

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflecting Jesus' Love and Mercy



Today's readings all reference to the central theme of forgiveness and the importance of showing God's mercy to others to receive it ourselves.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach of the need to always forgive our neighbor. We hear today about a man who pleads for forgiveness but refuses to grant the same. This ironic tale showing the hypocrisy of society aptly presents both the power and difficulty of forgiveness. As recited in the Lord's Prayer and detailed in the readings of today's Mass, we are challenged to demonstrate our desire for God's unconditional love and compassion through our daily practice of the Golden Rule. Jesus reminds us how new life through forgiveness far outweighs the cost of any debt owed. Yet, just as the king's remission of the servant's debt shows God's redemption from our sin by his invaluable and boundless grace, we too, must never overlook our calling and responsibility to model the same to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Living with Christ, Matt Charbonneau

Forgiveness Is In The Balance



Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Do you come from a family that practiced ways of forgiveness? Is

your present family or community a place where habits of forgiveness are taught and practiced? (Sirach 27:30-28:7)

If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Who or what gets your life in the average day? Make a pie chart. Decide which pieces need adjusting. (Romans 14:7-9)

“He seized the servant and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ ” Gratitude is a debt we can always repay, no matter how empty our wallets. Forgiveness is a currency we always have in abundance. How often do you spend these riches? (Matthew 18:21-35)
Exploring the Sunday Readings

Dear: St. Benedict the Moor Parish Family
Since Saturday, July 26, 2020 the second phase of the covid-19 virus, St. Benedict the Moor Church has been open. Our regular Mass schedule is Saturday, 4pm and Sunday 10am. All are welcome. All CDC and Archdiocese guidelines of the covid-19 are in place. You must wear a mask and you must social distant six feet. Let us continue to be safe as we worship together.

Also joy us on Facebook, at 10am.
<https://www.Facebook.com/stbenmoordc>



Food Bank

The next Food Bank is Monday, September 21, 2020. Time 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Volunteers needed Sunday, September 20, 2020, 12pm in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

Share Food Program:

The next Share pick-up date is **Saturday, September 26, 2020.** For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

Thank You!!!!

We would like to thank all St. Benedict the Moor church members who have volunteered their time and talent for the Food Bank, Share and as counters. May God continue to bless you generously.

We would also like to Thank Michael Gidey for updating our church website every week.



Please keep in your prayers Valoria Baylor, who is home recuperating. Please Keep in your prayers Alma Jackson, who fell and is at home recuperating.

Please keep in your prayers Lucy Cabell who is now in the hospital. Please keep in your prayers Crystal Dove, who is recovery from heart by-pass surgery.

July 2020 Offertory			
Offertory	Loose	Total	
07/03/2020-	\$1,825.00	\$55.00	\$1,880.00
07/09/2020 -	\$3,253.00		\$3,253.00
07/17/2020-	\$2,725.00		\$2,725.00
07/24/2020-	\$2,680.00	\$159.00	\$2,839.00
07/30/2020-	\$3,975.00	\$17.00	\$3,992.00
Blue pay-	\$2,560.00		\$2,560.00
Total:	\$17,018.00	\$231.00	\$17,249.00