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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Imagine Jesus preparing for an important pastoral journey, and a young man asks him—“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus asks him, why do you call me good? No one is good but **GOD ALONE**. He replies and says—You know the commandments; You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and mother.”

Jesus looked at him, loved him and said to him—**Go sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.**” At that statement his face fell, and he went away very sad, for he had many possessions. Has the young man allowed his “stuff” to get in the way of deepening his CALL to fall in love with God!

As we listen to the Lord Jesus call our name...what are the stumbling blocks that get in the way of following Him? What blocks our desire to say yes to him now? Is it time, indifference, busyness, stuff, a career, the fast life? The young man asks Jesus what to do, but the likely hood is that he is not ready to sever himself from the materialistic world.

Following Jesus in **Christian Discipleship** has implications that are life—changing for each and everyone of us. Have we allowed ourselves to fall deeper in love with the God of the call? Are we willing to take a risk on the values of the **GOSPEL vs. the secularistic trends of today?** I would propose that we take a look at the adult life of Francis of Assisi or Augustine of Hippo. There lives were not without the struggle of conflicting mores and the temptations of the world. Recalling the working definition for **HOLINESS: “a saint is a sinner, who never quits trying to be holy!”**

Francis, was a son of privilege...who enjoyed the finer things of life. He craved the “party scene” and frequented the bars of his day. When he followed the career of a **SOLDIER**, he was vulnerable and exposed to the terrors of war. Captured some 30 kilometers from the city of Perugia, he nearly died in prison. With the

intervention of his father, Pietro, Francis escapes and returns home. In the eyes of some he was perceived to be a coward, but he chose life and his health was restored ...an heroic choice.

During his time of convalescence, Francis begins to have a new optic vision of his life and world and begins to rethink the way he was going. Culturally conditioned to flee from lepers, *Francis encounters a LEPER*, and runs to him and embraces him. He *experiences* for the first time **the person of Christ—Jesus!** As time would have it, this would become one of the early ministries of Francis and his *brother—friars*.

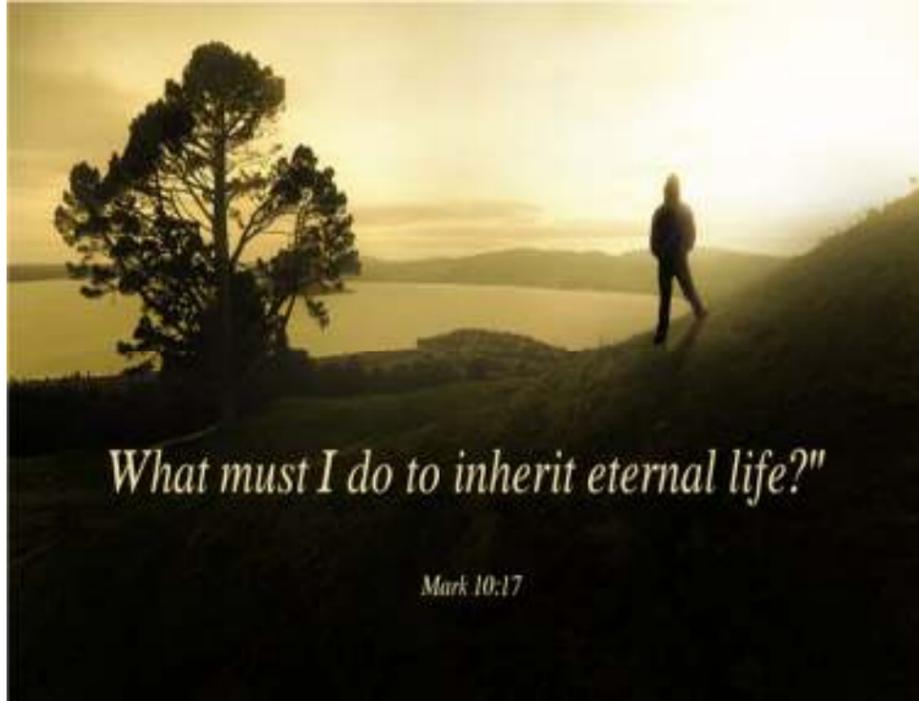
The Gospel continues to call us further and forward as Jesus invites us: “*Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brother or sister or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life the age to come!*”

We may no longer be the “young man or woman” who asks the Lord— **“Good Teacher, what must I do to gain eternal life?”** It might mean that we try again in our quest to follow CHRIST! What was of consequence in the past, may not have the same hold in the present moment. As we answer GOD with the generosity of our lives, may we discover the hundred—fold of His blessings beyond all of our imaginings.

The Lord’s kindness cannot be outdone!
Church--God will provide for all of our needs!
“Deus providebit!

*a brother—disciple,
Friar Noel*

St. Benedict the Moor Church



Mark 10:17

Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

“As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord.”

October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!”

