

# *PASTORAL REGION ONE*

United in Faith, Hope and Service to the Community  
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**Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick 937-268-6697**

**Weddings, RCIA/RCIC Call the offices 937-268-6697**

**Baptisms:** Do you need your child Baptized Please call the Parish Office at 937 268 6697

**Deacon Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi instructors**

**Regional Confessions:** Saturdays 4pm or by appointment

Send your Bulletin Announcements to:

[admin@unitedinhope.org](mailto:admin@unitedinhope.org) or [info@unitedinhope.org](mailto:info@unitedinhope.org) on Monday

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### CHALLENGES OF A GOOD CHRISTIAN

Christianity calls us to God's way of life that stands for goodness and truth. But in keeping to this godly way of life, challenges are bound.

In today's first reading we see a semblance of the outcry of the suffering servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah (53).

Here the author narrates the evil plots against the righteous one coupled with insults and the desire to see him dead simply because he stands for God and for the truth. (Wisdom 2, 17-20). The only offense the righteous man has committed is because he opposes evil actions, and he reproaches them for their sins. And for standing for what is right; the evil people see his presence in their midst as highly inconveniencing (wisdom 2, 12).

God's word today is reminding us of the fact that as Christians our ways would be automatically opposed to the ways of the world and so the "world" would be displeased with us. This is the simple reason why Christian's face persecution from all corners. Just yesterday a lady came to me in tears that her marriage is falling apart, and this is simply because she has been asked to stop her daily prayers at home, which she has vowed not to stop. Upon enquiries it was discovered that the prayers were a cause of great inconvenience to the mother-in-law. This is one out of so many of such cases. Let us be courageous and never give in to persecutions and trials.

Even our master Jesus the Christ was also faced with a similar challenge. In today's Gospel he called his disciples to himself and instructed them of his imminent

trials and persecution, which will eventually lead to his shameful death on the cross (Mk 9, 30-37).

But we thank God that his seeming shame would turn to fame. For his cross would later become his ladder to pick up his Crown. The victory of Christ over his enemies is a great assurance to us that even though we may be persecuted now for the sake of God and the truth, our endurance will win us our salvation. There is no need to be discouraged. And there's no reason to stop praying. Let us remember that winners never give up. And at this point we can't afford to give up. God is fighting your battle! Have courage.

Step into your week of victory.

Fr. Cosmas Ukadike, C.M.

<https://www.catholicforlife.com/homily>

### St. Benedict 15th Anniversary Timeline

Special Anniversary Mass 26 September 2021

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](mailto:sylervin1@aol.com) or Ms. Arvilla Crawford at [acrawford1959@gmail.com](mailto:acrawford1959@gmail.com). Enjoy the Silent Auction! Thank you for your support.

Silent Auction website: <https://st-benedict.pals-club.com>.

## St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One September 19, 2021

Reminder for Bible Study this coming week September 22 at 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 September 8 at 6:30pm.

### REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict  
Sept 18 4pm [SB] Regional Confessions  
4:30pm [SB] Eunice Anderson  
Sept 25 4:30pm [SB] Harvey Thornton  
Sept 19 8:30am [SA] Albert Pasquariello  
Sept 26 8:30am [SA] David Dupps  
10:30am [SB] Fr. Francis thanksgiving



### 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.

### COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES"

Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared with Parishioners of St.

**Benedict October 2 at 10 am at Multipurpose room and St. Augustine October 3, 2021 after mass**

For more on Beacons of Light go to [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org).

### YOUR STEWARSHIP THANK YOU

#### ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sept 12: collection \$ \$1820.00, Education \$70.00, Capital Improvement \$50.00

#### ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sept 12: Collection \$4,225, Maint. \$83.00, Missions \$25, Sch \$295



### ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 19 JoAnne Vincent  
September 26 Randy Klotz

### ST. BENEDICT MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

#### SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader – Rita Ellicott  
2nd Reader – Janet Harden  
Petitions – Victor O'Basuyi  
Extraordinary Ministers – Victor O'Basuyi, Mary O'Basuyi, Sharon Hairston

### Thank You

Thank you to all of you for your continuous prayer for my recovery. Your prayers are still needed.

### 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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