

Sunday, February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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://stbenedictthemoordc.com>

MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE
Sunday, February 7th: Mass Intentions ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10AM Mass: Intention: People of the Parish ❖ Readings: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7; PS 147: 1-6 ❖ 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23; MK 1:29-39
Monday, February 8th Rectory Office Closed Readings: GN 1:1-9; MK 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 9th Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-11:30am Readings: GN 1:20-2:4A; MK 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 10th Rectory Office Hrs. 9:30am-3pm Readings: GN 2:4B-9, 15-17; MK 7:14-23
Thursday, February 11th Rectory Office hrs.: 9:30am-4pm Readings: GN 2:18-25; MK 7:24-30
Friday, February 12th Rectory Office: 9:30am-3pm Readings: GN 3:1-8; MK 7:31-37
Saturday, February 13th ❖ 3:30 PM Confessions ❖ 4:00 PM Mass ❖ Readings: GN 3:9-24; MK 8:1-10
Sunday, February 14th ❖ 9:30AM Confessions ❖ 10:00AM Mass ❖ Reading: LV 13:1-2, 44-46; PS 32:1-2, 5-11 ❖ 1 COR 10:31-11:1; MK 1:40-45

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. A Mass intention will also be said for the occasion.

Total Attendance at Masses: 27 Saturday, January 30, 2021: 19 Sunday, January 31, 2021: 6 Children: 2
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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 for your generous donations.

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

Richard Austin, Valoria Baylor, James Bell, Mazine Bell, Patricia Bailey, Conchita Brown, Vernelle Brown, Crystal Dove, Delores Hill, Winston Hill, Belinda Jackson, Margaret P. Lewis, Jocelyn Lancaster, Yvonne Mosely, Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Donna Page, Patricia Perry, Dorothy Ridley, Lois Taylor, Reginald Taylor, Edward Otis Williams, Nellie Williams
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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!!!!

Marian Beverly
Bertha Taylor

February 7
February 11

Ash Wednesday Mass, 7pm Wednesday,
February 17, 2021



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Let God Find Us



"Everyone is looking for you," the disciples say to Jesus. Two thousand years later, we still search for Jesus, each in our own way, even when we do not realize it. There is a hunger in the human heart that only God can fill.

We may be searching for God, but he is intently seeking us and he will never give up. He is the shepherd who searches for the lost sheep, the patient one who stands knocking at the door, the God who draws near to us. As we enter into the eucharistic celebration, our part is to let God find us, not to hide but rather to receive God in the Eucharist.

Living with Christ, Kathleen Giffin

Black History

Black Catholics arrived with the Spaniards in Florida in the 16th century.

We do know that there were African Muslims who had been enslaved, and so there may well have been enslaved Catholics. The Congo became Catholic in the 15th century, when the king, Alphonso the Good, converted to Catholicism. After they conquered the area, the Portuguese had converted many Congo natives to Catholicism, so there was definitely a Catholic tradition in the area.

Later there were many Blacks in Maryland and Louisiana who were traditionally Catholic because the Jesuits evangelized them there. But we don't know for certain how many African slaves might already have been Catholics because the study of the Catholic Church in Africa is still going on. Were there any Black religious orders early on in America? Yes, there were the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the Holy Family Sisters.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence, however, did celebrate the feast of St. Benedict the Moor, who was canonized in 1807 by Pope Pius VII. St. Benedict was one of their patron saints, which was certainly something very African. But in so many ways, such as music and language, their practices did not reflect what would have been typical African American behavior. I'm sure that most Blacks thought that slavery was wrong and were opposed to it; but the expression, the notions, the attitudes were different among different people.

Dear: St. Benedict the Moor Parish Family
St. Benedict the Moor Church is 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 join us on Facebook, at 10am.

<https://www.Facebook.com/stbenmoordc>

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:30 pm/Virtual

Share Food Program:

The next Share pick-up date is **Saturday, February 20, 2021**. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

Food Bank

The next Food Bank is **Monday, February 15, 2021**. Time 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers needed **Sunday, February 14, 2021**, after mass in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

Mass Intentions for 10 weeks: For Peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia and for the safety of the Eritrean refugees affected by the conflict.



Archdiocese Annual Appeal 2021

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, True source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal.

December 2020 Offertory

Offertory	Loose	Total
12/04/2020-\$1,680.00	\$204.00	\$1,884.00
12/11/2020-\$2,787.00	\$550.00	\$3,337.00
12/18/2020-\$1,161.00	\$44.00	\$1,205.00
12/23/2020-\$2,232.00	\$151.00	\$2,383.00
12/30/2020-\$2,399.00	\$5.00	\$2,404.00
Blue Pay \$3,360.00		\$3,360.00
Total:	\$13,619.00	\$14,573.00