



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus, A New Moses”

As Jesus came down from the mountain, he stopped at a level stretch where there were many disciples and began to preach what would be known as the greatest sermon—“***the Sermon on the Mount!***” Beginning with the setting, the **mountain** is a place where God meets humanity.

As Moses came down the mountain, he brought with him the Decalogue, or the 10 Commandments....The evangelist Luke parallels Jesus as the New Law Giver... ***a new Moses, who brings us the New Law, the Beatitudes.*** Building on the Old Law, the Ten Commandments, Jesus reinterprets the **LAW/ TORAH** in the light of his commandment of Love, which points to the *heart and the spirit of the Law*.

As Catholic—Christians, we are called to follow Christ in covenant relationship that stems from our Baptism. It is crucial that GOD is at the center of our lives, as we place our trust in his power of ***healing-love*** that will make us whole. We also trust in God’s promise of ***redeeming—love*** that saves us from our sinfulness and gifts us with the ***promise of salvation*** in the Father’s House.

The first beatitude declares: ***“Blessed are the poor; the reign of God is yours!”*** The Hebrew word **anawim**—refers to those who have remained faithful to God... those who kept Covenant and recognized God as their God and that we are His people. Folks like, Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah to name but a few.

Moving on to the second beatitude: ***“Blessed are you who hunger; filled you shall be.”*** For God will satisfy that hunger for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life come down from heaven. Church, as we receive the ***“bread of the Word”*** into our hearts, God is feeding us spiritually both in Word and in Sacrament. In short, the ***“way of the Beatitudes”*** is a call to be blessed... a call to holiness of life.

The Beatitudes continue... ***“Blest are you who are weeping, you shall laugh.”*** When we are able to recognize our own sinfulness that causes us to weep and mourn, God offers us his **Hesed**....God’s unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness. Jeremiah says: “Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the desert.”

Rather, “Blessed are they who trust in the Lord ***whose hope is the Lord.*** They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretch out its roots to the stream: for *in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit.*” Meaning the **fruits of the Spirit**: love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity. Cf. Galatians 5

And there’s a beatitude for those days that we are criticized and insulted for our Faith: ***“Blest shall you be when men hate you, when they ostracize you and insult you and proscribe your name as evil because of the Son of Man for your reward shall be great in heaven.”*** We have all endured some form of insult and verbal persecution that comes from ignorance, judgment, misunderstanding and criticism for being a Catholic—Christian.

Sisters and brothers, may the Lord strengthen your witness to the Faith as you and I are called by Jesus: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, ***I am with you always, until the end of the age.”***

At every Eucharist, the Dismissal Rite is a constant reminder of the **Great Commission**: to go forth from here and share the Good News of the Gospel! Whether you were baptized as a child, or entered the Church as an adult, you have a faith—story to tell! Whether you sincerely live your faith in quiet or have a public ministry, you have a story to tell! Amen! Whether you have a grade school knowledge of the Catechism or earned a theological degree, tell your story! Give folks Jesus!

Evangelization is what we are all about! And what we mean by EVANGELIZATION is that we are directly connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is NO true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed.

Sisters and brothers, Jesus invites us to seek holiness of life as we live in the spirit of the Beatitudes! Take the first step and tell someone about Jesus. Ask for their “handle”—name, address, cell. And then forward it to me and members of the Pastoral Council. From there we will gather those interested in the Catholic Faith for a series of inquiry sessions: Q & A,

Be blessed,
Friar Noel

St. Benedict the Moor Church



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.”

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“Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.”

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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Pastoral Concerns

Pledge Sunday for ACA

Today is “Commitment Sunday” for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our GOAL for St. Benedict the Moor is \$14,605. We have been so blessed in so many ways, so let us reach our Goal as soon as we can. We ask all parishioners to fill out your Pledge Card and place it in the basket before the Altar during our Offertory Procession today following Mr. Richard Gibbs’ Appeal talk.

New Shed Roof

Check out the finished product of the painting of our Church Shed complete with a new roof. We thank God for all those who have contributed to the Church Building Repair Fund that covered the cost of this repair. If you are looking for a good professional painter: call Lupe Mendoza, owner at 706-992-8822. Licensed insured. BBB for free estimates. Members of the church of St. Benedict will qualify for a church “discount.”

