

PASTORAL REGION ONE

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Send your Bulletin Announcements to:

admin@unitedinhope.org or info@unitedinhope.org on Monday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anthony De Mello in his book *The Song of the Bird* recounts a story of a husband and wife who were conversing. The husband said to the wife, 'You know, dear, I'm going to work hard and some day we are going to be rich.' The wife responded: We are already rich, dear, for we have each other. Someday, maybe we'll have money.' The wife is aware that to be rich is not necessarily the same as having money and material riches is not the ultimate wealth. Today, our bookshops and libraries contain books on how to be rich. Money has become god, which enjoys allegiance in the modern world. The poor want to get rich quickly and the rich are holding on strongly to their wealth. Some motivational books on how to get rich contain stories of billionaires who started from rags to riches or from having nothing to acquiring everything.

The 10th Chapter of the Gospel of Mark presents us with the story of an encounter between Jesus and a rich young man. This rich man who came to Jesus must have been successful businessman and someone who was economically ahead of his peers. In those days he could have been a prominent merchant and a landlord and in the modern world he could be a captain of industry whose name is listed in *Forbes Magazine* as one of the fast-growing billionaires. Interestingly, this young man was aware that wealth was not everything and so he came to Jesus with a serious question: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him: "You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother."

The young man replied to Jesus: "All of these I have observed from my youth." This is to say that by local standard he was a very religious person. He must have been observing every letter of the law, strictly adhering to the commandments and was meticulous in following all rituals and rubrics of his religion. He was contented with this narrow and shallow understanding of religion. Jesus wasted no time to diagnose his spiritual disease. His ailment: an obsession with the love of the law and deficiency of the law of love. Unfortunately, He was not aware of the ultimate demand of the law of love, which is to give nothing less than everything. Jesus looked at him with love and was brutally frank with him and gave him this tough prescription: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me." He was totally unhappy about what Jesus demanded of him and so he walked away sad, because he had many possessions – properties, money, industries, etc.

He went away sad because he was unwilling to tow the new path, the perfect way of happiness which Jesus was pointing to him. He was so self-sufficient and self-reliant and was reluctant to empty himself and get rid of the weight of

wealth. He appeared to be a man who was deeply immersed in piety and orthodoxy but deficient in radical spirituality. His understanding of religion did not include one essential element, which is the spirit of self-sacrifice. He identified himself with his wealth to the extent he could neither sacrifice his life to the service of others, nor renounce his wealth for the benefit of the needy. The Gospel portrays him as a rich man surrounded by opulence but lacking in the wealth of wisdom.

Invariably, he missed the gift of salvation Christ was offering him. After the rich man walked away, Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God...It is easier for a Camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were shell shocked to hear these words from Jesus and they said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Was Jesus totally condemning all wealthy people? Not at all! He was sending a serious warning to those who believe more in their wealth more than they believe in God. He was sounding a note of warning about the false sense of security that money gives. In the world today, the volume of people's wealth determines their worth of people. For example, we read and hear about someone who is worth 1 million dollars and another who is worth 10 billion dollars. This false measurement of the worth of the human person tends to say that "We are what we have." Jesus denounces the idea of obsession with possessions. Beecher captures the message of the Gospel when he says, "In this world, it is not what we take up, but what we give up that makes us rich." Jesus was aware of the common sins associated with the rich, which include stinginess, extravagance, ruthlessness, oppression, pride, greed, debauchery, exploitation, insensitivity and the tendency to attach their self-worth to their wealth. The world tells us get rich and happiness is all yours, But Jesus on the contrary teaches that material affluence does not necessarily translate into happiness because not many super rich people are really happy people.

