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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Benedict the Moor Church

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon
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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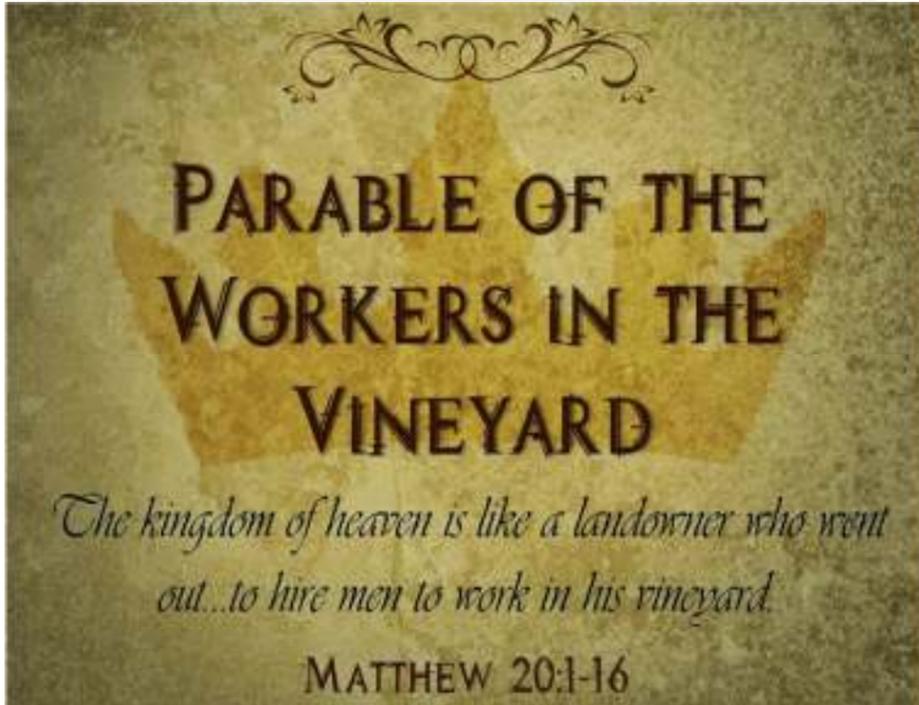
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Our Mission

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."

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

The upset of not receiving more MONEY because some worked a full day and others came in at the eleventh hour. Jesus reminds them of the agreed upon wage that they had settled for and asks:

"Are you envious because I am generous?"

Church, we live in a capitalistic culture that looks at life from the lens of a Euro-Centric Value System: that measures, quantifies, and equates personal worth with what you do. How much you make? What's in your wallet? your business portfolio? The issue at hand is that God's **unconditional love** for each one of us cannot be restricted by our human ways of thinking.

How did you react to Jesus' payment plan? Was it fair? Or did you find him being partial? How did you react? What feelings emerged? Did you become judgmental, jealous, envious in your life as you compare your level of financial reciprocity with peers, neighbors, or friends? As Jesus said to Peter for those who follow him in discipleship: *"I give you my word, there is no one who has given up home, brothers or sisters, mother or father, children or property, for Me and for the Gospel, who will not receive in this present Age a hundred times as many homes, brothers or sisters or property—and persecution besides—and the age to come Everlasting life!"*

Church, what really matters is that we are **found at work in God's vineyard** at the end of the day! See how they love one another. They must be followers of the Christ. Amen!

Why are YOU a Catholic—Christian?

One might answer that—"I'm a cradle Catholic".....I was born into a Catholic family from birth. Others might have chosen to become Catholic later on in life and speak of themselves as converts...while others talk about joining the Church" as you would seek membership in a club. While still others might have been listening to the Spirit of God speak to their heart and followed the Spirit's lead!

In our first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, he reminds us that we are **called to seek the Lord!** To seek GOD where he may be found— in the **Word of the scriptures**; in the presence of the **Community of Faith**; and for us in the person of **Jesus the Christ!** ! God—made—Human!

BEING CATHOLIC is all this and more. As we journey spiritually in a relationship with GOD as Person—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is not just a matter of knowing facts and memorizing The **CATECHISM**. Growing up in **FAITH** is a process that stretches us to follow Christ in **Christian DISCIPLESHIP!** A Master Teacher, Jesus teaches using many genres to help us hear and understand what we heard, and then live what we understand. Bottom—line, you and I are called to be a **WITNESS to the Risen Christ!**

Sisters and brothers, as we ask ourselves again and again..."why are we Catholic—Christians?" It causes us to realize that we are sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters to Jesus and to each other and to the Holy Spirit, for Temples of the Christians is all about being in relationship with GOD and with all of humanity as brothers and sisters, and **TOGETHER** making a difference with our lives.