In Memoriam: +Kelly Jones

On Wednesday, February 9, 2022 +Kelly Jones, the uncle of Dr. Gary Dawson was called home to the House of the Father. Today’s Mass intention will be offered for his soul and for peace and consolation for his family.
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Kitchen Blessing & Dedication

Included in the Rite of Blessing was the placement of a hand—painted Cross of San Damiano, a gift from Friar Jude Winkler, OFM Conv., Assistant General for the Franciscan Friars Conventual. The San Damiano Crucifix is named after the Church where Saint Francis of Assisi was praying when he saw the painted image of Christ move his lips, call him by name and commission him to rebuild his Church.

Though the name of the painter is unknown, the Crucifix is believed to have been created around the 12th century in the Byzantine Icon style by a Syrian monk and contains images of the Paschal mystery of Christ’s Death, Resurrection and Ascension into glory.

Jesus is the central figure with His eyes open. His side pierced and the blood dripping from His feet caught by people (humankind) whose sins are washed away in the blood of the Lamb. Angels (below the hands) also catch drops of blood. He stands as the Risen Christ at the entrance of the Easter Tomb. On Jesus’ sides are John the Evangelist, the Blessed Virgin, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene and Salome and two Centurions. Next to each hand is an Angel, guarding the two sides. The hand at the top of the Crucifix represents the Father who has two fingers extended representing the Holy Spirit whom the Father and Son would send as a helper.

The original crucifix hangs in the Sisters Chapel in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi, Italy as a reminder of God’s call to all the faithful to rebuild, renew and reconcile the Church through the gift of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Altar Flowers



Flowers are in memory of
Alvin Humber
Mr. & Mrs. Joe King, Jr.
Joann Claytor
Ret. Sgt. Eddie & Betty Humber
donated by Lillian Humber

Annual Catholic Appeal

This week we begin the Annual Catholic Appeal. This year’s theme is “We Are One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church.” Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year’s appeal a success. Our parish target is \$14,605 and we can do this, if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates according to our ability.

Black History Month Calendar

Sunday, February 13, 2022

- Blessing of Couples
- Annual Catholic Appeal Talk and pledge for Commitment Sunday
- Profile of a Celebrated Person

Sunday, February 20, 2022

- Black History Service: Elders, Youth, and Leadership
- Profile of a Celebrated Person
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Sunday, February 27, 2022

- Profile of a Celebrated Person
- MOVIE: BAKHITA: *from Slave to Saint* (following Mass at St. Benedict’s Community Hall)

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: February 6, 2022
Offertory: \$4900.00 (online \$2281.00)
Repast Fund: \$5.00
Utilities: \$205.00 (online \$110.00)
Church Repair: \$100.00 (online \$120.00)
Building Fund: \$590.00
Altar Flowers: \$200.00

Our stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for everything we have and are. It is an act of personal response to our Baptismal call: to live in a faith community committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and committed to serve each other’s needs. In this season of joyful giving, may we give to God in proportion to what God has done for each of us. (Luke 12:48) May we begin to tithe, not from our leftovers, but from our abundance.

Worship and Pastoral Schedule

Sunday, February 13, 2022 10:30 AM
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
for the St. Benedict Church Family
Commitment Sunday for ACA—Address by Mr. Richard Gibbs, Procession with pledges
Blessing of Couples
Profile of a Celebrated Person
Monday, February 14, 2022 12 Noon
St. Valentine’s Day
Feasts of St. Cyril & Methodius
+Friar George Maslar, OFM Conv.
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11 AM
+cousin Florence Dygus
Outreach Ministry—St. Benedict Hall
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12 Noon
+Friar Bede Abram, OFM Conv.
1 PM Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2022 11 AM
Seven Holy Founders
Healing grace for Dorothy Fleischman
Outreach Ministry
Friday, February 18, 2022 12 Noon
+Darlene Hall
Saturday, February 19, 2022 8 AM
+Catherine Francois Dawson
8:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
1:00 PM Finance Council Meeting

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Elvia King
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
Carlos Gaslin	Gwendolyn Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Debra Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Evelyn Pough
Sarah Hicks	Joe Ravalese
Ginnette Hughes	Joan Rogala
Lillian Humber	Adryonna Rutherford
Cecelia Hyams	Elaine Shorty
Sabrina Jackson	Lydia Sliva
Clarence Johnson	Madeline Smith
Brittany Jones	Friar Jude Surowiec
Cecil Jones	Emi Talbert
Donald Julien	Dorothy Washington
Earl King	Mamie Wooden