

PASTORAL REGION ONE

United in Faith, Hope and Service to the Community



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Welcome! Bienvenidos a todos!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
(School of Pastoral Region One)
138 Gramont Ave.: 268-6391

Daily Mass Schedule:

Fri, - 8 AM (SM);
1st/3rd Wed. 1 PM @ The Glen;

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sat. 4:30 PM @ SM & SB
Sun. 8:15AM @ SA; 9:45 AM @ SM; 11 AM @ SB;
1:15 PM Mass in Spanish @ SM

Holy Day Mass Schedules: (as announced)

Confessions: by appointment (call the Offices), or
Sat., 3:45-4 PM @ SB;
Sat. 3:45-4 PM @ SM;

New Parishioners call: 256-5633, or 268- 6697

Sacrament of the Sick/Hospital/Home Visits:
Call the Offices

Prayer Chains: 937-256-5633

Weddings: Call the offices at least 6 mo. In ahead

Baptisms: 937-256-5633 or 937-268-6697

RCIA/RCIC: Call St. Benedict 268-6697

St. Vincent de Paul:

St. Mary Food Pantry - 427 Steele Ave
(Covers a portion of 45403 & 45410)
- open Tues & Thurs 9-11:30 am - 256-5528

St. Benedict Food Pantry: 915 Edwin C. Moses Blvd
Open on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of month
Covers: 45417, 45427 8-11:30 am

Other SM emergency needs: 256-5633
SB Emergency needs: 268- 6697

Pastor's Corner

THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE & SEXUAL DIFFERENCE

Marriage: What's a good starting point?

To understand what marriage is, the best place to start is with the *human person*. After all, marriage is a unique relationship between two specific persons, one man and one woman. We must ask, "What does it mean to be a human person, as a man or as a woman?" First, men and women are created in the image of God (see Gen 1:27). This means that they have great dignity and worth. Also, since "God is love," (1 Jn 4:8) each person – created in God's image - finds his or her fulfillment by loving others. Second, men and women are body-persons. The body – male or female – is an essential part of being human. Gender is not an afterthought or a mere social construct. The body shapes what it means to love *as a human person*. To sum up, when we think about marriage, we must think about who the human person is – created with great dignity, and called to love as a body-person, male or female.

1. Where does marriage come from?

"God himself is the author of marriage" ([GS](#), no. 48). When God created human persons in his own image, as male and female, he placed in their hearts the desire, and the task, to love – to give themselves totally to another person. Marriage is one of two ways someone can make a total self-gift (the other is virginity, devoting oneself entirely to God) (see [FC](#), no. 11). Marriage is not something thought up by human society or by any religion – rather, it springs from who the human person is, as male and female, and society and religion affirm and reinforce it. The truth of marriage is therefore accessible to everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Both faith and reason speak to the true meaning of marriage.

2. What is marriage?

Marriage is the lifelong partnership of mutual and exclusive fidelity between a man and a woman ordered by its very nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children (see [CCC](#), no. 1601; [CIC](#), can. 1055.1; [GS](#), no. 48). The bond of marriage is indissoluble – that is, it lasts "until death do us part." At the heart of married love is the total gift of self that husband and wife freely offer to each other. Because of their sexual difference, husband and wife can truly become "one flesh" and can give to each other "the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love" ([FC](#), no. 14).

Marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is a *sacrament*. This means that the bond between husband and wife is a visible sign of the sacrificial love of Christ for his Church. As a sacrament, marriage gives spouses the grace they need to love each other generously, in imitation of Christ.

3. Why can't marriage be "redefined" to include two men or two women?

The word "marriage" isn't simply a label that can be attached to different types of relationships. Instead, "marriage" reflects a deep reality – the reality of the unique, fruitful, lifelong union that is only possible between a man and a woman. Just as oxygen and hydrogen are essential to water, sexual difference is essential to marriage. The attempt to "redefine" marriage to include two persons of the same sex denies the reality of what

marriage is. It is as impossible as trying to "redefine" water to include oxygen and nitrogen.

4. What is sexual difference?

Sexual difference is the difference of man to woman and woman to man. It affects a person at every level of his or her existence: genetically, biologically, emotionally, psychologically, and socially. Sexual difference is an irreducible difference. It is unlike any other difference we experience, because it – and only it – allows for the total personal union between husband and wife that is at the heart of marriage. The difference between men and women is for the sake of their union with each other. It is what makes spousal union possible.