Today's Gospel from Matthew sums up core Christian values that are at the heart of the Gospel: the call to **love, work for justice, be compassionate and extend forgiveness to one another.** When Jesus was questioned about his payment of the workers he responds: *"Are you envious, because I am generous?"*

Altar Flowers



Love that lasts forever, abiding, strong, and true -
How wonderful that such a love
has been God's gift to you!

Happy 53rd Anniversary!

Bishop Stephen Parkes

Let us pray for our new bishop—
Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
15th Bishop of Savannah

Ordination and Installation on Wednesday,
September 23, 2020 at 1pm at the Cathedral of
St. John the Baptist.

The Principle Consecrator:
The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer,
ofm,conv. Archbishop of Atlanta
and Co-Consecrators
The Most Reverend Gregory Parkes,
Bishop of St. Petersburg
The Most Reverend John Noonan,
Bishop of Orlando

*Let us pray God's blessings upon Bishop Stephen as
he begins his ministry among us in the Diocese of
Savannah.*

New Rosary Schedule

**begins Sunday, September 27th 8pm nightly*
Sunday, Sept. 27: Liturgy of the Word—
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, Sept. 28: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday, Sept. 29: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, Sept. 30: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday, Oct. 1: The Luminous Mysteries
Dial in at 706-894-9969

Special Collection

Next week's special collection is for the **Mission Cooperative Appeal**. There are no special envelopes for this special outreach. If you are unable to attend Mass next weekend, please mail in your contribution identifying that it is for Mission Co-op. Your support of spreading the gospel is appreciative.

Transitus of St. Francis

On Saturday, October 3rd at 7:30pm at St. Anne we will be celebrating the passage of St. Francis from this life into glory. In a prayer service, we join the Franciscan Order world-wide as we continue to be a witness to the Resurrection.

There is plenty of space for social distancing from Church to Chapel.

If you are interested in the Secular Franciscans, formerly known as the Third Order, please leave your contact information on an index card and place it in the basket at Transitus.

Fr. James McCurry, our Provincial Minister will preach.

Sunday, October 4th
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Friars have received permission from our local bishop to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4, 2020. This offers up an opportunity to get to know FRANCIS—"Man of the Gospel", and learn how we too are called to help rebuild the Church today!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Sept 20 +**Janice Meggs**—sister of Pam King
Monday, Sept 21 +**Sr. Maximilliana, PC**—Poor Clare
from Campo San Pietro

Tuesday, Sept 22 **in gratitude for God's healing power**
Wednesday, Sept 23 **Brother Matthew Aubin, TOR**, pro-
fessing First Vows

Thursday, Sept. 24 **Sr. Norbert**—for God's healing
strength

Friday, Sept 25 health and healing for **Fr. Noel** req. by
Sr. Patricia Marie

Saturday, Sept. 26 Blessings on **Mother Genevieve** and
the Little Sisters of the Poor

*Mass Intentions can be offered for family and friends both
living and deceased. The stipend is \$10 for the support of
the Franciscan Friars. Masses are being celebrated in the
Friary Chapel.*

Stewardship Report

Week of Sept. 13, 2020	
Offertory envelopes	\$4254.00
Online	225.00
Utilities	10.00
Online	50.00
Kitchen Renovation	425.00
Altar Flowers	100.00
Church Repair	305.00

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READING 1 Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

READING 2 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have

made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Spiritual Communion

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to be with your church always, until the end of time. We long to experience your presence more deeply and more intimately even when we cannot gather in person as church to celebrate Eucharist. We believe that you are present when we gather to worship.

We believe that you are present in the ordained minister and in your sacred Word when the scriptures are proclaimed. And we believe that you are present when your sacred body and blood become our food and drink. Our relationship with you is truly grace. When I am not able to be physically present at the Eucharist with the community, help me to strengthen and deepen my relationship with you as I seek to encounter and serve you, not only in prayer but in all I meet, especially in the poor and needy of our world. Amen!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Lenny Corona
Sr. Agnes, fsma	Ida Ruth Lane
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Mittie Lewis
Helen Bell	Delores McLeod
Amanda Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Mik Cole	Denvey Nelson
Robert Cole	Sr. Norberta, fsma
Robert Dozier	Cordell Parker
Bertha Gibbs	Gwendolyn Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Debra Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Marcus Ransom
Clarence Johnson	Lydia Sliva
Donald Julien	Madeline Smith
Paul Julien	Dorothy Stewart
Jamaya Kennedy	Friar Jude Winkler
Earl King	
Elvia King	
Michael King	