since I have made known to you all that I heard from my Father." (Jn 15: 15) Each time that I witness heaven and earth come together as the Son of God is "incarnated", so to speak, once more in the Bread and Wine, I am affirmed in that friendship as the Lord invites me to continually abandon myself to the two eternal realities that make me worthy to enter into that friendship – His love and mercy.

And as I experience deeply His love and mercy, I am also called to look around me and to see all those to whom the Lord also offers this friendship. As I have been brought into this friendship with the Lord, it is now my turn to introduce others into this friendship. Indeed, there are still many who are like "sheep without a shepherd." They, too, need to see how much the Lord values them and delights to be in their company as he comes to them in the form of the Bread and Wine. May their eyes be opened to the love that beats ever so strongly in that piece of white bread. It is this grace that I pray for as I give the Lord to each communicant. ■

“Prefer nothing, whatsoever, to the love of Christ, and may He bring us all together to everlasting life.
*Chapter 72V.II-12
Rule of St. Benedict*

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Getting to know St. Benedict

St. Benedict stayed in a cave in Subiaco for about three solitary years. He befriended some shepherds who began to follow his teachings. Romanus, a monk from a nearby monastery, provided for his spiritual and material needs.

After resisting strong temptation, Benedict prepared to live for new experiences in the outside world. He founded twelve monasteries. The thirteenth was for novices and those needing education. Benedict's fame spread rapidly that the sons of two of Rome's illustrious families entrusted their sons to him. St. Maurus and St. Placid were the first followers of St. Benedict.

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The Real Presence of Jesus

A letter from our Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Conrad Amon



During the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my Body". He did the same with the chalice, he gave it to his disciples saying, "This is the cup of my Blood".

The very words of Jesus during the Last Supper made the bread and the wine not just symbolic matter of his body and blood, rather, **HIS REAL BODY AND BLOOD.**

We can also note that on that same moment, Jesus gave the mandate to his disciples and to the Church, "Do this in memory of me". Everytime the priests celebrate the Mass and utter the same words of Jesus, the bread and the wine become **THE REAL BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS.**

The Church gives high respect and adoration to the Eucharistic Bread even after the celebration of the Mass. It is kept safe in the tabernacle, with a candle burning or a lighted bulb beside it, indicating **THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE CONSECRATED BREAD.**

This is a great blessing for the Church and for the whole world, Jesus our Lord is present in our midst for reason of his great love for us! So he said at another time, I will be with you till the end of time. (Cf. Mt. 28:20)

Ironically, many would not take time to meet Jesus in the Sunday celebration of the Mass. They are too tired or busy or simply have no time. Still, many would not give much importance, respect and love even when the Lord is present in such appointed moment during the Eucharistic celebration.

We ask the Lord to forgive us for not having paid attention to His presence. It is not responding love for His love. Let us also make a promise to meet Jesus dearly during the Eucharistic celebrations.

Happy Corpus Christi Sunday! ■

God Has Seen Me Through

by Marleen Paulino

God had been so gracious that I grew up where our parish church, is a walking distance away from home. It is the place where we learned and felt God's goodness, with the guidance of our parish priest, and a place (the church patio) where we play after school hours.

I was very thankful for God's grace since when we moved to Silang, everything was again in its right place. My work is near, the school of my children is near. Our amazing God provided a neighboring church, the St. Benedict Parish. What a perfect way to be with the Lord! What a perfect way to live!

Perfect as it seems, my life is far from such. I can testify that in all the ups and downs of my hills, in all the peaks and the ravines of my mountains, in all the crests and the troughs of my waves, in all my joys and my tears, God in His unfailing love and mercy had always seen me thru with peace and joy.

St. Benedict Parish, through its programs, is very instrumental in my personal continual growth as a Christian. The dedication of our Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest had given me more insights regarding the richness and depth of my Catholic Faith. The continuous "reaching out" of the parish to the different cluster communities and reaching out and spreading God's goodness to children during Sunday school really warmed my heart. It is love in action.

Having seen my youngest child moulded in the Sunday school reminded me of the days of my youth when God's love was implanted in my heart together with the other kids while playing and interacting, practicing God's love...

My St. Benedict Parish Church Community is family to me.

God placed me here for a purpose.

I dream that one day, in HIS most perfect appointed time, I may be able to serve my parish more..... ■

News Bits THEN AND NOW



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1. January 20 BLESSING OF THE PARISH HALL- Parishioners witnessed Bishop Rey Evangelista's blessing of the new hall and Parish Office.

2. February 19 YOUTH MINISTRY ASSEMBLY - Youth groups from Barangays Carmen, Inchican, Tibig, Sitio Banaba and Center Communities participated in an assembly held at the St. Scholastica's College-Westgrove gymnasium.

3. March 28 PASTORAL VISIT - Bishop Rey Evangelista visited St. Benedict Parish, Barangays Tibig, Inchican and Sitio Banaba. Celebrating the 6:00pm Holy Mass and followed by a short meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council.

4. March 30 MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION- A project of the Social Services Ministry, 365 patients received free medical and dental services from volunteer doctors and dentists.

5. April 3 HEALING MASS at 5:00pm - Priests from the St. Padre Pio Shrine headed by Fr. Joselin 'Jojo' Gonda brought relics of the beloved saint to SBP.

6. April 21 EASTER GIFT-GIVING - Spearheaded by the Social Services Ministry, 205 families from Barangays Tibig, Carmen, Inchican and Sitio Banaba each received a bag of groceries.

7. May 12 MOTHER'S DAY - A special blessing and a small token were given to all Mothers at the Sunday Masses.

8. May 15 OPERATION CIRCUMCISION - Fifty young boys were served in this activity headed by the Social Services Ministry.

9. May 19 RE-COMMISSIONING OF READERS - 35 Readers were re-commissioned for another year.

10. MONTH OF MAY- Flower offerings were made to Our Lady during Masses for the whole month.

11. May 31 PARISH VEHICLE - Blessing of the new 21 passenger Kia Karga Van.

12. June 1 CONFIRMATION - 76 Confirmands received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Pedro Dulay Arigo, Vicar Apostolic Emeritus of Puerto Princesa officiated the religious rite, assisted by Fr. Conrad Amon and Fr. Herald Mart Arenal.

DAILY SCHEDULES

MASSES

St. Benedict Parish

Monday & Saturday	7:00AM
Tuesday - Friday	6:00PM
Saturday	
Anticipated	6:00PM
Neocatechuminate	8:00PM
Sunday	
English	7:00AM, 11:00AM & 6:30PM
Tagalog	9:00AM & 4:30PM

BARANGAY CHAPELS

Tibig Saturdays 6:00PM

Carmen Sundays 6:00AM

Inchican

Every 1st & 3rd Wed 7:00PM

Banaba

Every 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:00PM

NOVENAS

Tuesdays - St. Benedict 5:30PM

Wednesdays - Mother of Perpetual Help 5:30PM

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study-

Fridays 7:30PM to 8:30PM

Sunday School 11:00AM

For children who have not yet received Holy Communion 4:30PM

Pre-Jordan Seminar

1st & 3rd Friday of the month

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Novena to St. Benedict
July 2 - 10 5:30PM

Concelebrated Mass on the Feast of St. Benedict
July 11 6:00PM

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