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 12:00
Tues.,Thurs. 11:00am
Saturday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

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Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are donated in memory of
Alicia Buffong
on the
38th Anniversary of Birth
by Gail, Nicole, and Gabby Buffong

Southern Cross

The annual **Southern Cross** subscription drive begins October 10. Your \$20 subscription will deliver issues presenting a Catholic perspective on current events. You will find coverage of Church topics on a local and global scale. Please consider gift subscriptions and donations to cover the cost of someone else's subscription. Subscription envelopes are in the back of the Church if you did not receive one in the mail. Please place your payment into the collection basket. *Checks should be made payable to **St. Benedict** and please indicate Southern Cross on the memo line.*

Boxes of Joy

Boxes of Joy is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach and sponsored this year by Columbus Deanery CCW. The gifts packed in a Box of Joy show God's unconditional love and they will spark the joy every child should experience at Christmas. Anyone interested in participating should see Andrea Lane for a box. Please return boxes by October 31, 2021 for distribution and shipping.

October Pew Count

October is the month the diocese accounts for how many parishioners are attending mass on a weekly basis. This year has definitely been different from past years but it is still important to capture the attendance as our parishes continue to worship amid pandemic. Please be in attendance and invite family and friends to join us. Masks are required!

Worship and Pastoral Schedule

Sunday, October 10, 2021
10:10 AM Recitation of the Rosary
10:30 AM Intentions of the Community of St. Benedict the Moor
Monday, October 11, 2021 Columbus Day
12 Noon Deceased **Felician Sisters** of Our Lady of Hope Province
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
11 AM +**Henry Thomas** on his 75th Birthday
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
12 Noon +**Earl Johnson** Anniversary of Death
Thursday, October 14, 2021
11 AM +**John Stachura** (9-21-21)
Friday, October 15, 2021
12 Noon health of **Valentina Nejfelt**
Feastday of St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church
Saturday, October 16, 2021
8:00 AM for all our sick church members
8:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
Sunday, October 17, 2021
10:10 AM Recitation of the Rosary
10:30 AM *Feast of St. Benedict the Moor for all the living and deceased members*
12:15 PM Luncheon in honor of St. Benedict the Moor and board games (St. Benedict Hall)

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: October 3
Offeratory: \$4152.00 (online \$400.00)
Church Repair: \$15.00
Utilities: \$90.00
Kitchen Reno: \$500.00
Southern Cross: \$10.00

Sisters and brothers, thank you for your steadfast and faithful giving as we continue in a spirit of generous stewardship. May the Lord keep on blessing your goodness!

Rosary Coast to Coast

Joining our voices together to pray for a return to holiness through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, Catholics across the country will join simultaneously in prayer for healing and unity in our country and for the defense of the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 @ 4PM

Pastoral Concerns

Happy St. Benedict the Moor Day!

Sometimes we have to make a pastoral change on a date so that we might have the opportunity to gather and celebrate our patron saint, **Benedict the Moor**. Traditionally, his feastday is on the church calendar for April 4th. However, recall that Lent or Easter is situated during that same time period and often times he is overlooked. I've also discovered we are not alone in this quandry to celebrate at a more convenient time, other than the penitential season of Lent or the great feast of Easter.

This year, we will begin by claiming the third Sunday of October in honor of St. Benedict the Moor. It also concurs with the time of our Church Anniversary offering us a time to gather our Church—Family, friends and benefactors for an annual event that focuses on being that Community of the Beloved Jesus. Mark your calendars for next Sunday as we move forward from the shadow of the pandemic and to safely enjoy~

A celebratory Liturgy at 10:30 AM
Light—finger foods and drink
and an afternoon of fun and games

With Deepest
Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to Ethel Johnson and family on the loss of her sister

Henrietta Lockett

The funeral service was held Thursday in Auburn, Alabama

May she rest now in God's peace!



World Mission Month

We are celebrating World Mission Sunday throughout October. Throughout the year, the [Pontifical Mission Societies \(TPMS\)](#) support the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of the Church, and the work and witness of mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders. These missionaries provide food, education, and medical care to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Through their work, they reveal the compassionate heart of Jesus. Help support their efforts this World Mission Month.

Religious Education

Religious Education will be every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month beginning in October. The next session will be October 16, 2021 from 10-11am in the hall. Please be prompt.

In Our Prayers

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Donna Koermer
Valentina Nejfelt	Lenny Korona
Helen Bell	Mittie Lewis
Amanda Cole	Brenda Malone
Mik Cole	Delores McLeod
Robert Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Paul Danielewicz	Denvey Nelson
Robert Dozier	Major Nettles
Carl English	Cordell Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Gwendolyn Parker
Elizabeth Grey	Debra Pough
Sarah Hicks	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Joe Ravalese
Lillian Humber	Joan Rogala
Cecelia Hyams	Lydia Sliva
Clarence Johnson	Madeline Smith
Cecil Jones	Emi Talbert
Donald Julien	Dorothy Washington
Earl King	Mamie Wooden
Elvia King	