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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Consecrated Life

Today, the Church recognizes and celebrates the precious gift of **"Consecrated Life."** As we recognize those men and women, who follow Christ in love through lives of **vowed poverty, chastity, and obedience.** Among them, those **consecrated virgins,** who have freely decided to belong solely to the person of Christ forever under the authority of the local diocesan bishop. Taking MARY as their Role model--**"Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word."** (Luke 1, 38)

Let us pray for them to be faithful to their vocation, because in it all believers—single, and married couples, pastors of the Church see revealed the deep nature of the Christian Life. It would be timely, to un-package the broad-base term of "Consecrated Life" as I see it through the Gospel Life of the **Franciscan Friars Conventual.** Just who we are and what is our particular charism in the Church.

Founded in the year 1209 by Francesco Bernadone, commonly known as St. Francis of Assisi, we are a fraternity of men called to live the **GOSPEL** in community. Challenged by the spirit of the Lord, **"to rebuild the Church,"** we do our fair share of physical rebuilding, but the call is directed towards spiritually renewing the people of God! As a fraternity of priests and religious brothers, our fraternal life overflows into a variety of ministries that we are engaged in.

True enough, we are teachers and preachers, administrators and pastors, nurses and healers, missionaries and mechanics, campus ministers and chaplains, sinners and saints. Ultimately, we are, **FRIARS MINOR! Brothers to one another and family to the Church!** Our first mission presence was England and today we are serving in 66 countries worldwide.

St. Francis said, "that when I was in sin, the Lord gave me brothers!" The word **FRIAR** is an old English word which means **brother.** Everyone in the Order is known as Friar, as we share a common life of **Prayer, Fraternity and Ministry.** Living together in residences called a **Friary,** each Friar belongs to a geographical area called a **Province** from which we serve and live out our Gospel charism in the Church and in the world. There are currently four US Provinces of Friars Minor Conventual. The Friars of Columbus belong to the eastern province of Our Lady of the

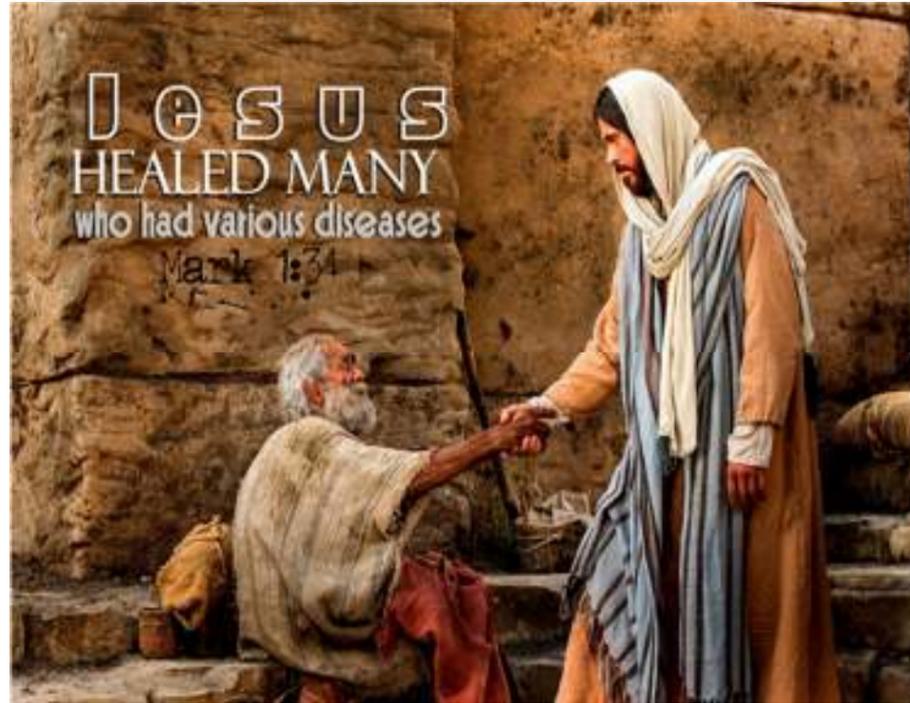
Angels. We have two mid-western provinces: Our Lady of Consolation and St. Bonaventure, and a western province of St. Joseph Cupertino.

How does one become a Friar? Well, there are **three stages of formation** a process of human growth and development within the spiritual life. The first stage is called the **Pre—Novitiate or Postulancy.** It is here the one is introduced to the Franciscan Order and charism of the **"conventuals."** The postulant lives a year in Community, as he prays the Prayer of the Church celebrates daily Eucharist and learns the dynamics of life with brothers, including the life of our father—Francis and our mother—Clare.

