

# *PASTORAL REGION ONE*

United in Faith, Hope and Service to the Community  
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**Chair:** Ken Marcellus **Vice:** Joe Deviliz

**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:

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### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE



In today's Gospel Jesus is again being trapped by the Pharisees by testing His view on the issue of divorce. Jesus answered them by referring to what Moses did which, according to Him was due to the hardness of heart of the people. But even then, Jesus pointed out that from the beginning, marriage was destined by God to make a man and a woman one flesh, and no one can put asunder. In a tete-a-tete with His disciples, He stressed its adulterous consequence when one divorces a partner and marries another.

Divorce was a prevailing issue during the time of Jesus. Herod and Herodias divorced their partners and married each other. The Pharisees were divided as to the interpretation of the law on divorce. While they were concerned of knowing Jesus' view on it, they were more after finding some faults against Jesus. Jesus' growing popularity had rendered the Pharisees weak and lacking in credibility. On the other hand, as customary of Jesus, He would seize every situation to teach and assert the truth.

Divorce was not allowed from the beginning. It is the same even now. Will "hardness of heart" be a reason to grant it like what Moses did? There are some groups who advocate compassion to those who are experiencing great difficulties in their married life. No doubt, there are marriages that can qualify as irreconcilable. For that, legal separation is recommended. But problems in marriages are still manageable if addressed at the right time and with the right process. Of course, the willingness of the couple is the most vital. Also, we can step back further by seeing to it that the candidates for marriage are well prepared. Do we rather treat couples with kid's gloves, or do we encourage them to maturely deal with their marital issues?

The Catholic Church has a lot of groups which are concerned with making marriages successful. There is the Couples for Christ, Family Life Movement, Christian Family Movement, and All for Jesus among others. The last one gives a guarantee that all marriage issues may be resolved. They suggest a "marriage Encounter" program, a three-day live-in seminar designed to assist the couples deal with their issues. The rate of success is incredible. As I have said, much of it comes from the willingness of the couple to address their problems.

In the end, marriage is an institution founded by God. It's purpose is not only to generate children for families and the Kingdom, but also to witness to the love of God and His people. Divorce, legal annulments, infidelities, same sex marriages and other modern day attempts to redefine marriage and family are more destructive than compassionate. Freedom has violated itself. Marriages become easily destroyed. Couples do not exert many efforts to maintain their union and family. Children are most affected. Not to mention the possibility of sexual diseases due to physical relationships with different partners. Countries with divorce laws are not better off. In fact, new problems emerged. In all of these, God's will still rank way up. Science and human logic cannot be at par with God's will. He is the Author of Life. His ways are the best for us.

### 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

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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>.

**Reminder for Bible Study this coming week October 6 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 6 at 6:30pm.

### REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

**Oct 9** 4pm [SB] Regional Confessions  
**Oct 10** 4:30pm [SB] Regional Parishioners  
**Oct 3** 8:30am [SA] David Dupps  
**Oct 3** 10:30am [SB] Trina Lewis



### 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**  
**Sept 26: collection \$2,156.00**

**ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**Sept 19: Collection \$3,611, Maint. \$20.00, Sch \$80**



### ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**Oct 3** Patrick Barnett  
**Oct 10** Fran Delegato  
**Oct 19** Emily Jacobs  
**Oct 24** JoAnne Vincent  
**Oct 31** Randy Klotz

### ST. BENEDICT MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

#### OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

1st Reader – Camille Brown  
2nd Reader – Mary O'Basuyi  
Petitions – Victor O'Basuyi  
Extraordinary Ministers – Victor O'Basuyi, Susan Smith

#### OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Reader – Jim Lorow  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader – Sharon Hairston  
Petitions - Rita Ellicott  
Extraordinary Ministers – Emmett Orr, Janice Allen

### 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

### OCTOBER OBSERVANCE

**October 3** Youth Sunday making the effort to bring the young ones into church to do the readings do ushering etc.  
**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 have to bring more of them to the church pews.  
**October 31** Bring a Catholic Outside your Parish.



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