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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sisters and brothers, the message of Jesus' preaching is quite clear:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel!"

From the Gospel of Mark to our first reading from the book of Jonah we are confronted, challenged and compelled to hear of God's divine desire for the people of Nineveh and for all the nations—repent and believe! A call to conversion....to get to the heart and the essence of life. Yes, to make a change to live more fully for the Lord our God. Amen!

Jonah is a reluctant prophet, whose initial unwillingness to preach repentance to Israel's hated Assyrian enemies in the city of Nineveh caused to board a ship in another direction. Well, you know the story at sea, of how Jonah was thrown overboard and swallowed in the belly of a whale. His shipmates wrote him off as a goner, but the God of Israel wasn't through with the likes of Jonah.

For three days, Jonah is buried in the belly of the whale and is presumed to be dead. However, on the third day, he is spewed up by the whale and lives! Jonah becomes a **Jesus—type**...who like Jesus was buried and on the third day rose from the tomb of Death and is resurrected to newness of life. This time, Jonah sets out for Nineveh and to his surprise, the King and all the citizens repented from their evil ways and put on sackcloth and wore ashes as they turned their lives around to the Lord.

In theological terms they experienced **metanoia, a change of heart and lifestyle.**

Returning to the Gospel, Jesus sees several fishermen who are washing and repairing their nets. He calls the four of them, namely, Simon, Andrew, James and John and invites them to follow him. The call to follow Jesus in discipleship begins a new chapter in their lives centered on Jesus. From then on, the disciples began to live a different kind of life, as they journeyed on the road as itinerants. They will become less attached to the material world, as their hearts aspire higher things like the kingdom of God.... or as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. referred to as forming **the community of the Beloved.**

The invitation to Christian Discipleship flows from being claimed from Christ at Baptism. That develops throughout the course of our lives as we literally **"fall in love with Jesus"** over and over again....as our relationship with the Lord

grows in depth and intimacy. Before we can do more, we need to be more present to God whose call to discipleship is both **relational and personal, invitational and participational.** This will enable us together to help build a more fraternal and evangelical world, as we seek peace by working for justice and extending the gift of forgiveness, May we become instruments of God's healing strength and transformation in our nation and in our world.

St. Paul in the first Letter to the Corinthians says: **"I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out....for the world as we know in its present form is passing by."**

- May our election votes support and affirm the new presidential leadership team as we continue to write a new history for these United States.

- **Joe Biden** is our second Catholic President and **Kamela Harris** is the first woman and woman of color as Vice President.

- Yes, it's gonna be a new day....a new way to serve God's people rightly and justly.

- Recall the **vision of the late Pope John Paul II** at the beginning of the year 2000—as he sees the Church going out into the deep and lowering our new nets for a new catch **...a new evangelization!**

- Recall the experience of a marine biologist, who was rescued by a whale, who lifted him up from the preying attack of a tiger shark. The whale then circled his boat to see that he was alright.

- Let each of us share some new and innovative ways that we might evangelize as we go fishing with Jesus!

- Remember ole' Sr. Mary Cornelia, who took her third graders fishing for the day. When folks ask us what our game plan is....just tell them: "Gone Fishin' with Jesus!"

Your brother in T,
Friar Noel

Weekly Finance Report: January 17

Offertory: \$1540.00 (Online \$250.00)
Kitchen Reno: \$695.00 (Online \$100.00)
Church Repair: \$31.00
Black and Indian Mission: \$5.00
Utilities: (Online \$50.00)

Online donations allow you to stay up-to-date and continue your support. Please go to www.stbenedictthemoor.org to contribute.

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."

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Teach me your ways, O Lord."

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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With Sympathy

To Mary Ellen Evans and family
in the loss of her brother

James Grant, Jr.

May the hope of the Resurrection be your consolation in these days. Take comfort in the many prayers offered in faith for you. Wishing you and your family strength and peace.

Pastoral Concerns

In Memoriam: upon the death of +Kelly Malone, wife of Dr. Michael Malone, mother of five children, and daughter-in-law of Dr. Tom Malone. May she enjoy Eternal Life and beatitude in the Community of the Beloved Jesus.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

Sisters and brothers, thank-you for working so hard to achieve our parish Goal of \$18,019. We gave \$18,596. Thank-you for going above and beyond what was asked of us. The amount reflects 20% of our Offertory collection.

Amazingly 46 family units contributed out of 75 family units. Special thanks to Mr. Richard Gibbs, our chairperson, who kept us on target on the path during a very difficult year. May God be praised as we reach out to the needs and ministries of the Diocese of Savannah which we are a part.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

Church, the **ACA Kick—Off Weekend** is this week as we lay the groundwork for this year's campaign. **Sunday, January 24th** we will launch the Kick—Off with a video showing the scope of the Appeal. We are hoping that if you are attending Mass or the Liturgy Word from Home on Sunday evening, you will pray over what your pledge might look like for 2021. Note that **our goal for 2021 is \$16,550**. it reflects our Offertory for 2020 dropped as we are accessed 20% of our giving. May we be grateful for all God's blessings as we are asked to step out in trust and generous stewardship once again.

In Gratitude for the Church Calendars:

We would like to thank Charles Huff and the International Funeral Home Inc. for sponsoring our Church calendar once again. May the Lord keep on blessing him and his family for their kindness and generosity to us. Be sure to pick one up on your way to Mass or at the Office.

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Junius Julien

as they celebrate their 51st Anniversary today,
January 24, 2021. May the blessings of our Lord be yours on this happy day and always.



Known as one of the social events of the year, The **Deimel Legacy Ball** exists to raise funds to support tuition assistance at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. The 16th Annual Deimel Legacy Ball will be celebrated on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 6 p.m. at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School with COVID-19 safety protocols, such as mask wearing and social distancing for in-person attendees. The event will feature opportunities to meet new Diocese of Savannah Bishop Stephen Parkes, a video presentation highlighting the many recent enhancements to St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, an online auction, cash raffle, and a grab-and-go dinner prepared by renowned local chef, Jamie Keating. Opportunities to enjoy the event virtually also exist. Learn more about event sponsorships and/or make reservations to attend here: www.BeAViking.com/deimel-ball.

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 24, 2021 10:30 AM

St. Benedict Church—Family

In gratitude for Fr. Vernon & St. Peter the Apostle

Monday, January 25, 2021 12 Noon

Conversion of St. Paul

+Sr. Ramona, cssf

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:00 AM

Sts. Timothy & Titus

+Frances Mullins, sister

of Sr. Joan Marie, cssf

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12 Noon

St. Agnes Merici

Steve D'Amico (health)

Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas

Spiegel Family

Friday, January 29, 2021 12 Noon

Fr. William Przybło

Saturday, January 30, 2021 8:00 AM

Joann and +Tom Nejfelt

49th Wedding Anniversary

Mass intentions are scheduled throughout the year for a particular occasion. We ask for a two week notice in scheduling. The ordinary stipend is ten dollars for the support of the Franciscan Friars.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

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R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING 2 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

Census Update

E-Mail Addresses

Please help us update our communication information that will enable us to contact you through the use of mail, cell phones, and e-mails. Our hope is to issue a new Church Directory once all our information is current. Thank—you.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ GA _____

Landline_____

Cell phone_____

E-mail_____

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Earl King
Sr. Agnes, fsma	Elvia King
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Mik Cole	Delores McLeod
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Ola Danielewicz	Major Nettles
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Fuellen Family	Joe Ravalese
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Paul Julien	Dorothy Washington
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