The second stage is the **Novitiate.** A year of intense prayer and spiritual formation. From the onset, the postulant becomes a **novice or beginner** and learns to live the Franciscan Life without vows. He receives **the habit** of probation **and a cord** without knots along with The title of **"FRIAR."** At the completion of the year, the Friar—Novice and the community help determine his readiness as he professes **the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience** for a period of three years. The third stage of the formation process is the **Post—Novitiate,** a time of integration where the Friar begins to harmonize his vowed life with some active ministry or continued studies. During this time, the Friar engages in a **full-time ministerial experience** and lives outside the formation setting for a year. At some point, both the friar and the community enter the discernment for full membership within the Order with **the Profession of Solemn Vows.** Formation in the Order of Friars Minor Conventual is a continual life—long process.

Church, may we continue to pray and offer our support to our brothers and sisters, who are considering a call to **"consecrated life"** as a Friar, Sister or Priest. My prayer is that, if we live what we have promised, perhaps, not always perfectly but honestly, we will find that the people of God may say: "The Friars, the Sisters, the priests really care and love one another and others, I think they have it together. Maybe, Christ is calling me to be one of them? And as Jesus would say, **"Come and see, where I live!"** Your brother in T and Clare, Friar 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."

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Praise the Lord,
who heals the broken hearted."

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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Flowers This Week

Altar Flowers were donated in memory of **Gloria Dolley Mary Helen Linton** by Barbara Lawrence

Pastoral Concerns

ACA-We thank, Dr. Gary Dawson for his witness talk on stewardship as we make our pledge today for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Special thanks to Mr. Richard Gibbs for his willingness to serve once again as our parish Chairperson for ACA.

Thank-you to Carleton Pearson and Richard Gibbs for helping take down and store the Christmas decorations and Nativity set.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Masses will be celebrated at 12 Noon and at 6:30 PM with the distribution of blessed ashes.

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 19th at 6:30 PM followed by adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Happy Birthday

- Carleton Pearson Feb 2
- Neal Brooks Feb 3
- Amanda Cole Feb 7
- Jimmie Barnett Feb 8
- Tilsa Taylor Feb 11
- Gary Dawson Feb 19
- Ethel Johnson Feb 22
- Ruth Doughty Feb 25



Mass Intentions

- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
February 7, 2021 10:30 AM
St. Benedict the Moor Church—Family
+**Kelly Malone**
- St. Josephine Bakhita**
Monday, February 8, 2021 12 Noon
healing for **Joe Ravalese**
- Tuesday, February 9, 2012** 11 AM
+ **Sister Marianne Los, CSSF**
+**Maria "Mamacietta" Hinojosa,**
mother of my niece, Miriam Nejfelt
- Wednesday, February 10, 2021** 12 Noon
Memorial of St. Scholastica, OSB
Deceased Felician Sisters
- Thursday, February 11, 2021** 11 AM
World Day of the Sick
For all the Sick on our Prayer List
Deceased Felician Sisters
- Friday, February 12, 2021** 12 Noon
Deceased Felicians Sisters
- Saturday, February 13, 2021** 8 AM
+**Lamon Dockery** (1-31-21)

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.

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: January 31
Offertory: \$3249.00 (Online \$391.00)
Utilities: \$80.00 (Online \$60.00)
Repast: \$55.00
Kitchen Reno: \$35.00
Church Repair: \$50.00 (Online \$25.00)

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

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READING 1 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind;
I shall not see happiness again.

RESPONSORIAL

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
Praise the LORD, for he is good;
sing praise to our God, for he is gracious;
it is fitting to praise him.
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
the dispersed of Israel he gathers.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He tells the number of the stars;
he calls each by name.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
to his wisdom there is no limit.
The LORD sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts to the ground.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

READING 2 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:
If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

GOSPEL Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

In Our Prayers

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| Fr. Noel Danielewicz | Michael King |
| Sr. Agnes, fsma | Earl King |
| Sr. Apollonia, cssf. | Elvia King |
| Sr. Delores Anne, cssf | Lenny Korona |
| Helen Bell | Ida Ruth Lane |
| Amanda Cole | Mittie Lewis |
| Mik Cole | Delores McLeod |
| Robert Cole | Ruben Meinhofer & Fam. |
| Helena Danielewicz | Denvey Nelson |
| Ola Danielewicz | Major Nettles |
| Christine Dawson | Cordell Parker |
| Robert Dozier | Gwendolyn Parker |
| Carl English | Debra Pough |
| Stephanie Findlay | Evelyn Pough |
| Fluellen Family | Joe Ravalese |
| Yvonne Gilberti | Marcus Ransom |
| Elizabeth Grey | Sonsia Richerson |
| Ginnette Hughes | Lydia Sliva |
| Cecelia Hyams | Madeline Smith |
| Clarence Johnson | Emi Talbert |
| Donald Julien | Friar Steven Tremier |
| Paul Julien | Dorothy Washington |
| | Friar Carl Zdancewicz |