

Sunday, March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Notices for the Bulletin and announcements for Mass are due by 10:00AM on the Tuesday prior to each week in writing. They may be faxed to (202)-398-3415 or e-mailed to Stbenedict320@hotmail.com. Website: <https://www.stbenedictthemoorc.com>

MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE
Sunday, March 22nd: Mass Intentions ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10AM Mass: Intention: People of the Parish ❖ Readings: 1 SAM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A ❖ EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41
Monday, March 23rd Rectory Office Closed Readings: IS 65:17-21; JN 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 24th Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-11:30am Readings: EZ 47: 1-9, 12; JN 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 25th Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-3pm Readings: IS 7:10-14; 8-10; HEB 10:4-10 LK 1:26-38
Thursday, March 26th Rectory Office: 9:30am-3pm Readings: EX 32: 7-14; JN 5:31-47
Friday, March 27th Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-3pm Readings: WIS 2:1A, 12-22; JN 7:1-2 JN 7:10, 25-30
Saturday, March 28th ❖ 3:30 PM Confessions ❖ 4:00PM Mass ❖ Readings: JER 11:18-20; JN 7:40-53
Sunday, March 29th ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10:00AM Mass ❖ Reading: EZ 37:12-14; ROM 8:8-11 ❖ JN 11:1-45

Confession Schedule: 30 minutes prior to Mass and by appointment.

Please remember the deceased in your prayers. Mass intentions may be reserved for a specific date. The Mass offering is \$10.

Flowers for the church altar may be donated in honor of a loved one living or deceased, cost. A Mass intention will also be said for the occasion.

Total Attendance at Masses: NO MASS
Saturday, March 14, 2020: NO MASS
Saturday, March 15, 2020: Children: NO MASS

Your contributions to the Poor Box go directly to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, SOME, and The Food Bank. Thank you.

Please remember all the sick and shut-in of the parish in your thoughts and prayers, especially...

Richard Austin, James Bell, Mazine Bell, Patricia Bailey, Conchita Brown, Vernelle Brown, Lucy Cabell, Jacqueline Faulkner, Joyce Fisher, Tekle Habtegiorgis, Delores Hill, Margaret P. Lewis, Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Donna Page, Evelyn Rattley, Dorothy Ridley, Lois Taylor, Reginald Taylor, Nellie Williams

Sick and Shut-in? Please notify the parish at 202-397-3895 or 202-488-1354, when a parishioner has been hospitalized or confined at home due to sickness, age or infirmity and need the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

New to the Parish or changing your address? Please notify the rectory at 202-397-3895, Wednesday thru Friday so we can keep our records updated.

Congratulations and best wishes to all parishioners who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special events this week.



Happy Birthday!!!!

Margaret Lewis	March 22
Bernardyne Williams	March 22
Annie Holloway	March 23
Emilio Vasquez	March 24
Margaret Fields	March 26
Emma Yates	March 26
Yolanda Collins	March 27



We would like to welcome all visitors to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, please feel free to come again and make this your home church.

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Receive God with Joy!

Today's gospel is beautifully illustrated in Franco Zeffirelli's classic film Jesus of Nazareth. The actor who plays the blind man is very convincing: he's unkempt and not on the quest list to any rich dinner parties. His encounter with Jesus is life changing.

By contrast, the Pharisees are presented as hostile and in dark-ness. Jesus reacts strongly to their ignorance of the truth. One striking aspect of the encounter is the blind man's lack of fear in answering the Pharisees' questions. The blind man saw Jesus and accepted him as the Messiah, the Light of the World, giving us all an example of receiving God with joy and enthusiasm. We can imagine ourselves in the person of the blind man.

Placing ourselves in the gospel, we can recognize our own resistance to the truth at times, as well as our profession of faith when our hearts are drawn to conversion.

The deeper our relationship grows with Jesus, the more we can let go of those things I us that block the light. When Jesus opens our eyes, we see him in all things, in our neighbor, in ourselves, in the landscape of our path home, and in the Eucharist. We see the blind man among the communion of saints, the Mystical Body of Christ.

Living with Christ, Denis Grady, OFS

Speaking Truth to Power

Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any one of these." (1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A)

Light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

How do you deal with being proven wrong? (Ephesians 5:8-14)

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?

When have you been blinded by emotions or convictions, so that you couldn't see around them to a greater truth? (John 9:1-41)

The Light is on for you: Every Tuesday, 6pm to 7pm. Come for an hour of Confession, Prayer and Reflection.

Station of the Cross: Every Friday of Lent: Time 2:15 pm.

NO Masses at St. Benedict the Moor Church

There will be No Masses held at St. Benedict the Moor until we receive a directive from the Archdiocese of Washington to have Masses. Please keep each other in your prayers. Please keep in your prayers all persons and their family members that have been infected by the virus. Please pray for an end to this virus. Be Blessed.

Cancelled Events for St. Benedict the Moor Church

NO Fish Fry on March 20, 2020.

NO Day of Recollection on March 28, 2020.



Share Food Program:

Share is open to everyone. The next Share pick-up date is **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

SOME is looking for volunteers: The second Monday of each Month. St. Benedict the Moor cooks and serves breakfast to feed about 300 people at SOME. The next SOME Day is Monday, April 13, 2020. Contact Kevin Beasley.

Food Bank is looking for volunteers: Second Sunday of each month to setup for the Food Bank, and on the third Monday of each month to give food out to the needy. The next Food Bank distribution will be on April 20, 2020. Contact: Sherlene Duckett.

Jubilarian Mass Promotion Materials

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Please join other in the archdiocese at the annual Jubilarian Mass, held Sunday, June 28, 2020 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception when Archbishop Gregory will honor couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years. For more information or to register to attend the Mass, please call you parish office.