5. Isn't marriage just about love and commitment between two people?

Of course love and commitment are important for marriage – as they are for many relationships. But marriage is unique because the commitment it calls for is better described as *communion*, where "the two become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Only a man and a woman in marriage can become a "one flesh" communion. The unity of husband and wife is so intimate that from it can come a "third," the child – a new life to be welcomed and raised in love. No other relationship, no matter how loving or committed, can have this unique form of commitment – communion – that exists in marriage, between a husband and a wife.

6. Why does a person's gender matter for marriage?

Gender matters for marriage because the body matters for love. My body is not simply "the shape of my skin." Instead, my identity as a person (my "I") is inseparable from the reality of my body – I am a *body-person*. As John Paul II said, the body *reveals* the person. It is a deeply *personal* reality, not just a biological fact (see [TOB](#), sec. 9.4). The body is "taken up" into every human action, including the most important task of all: loving. Loving *as a human person* means loving *as a man or as a woman*. Marriage, the "primary form" of human love ([GS](#), no. 12), necessarily involves the reality of men and women as body-persons. Marriage is intrinsically opposite-sex. To "write off" the body, and gender, as unimportant to marriage means treating the body as inconsequential or, at best, as an object or tool to be used according to one's pleasure, instead of as an essential – and beautiful – aspect of being human and loving as a human person. Such a write-off would ignore the very essence of what marriage is.

7. How is the love between a husband and a wife irreducibly unique?

The love between a husband and a wife involves a free, total, and faithful mutual gift of self that not only expresses love, but also opens the spouses to receive the gift of a child. No other human interaction on earth is like this. This is why sexual intimacy is reserved for married love – marriage is the only context wherein sex between a man and a woman can speak the true language of self-gift. On the other hand, sexual behavior between two men or two women can never arrive at the oneness experienced between husband and wife, nor can these acts be life-giving. In fact, it is impossible for two persons of the same sex to make a total gift of self to each other as a husband and a wife do, bodily and personally. For this reason, such sexual behavior is harmful and always wrong, as it is incapable of authentically expressing conjugal love – love which by its nature includes the capacity to give oneself fully to the other and to receive the other

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precisely as gift in a total communion of mind, body and spirit. Therefore, no relationship between two persons of the same sex can ever be held up as equal or analogous to the relationship between husband and wife.

8. **What is complementarity?**

“Complementarity” refers to the unique - and fruitful - relationship between men and women. Both men and women are created in the image of God. Both have great dignity and worth. But equality does not mean “sameness”: a man is not a woman, and a woman is not a man. Instead, “male and female are distinct bodily ways of being human, of being open to God and to one another” ([LL](#), p. 10). Because men and women are “complementary,” they bring different gifts to a relationship. In marriage, the complementarity of husband and wife is expressed very clearly in the act of conjugal love, having children, and fathering and mothering –actions that call for the collaboration – and unique gifts – of husband and wife.

9. **Why does the Catholic Church care so much about marriage?**

The Catholic Church cares about marriage because marriage is a fundamental good in itself and foundational to human existence and flourishing. Following the example of Jesus, the Church cares about the whole person, and all people. Marriage (or the lack thereof) affects everyone. Today, people all over the world are suffering because of the breakdown of the family – divorce, out-of-wedlock childbearing, and so on. Marriage is never just a “private” issue; it has public significance and public consequences. One only has to think of the connection between fatherless families and young men in jail to know that this is true. In addition, the proposal to “redefine” marriage to include two men or two women is really a proposal to “redefine” the human person, causing a forgetfulness of what it means to be a man or a woman. This is a basic injustice to men and women, children, and fathers and mothers. Marriage is truly one of the most important social justice issues of our time.

Please visit www.marriageuniqueforareason.org for videos and companion guides on the promotion and protection of marriage. For a list of relevant Church documents on marriage, [click here](#). For more information on strengthening marriage, visit foryourmarriage.org. It is time to educate ourselves more on marriage and essence of marriage. The above was taken from the U S Conference of Catholic Bishops and will continue next week.



REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] = St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict [SM] = St. Mary
Fri. July 17 8am [SM] SM Parishioners
Sat. July 18 4:30pm [SB] SB Parishioners
4:30pm [SM] Marian Loeber
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun. July 12 8:15am [SA] David Emrick
9:45am [SM] Kay Wolff
11am [SB] SB Parishioners
1:15pm [SM] Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS PASTORAL REGION ONE:

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict; [SM] = St. Mary
Mon. 7/13 Fellowship of Work 7pm [SM]
Wed. 7/15 Bible Study 7pm [SB]
Thurs. 7/16 Bible Study 10:30am [SMC]
Jubilee Club 1pm [SMC]
Sat. 7/18 SB Parish Council mtg 9:30am [SB]

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS July 5, 2015

St. Mary Weekly Goal: \$4116.00
Collection figures will be in next week's bulletin.

St. Benedict Weekly Goal \$5,200.00
July 4/5 \$3812 (52 env) Maint. \$519 Peter's Pence: \$131

St. Augustine July 5: \$978 SVDP:\$7 Cap. Imp:\$50

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MILITARY MEMBERS



TSgt Timothy Scott Marcum, USAF; SSgt Justin Bentley, USAF; SrA Matthew Bauer, USAF; CPT Brian Hargis, US Army; SSG Lynn Jones, US Army; Sandra Ann Morrell, USN; Ronald Morrell Pruitt, US Army, Capt. Andrew J. Konicki, USMC.; SSgt Christopher DeWitt, USAF, Sgt Alex Zavakas, US Army, SSG Bill Himes US Army; PFC Michael V. Jackson, US Army, PVT Corey Taylor, US Army, Lt. Com. Ryan Jonathan Logan, USN, SGT Stephanie Lewis, US Army, PFC Solomon A. Smith, US Army, SrA Candice Smith, USAF, EOD3 Aaron R. Gorby, USN; Davion A. Redd, USCG, Pvt Jacob Deis, USMC, SSgt Jennifer Wagner, USAF, LCpl Jacob Deis, USMC.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK of SB

In our prayers, let us remember those in need of the Lord's healing mercy, especially: Andrew Lewis, Jackie Bristow, Brenda Lewis, Mae Wilkerson, Kenneth Bronston, Zadie Buckner, Mary Helen Spanish, Ruby Hobbs, Chuck Dewitt, Valerie Smith, Phyllis Coley, Lora Singleton, Mark Wells, Gloria Patton, Jessie Campbell, Betty Jones, Pat Bell, Janis Lowery, Myrtle Truitt, Susie Roberts, Anna Brown, Richard Campbell, Bobbie Caldwell.

St. Augustine, St. Benedict the Moor & St. Mary Churches: Pastoral Region One July 12, 2015

IN THE NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING FROM ST. BENEDICT AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Eddie Weaver	Mary Scott
Ralph Reid	Mary Scott
Mary Paschal	Livingston Care Center
Artie Oliver	Mercy Sienna
Vernon Saine	Maria Joseph

ST. BENEDICT LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 12 – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader, 2nd Reader, Petitions - Youth Group
Extraordinary Ministers – Juanita Newell, Mary Barker,
Derek Arnold, Rose Williams(R); Robin Craft-Bell, Hazel
Rountree, Janice Allen, Emmett Orr, Rita Ellicott (L). Call
To Worship: Lois Woods

JULY 19 – 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader – Jerome Johnson; 2nd Reader – Christine Brown;
Petitions – Rita Ellicott
Extraordinary Ministers – Juanita Newell, Mary Barker,
Derek Arnold, Rose Williams(R); Robin Craft-Bell, Janice
Allen, Emmett Orr, Susan Smith, Victor O'Basuyi (L).
Call To Worship: Robin Bell

JULY 26 – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader – Kathy Garrison; 2nd Reader – Hazel Rountree;
Petitions – Tom Hall
Extraordinary Ministers – Maxine Brooks, Sharon Hairston,
Carolyn Day, Derek Arnold (R); Kim Brown, Annette
Young, Victor O'Basuyi, Mary O'Basuyi, Emmett Orr(L);
Call To Worship: Siena Brown

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 19 Lectors: Christine Partin, Fran Delegato
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Stewart, Mary Hickle, Randy
& Marie Klotz, Liz Miller, Jim Adkins, Doug Hoog,
Patrick Barnett
Ushers: Tim Rennecker, Don Hoog, Mark Kozarec
Servers: Joseph Barnett, Blake Setser, Aaron Valenti

ST. MARY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 18 - 4:30pm

[S] Patty Stevens
[L] Paula Good, Phil Doepker
[E] Chris Deavers, Mary Ellen Oomens, Phil & Bonnie
Doepker

July 19 - 9:45am

[S] Mark Bruggeman
[L] Jack Dempsey, Russ Willoughby
[E] Mary & Helen Saluke, Julie Moorman, Rita Long,
FJ Linsenmeyer, Tom Drerup

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
THE SHUT INS OF ST. AUGUSTINE.
Joe Szaruga, Kathy Schindler, Pat Shanefelt.
June Helmers and Fran Chroniak

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

**With God & With Others Your Faith & Daily Life
Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word**

*Next Sunday's scripture: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6:30-34*

When have you felt let down or disappointed by
someone you looked to for leadership, guidance or
direction?