The rich young man considered gold more than God. He could not set his priorities right. The book of wisdom provides us with a hierarchy of values where it places wisdom as a gift that is over and above material wealth and political power (see *Wisdom 7:7-11*). The Psalmist prays to God to teach us the shortness of our life so that we can be wise (*Psalm 90*). In the book of *Hebrews (4:12-13)* we discover that wisdom is not necessarily found in wealth but in the Word of God, which is alive and active. It is God's Word that reveals to us the truth about ourselves, it is the Word that helps us to discern the difference between true and false happiness and it is the Word that penetrates the innermost core of the human person, which is the soul. The rich young man is present in each one of us each time we find it difficult to detach ourselves from what we possess and each time we become obsessed with our possessions.

St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One October 10, 2021

St. Benedict 15th Anniversary Timeline

Virtual Event & End of Silent Auction (22 or 23 Oct)

Silent Auction

You are invited to participate in St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church's on-line Silent Auction from the comfort of your own home or from anywhere! The Silent Auction on-line bidding process is easy. Simply click on the link below to see the item selections within each category. Each selection will display the item's value and its starting bid. Please note there are minimum incremental bids. Minimum incremental bids mean each bid must be at least \$1.00 or \$5.00 higher (depending on the item) than the current highest bid. When you register, it's important that you provide your email address and phone number so that you may be notified if your bid is the winning bid and arrangements may be made for you to pick up your item and make your payment. Bidding will go through midnight on October 22, 2021. Payment in the exact amount of the winning bid must be in either cash or check (personal or cashier's) made out to "St Benedict the Moor Church" with "Silent Auction" in the memo line. If you need assistance with the Silent Auction, please contact Ms. Sylvia Irvin at sylervin1@aol.com or Ms. Arvilla Crawford at acrawford1959@gmail.com. Enjoy the Silent Auction! Thank you for your support. Silent Auction website: <https://st-benedict.pals-club.com>.

Reminder for Bible Study this coming week October 13 on virtual 7pm

NOTE: Below is the connection information either online or via telephone.

Hangouts Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

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Reminder

St Augustine Rosary in person October 13 at 6:30pm.

REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict

Oct 9 4pm [SB] Regional Confessions
Oct 9 4:30pm [SB] Regional Parishioners
Oct 10 8:30am [SA] David Emrick
Oct 10 10:30am [SB]

OCTOBER OBSERVANCE

October 10 Bring a friend weekend make the effort to encourage parishioners to be on the pew and bring a friend to the church whether on Saturday or Sunday
October 17 Family Day Welcoming the school community

to worship together with our own families.

October 24 Mission Sunday welcoming our immigrant and migrant community as we encourage those, we must bring more of them to the church pews.

October 31 Bring a Catholic Outside



Charitable Opportunity

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council #353 would like to make a commitment to our church and community this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

We would like your assistance with food or monetary donations for turkeys. Starting September through December, we will be collecting non-perishable's food items for Thanksgiving baskets. You can bring your items and place them in the containers in the main entrance of the church.

YOUR STEWARSHIP THANK YOU

ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION

Oct 3: collection \$ 706.00, Respect for life \$100, Ed \$15, Capital Improvement \$50

ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION

Oct 3: Collection \$4,828.18, Maint. \$879.00, Sch \$362



ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Oct 10 Fran Delegato
Oct 19 Emily Jacobs
Oct 24 JoAnne Vincent
Oct 31 Randy Klotz

ST. BENEDICT MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 17TH – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader – Danielle Kenny
2nd Reader – Judy Baker
Petitions – Deacon Ken
Extraordinary Ministers – Deacon Ken, Susan Smith

Confirmation/First Communion Registration

Is your child or grandchild in the seventh or Eighth grade then it is time for him/her to receive classes for confirmation or is the one in second grade or above and has not receive First Communion? Please call 937-268-6697 or 937-855-2289

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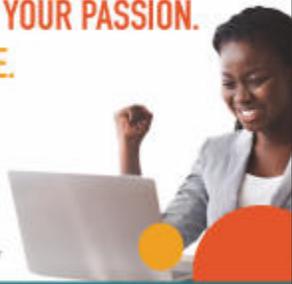
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