

## **Br. Benedict Robert**

### **Organist-Director of Music**



A native of New Orleans, Br. Benedict Robert comes to St. Mary by way of Marmion Abbey in Aurora, IL. He attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans and received his B.A. in Religion from St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, LA.

It was there and then that he entered St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, LA and became a Benedictine monk where he remained for two and a half years. After leaving the monastery, Brother became a banker and then obtained his Master of Pastoral Studies, concentrating in liturgy and music from St. Francis Seminary in

Milwaukee, WI. He served in parishes in Milwaukee, WI and Columbus, OH as Director of Music and Liturgy.

Thirty-five years later, he again entered the monastic life and over a period of eight years, he was Choirmaster and organist and bookkeeper for the casket business at St. Joseph Abbey. Having transferred to Marmion Abbey, he was again Choirmaster and organist and served also as the Kitchen master, barber and tailor. As well, he took his turns at cutting grass and shoveling snow.

Brother Benedict brings to St. Mary nearly fifty years of experience in liturgical music and a deep love for the liturgy. He is delighted to serve here at St. Mary and looks forward to building upon the firm foundation established by his predecessors.