Where is the "out of the way place" that gives you
peace? Why do you feel this way about this place?

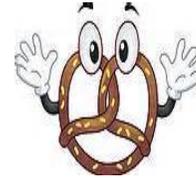
When have you tried to escape the needs of others
only to find that *their* needs for your attention were
greater than *your* need to be away from it all? How did
you feel about the demands placed on you?

OUR 2015 REGIONAL PICNIC



This year's Region One Picnic (St. Benedict, St. Mary and St. Augustine Parishes) will take place at the Possum Creek Metro Park on Sunday, August 9. It will start with Regional Mass at 10am followed by the picnic. St. Augustine Parish will be our host for this year. Please mark your calendars and make it a point to attend!! **There will be NO MASS at our three churches on Sunday, Aug. 9.**

PRETZEL SALE AT ST. BENEDICT



St. Benedict SVDP will have a pretzel sale on
Saturday, July 18 & Sunday July 19 after Mass.
Please support the good works of the SVDP Confer-
ence at St. Benedict.

PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy
Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection.
Your contributions will be combined with those of our
brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis
provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity
is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering
the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH COUNCIL

The St. Benedict Parish Council will meet with Parish Ministry Chairpersons on Saturday, July 18th at 9:30am in the St. Benedict Multipurpose Room. The invitation is extended to the entire parish community as well, as we will be discussing follow-up from the Town Hall meetings and how to continue our journey in Faith. A continental breakfast will be served. See you there

ST. MARY ST. ANN NEWS

The St. Ann Society will not be meeting this month, July 15th, but will meet again next month, August 19th, 7pm in the St. Mary Center. We welcome all ladies in our parish to join us for the next meeting!

The St. Ann Society is needing volunteers to help with a few things, such as, sacristy workers (washing/mending linens), flower arranging, and the cleaning of the church(as a group). Please let us know if interested in volunteering!



ST. MARY CLASS OF 2015

Congratulations to Jacob Woeste, who graduated 5th grade at Normandy Elementary School and enters 6th grade at Watts Middle School in the fall. Jacob is the son of St. Mary parishioners Jerry & Laura Woeste and the grandson of St. Mary parishioner Vic Woeste.

HEALING MASS



This Eucharist caters to those among us who are in need of emotional, physical and mental healing. The session consists of celebration of the Eucharist and an extended laying of hands upon each individual by the priests present and the healing team at the parish.

You will leave with a deep assurance of God's presence. Immaculate Conception is located at 2300 S. Smithville Road

DO YOU USE YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES?



Have you noticed that St. Mary has been reporting the number of contribution envelopes used? We decided to keep track and see what percentage of parishioners use the envelopes they receive.

We currently order 250 boxed sets of envelopes at St. Mary for a yearly cost of \$850. We order them early and even get a discount on the cost. That's a cost of approximately \$3.50 per box. Not a lot of money per set you say? Well, that would be true IF they all got used each week.

As you can this past week, only 55 envelopes were used. We are averaging about that number. So we pay \$850 so that 55 families can use envelopes (\$15.45 a set)? That's a bit pricier.

Every year we try to reduce the number of sets ordered. We remove folks who have moved or passed away. We also look at the number of folks who have not used their envelopes in YEARS. Some of these folks have moved and just not informed the offices. Others just never use their envelopes. We remove them from the recipients of sets, not remove them from the parish census.

A number of those who never use their envelopes and were removed from the list of those to get them, complain that they can't find their envelopes. Did you use them at all last year? The year before? Is there a pattern here?

Many folks just drop their donations into the basket without envelopes. This makes it difficult if not impossible to give you "credit" for your donations and come tax time, we have no way to correctly let you know what your contributions to the church were.

So, what is the point of this message?
PLEASE USE YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES.