

Thank you!

Thank you to our church members for your continuing donations and support of the Outreach Program.

During the month of May we served 1,133 meals to our neighbors and our numbers are continually growing, especially since schools are closed for the summer.

Our recent report from Feeding the Valley, our local food bank, is that supplies are still low, so the supplies we would normally get through them have been minimal.

Thanks to you, however, we are able to continue helping our families in need. Your response and support is much appreciated.

Stewardship

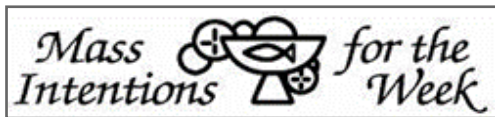
Weekly Finance Report: 6-11-23

Offertory: \$5236 (online \$270)

Altar Flowers: \$100

Building fund: \$160

Church Repair: (online \$400)



+**Lenette Harshaw**, Tuesday, June 20

+**Gloria King**, Wednesday, June 21

+**Herb Sipe**, Thursday, June 22

+**Nick Averett**, Friday, June 23

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz
Valentina Nejfelt
Helen Bell
Amanda Cole
Mik Cole
Robert Cole
J.C. Dawson
Robert Dozier
James Fisher
Ollie Fisher
Carlos Gaslin
Gawlik Family
Yvonne Gilberti
Lillian Humber
Sabrina Jackson
Clarence Johnson
Cecil Jones

Donald Julien
Dennis King
Earl King
Elvia King
Mittie Lewis
Denvey Nelson
Major Nettles
Cordell Parker
Gwendolyn Parker
Debra Pough
Evelyn Pough
Gary Shirley
Darren/Elaine Shorty
Madeline Smith
Michelle Williams

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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."

June 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Mass

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Daily Masses: Wed.& Fri. 12:00
Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m.
(Exceptions will be posted)
Penance: Divine Mercy Room
Saturday 9:30a.m.
or by Appointment
Emergencies:
Call Fr. Patrick: 713-302-6549

Pastor



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Office Hours

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You yourselves have seen how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself” (Ex 19:4), God said to Moses. What God said of His love for the people of Israel also applies to your and me today a thousand times more, because we have been reconciled to Him through His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. St. Paul wrote, “What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8) Of course, together with such gifts of love and reconciliation that we have received from God through Christ comes our duty to share them with other people.

Just as Jesus Christ in today’s gospel passage gave a share in his authority and power to his disciples so that they would go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and proclaim that the kingdom of God is close at hand (Matthew 10:7), so Jesus Christ has given you and me gifts and talents that we may bring God’s love, mercy and reconciliation to other people in need. But are there enough laborers among us who have responded to the call of Christ? Is not what Jesus said then still true today: “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few” (Matthew 9:37)?

The Lord Jesus needs laborers who will pray constantly to the owner of the harvest that he will send out more laborers to gather in this harvest. The Lord needs laborers who will turn their families into seedbeds for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. When we witness to our love for God by bringing peace and compassion to our neighbors, when we

witness to the reconciling mercy of God in word and action, when we as a Christian community reflect the Gospel qualities as alternatives to the values of the world, and when we address the spiritual and human needs in our parish family, civil communities and nations, we are laborers in the Lord’s vineyard gathering in his harvest. We may not have money to give away to worthwhile causes, but all of us can give words of encouragement to someone in need; we may not have miraculous powers to heal, but all of us have the capacity to comfort and affirm people who are hurting in some way. Whatever gifts and talents we have—the gifts of listening and reassuring, the gifts of serving and volunteering have been given to us by God to be given away in the service of others in the community.



Happy Birthday!

Maria Turner

June 18



In Honor of:

**Lamar Barnett
Michael Barnett
Norman Barnett
Jarrod Flowers
Clarence Johnson, Jr.
Marvin Johnson
Norman Johnson
Earl King
Andrei Lane
Richard Rumley
Joe Saulsbury
Lawrence B. Stewart**

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle’s flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad



In Memory of:

**James Barge
Dr. Edward E. Brosnan
Sylvester Casimier, Sr.
Walter C. Chaney, Jr.
George M. Coleman
William Douglas
Loyal Evans
Stanford Gaslin
John Gilmer
James Grant
Lorenzo Harris
Bruce M. Johnson
Cedric Johnson
Clarence Johnson, Sr.
Earl S. Johnson
Clarence King
Michael King, Sr.
Jerry Lane
Kerry Mauldin
Stewart J. Mosby, Jr.
James Moses, Jr.
Alexander Overstreet
Emil Rumley
Cleveland Shines
Earl Shorty, Sr.
Earl Shorty, Jr.
Richard Shorty
Vernon Shorty
Cornelius Thompson
Clifford Thornton
Frank Thornton
Frank Thornton
Joseph Turner
Gardener E. Wallace
Thomas Williams**