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Spiritual Reflection on the Eucharist

Sisters and brothers,

I would like to share some reflections from the Vatican Congregation of the Faith as we reflect together on the long duration of COVID-19 and its effects not only in the arena of social, family, economic, education, and work, but also its impact upon us....the Christian Community. As the scriptures attest: ***“where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*** (MT 18:20).

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2: 42-44) The Christian community has never isolation and has never made the Church a place with closed doors. Formed in the value of community life and in the search of the common good, Christians have always sought insertion into society, while being aware of an otherness. And even in the pandemic emergency, a great sense of responsibility has emerged.

When it is safe, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our sisters and brothers.

- ***We cannot live, be Christians, without the Word of the Lord.***
- ***We cannot live as Christians, without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross.***
- ***We cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist,*** where Christ is present in his Body and Blood, soul and divinity.
- ***We cannot be without the house of the Lord,*** which is our home.
- ***We cannot be without the Lord's Day,*** that gives meaning to our work and life.

The use of livestreaming has performed a great service in the broadcast of the Liturgy at a time when there was no possibility of community celebrations, however, no broadcast is comparable

to personal participation or can replace it. As we go forward, whenever, we are ready to return to Church and rediscover the irreplaceable preciousness and beauty of the celebration of the Liturgy and invite and encourage again those sisters and brothers who have been discouraged, frightened, absent or uninvolved for too long.

Let us take the time to reflect and implement when we are comfortable, our return to our life as the Community of St. Benedict the Moor. Building on **the challenge that Mission Sunday affords us**, is the opportunities and the new possibilities that are ours during this time of the pandemic. We will be slowly implementing a return to “church life.” Whether it be a weekday Mass on Wednesday, helping with Outreach on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or calling folks to update and expand our Church Directory.

My hope is that we can continue in a safe manner to gather information, reset goals and strategies and to implement pastoral growth of the Church. In the area of Catechesis, we will be sharing our Faith with young children and teens on Saturday mornings twice a month. I am looking for suggestions how we might **continue Adult Bible Study** and catechesis that would work with your time frame and level of comfortableness.

Last Sunday, the Confirmation of Mark Evans Peter engendered a joy that began with the Mass and pervaded the fellowship that followed. Everything from picture—taking to gift—giving, to chatting for a little while re-kindled the fire that is St. Benedict the Moor. We were graced by **the Mercy Sisters**....Sister Margaret and Sister Kelly, who was with us for the first time. Placing our hands on the Gospel plow, let us re—commit ourselves to the MISSION of St. Benedict as we grow the Church.

Your brother & pastor,
Fr. Noel

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.”

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I love you, Lord, my strength.”

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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Wednesday Noon Mass

We are slowly restoring our weekday Mass schedule. Beginning this Wednesday, October 28th at noon, Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday. May this afford us another opportunity for worship.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are dedicated to

Andrei Lane

May God give you special blessings on your special day!
from Andrea



Southern Cross

Your diocesan newspaper, the **Southern Cross**, provides a quiet voice of Catholic insight amid the flurry of information received in a world of instant communication. Read the Southern Cross and Put Faith in Your Opinions. The mission of the **Southern Cross** is to deliver news that will put Faith in the opinions of all Catholic households.

Join us in the on going mission to deliver Catholic news to each registered household.

We ask you to consider giving \$30 or more during the **Southern Cross** subscription campaign. Checks should be made payable to St. Benedict.

Ancestral Remembrance

We are receiving framed pictures of our beloved sisters and brothers that will be arranged before the Altar as an Ancestral Remembrance. Please bring in your pictures before October 31st. The pictures will be returned after Thanksgiving.

Novena for our Deceased

Beginning on November 2nd, we will celebrate a Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters. Envelopes with their names and donor requests will be placed on the Altar from Monday, November 2nd thru Wednesday, November 10th.

Thanksgiving 2020

- ♦ The traditional collection of Food Boxes for the needy will not be taking place this year. The Men of St. Benedict have decided due to staffing, funding and COVID, this event will NOT happen.
- ♦ The Outreach Ministry will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a take-out dinner on Thursday, November 19th at 12 noon. Help is always welcomed.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day in the Church. We have so much to be grateful for. Amen!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 25th 10:30 AM
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
the Community of St. Benedict the Moor

Monday, October 26th
50th Wedding Anniversary of Johnny & Gwen Swain

Tuesday, October 27th
+Joan Graves

Wednesday, October 28th 12:00 Noon
+Raven Swain

Thursday, October 29th
+Corey Swain

Friday, October 30th
Health of Stephanie

Saturday, October 31st
Health of Br. Vincent Joseph, ofm conv.

Stewardship Report

Weekly Finance Report: October 18

Offertory: \$1983
Online: \$375

World Mission: \$90
Online: \$500

Kitchen: \$325

Southern Cross: \$135

Altar Flowers: \$100

ACA Report: This week's report shows \$10,418 paid towards our goal. Our balance now stands at \$7,601. Thank you for continuing to support your Church and Diocese.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Ex 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD:
"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

READING 2 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

GOSPEL Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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.

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Sr. Agnes, fsma
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf
Helen Bell
Amanda Cole
Mik Cole
Robert Cole
Robert Dozier
Carl English
Bertha Gibbs
Yvonne Gilberti
Elizabeth Grey
Ginnette Hughes
Clarence Johnson
Donald Julien
Paul Julien
Jamaya Kennedy
Michael King
Earl King



Elvia King
Lenny Korona
Ida Ruth Lane
Elaine Layer
Mittie Lewis
Delores McLeod
Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Denvey Nelson
Cordell Parker
Gwendolyn Parker
Debra Pough
Evelyn Pough
Marcus Ransom
Lydia Sliva
Madeline Smith
Stephanie
Donnie Tarvin
Friar Jude Winkler