

October 19, 2025

Welcome to our Parish Saint Benedict the Moor
Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia San Benito el moro



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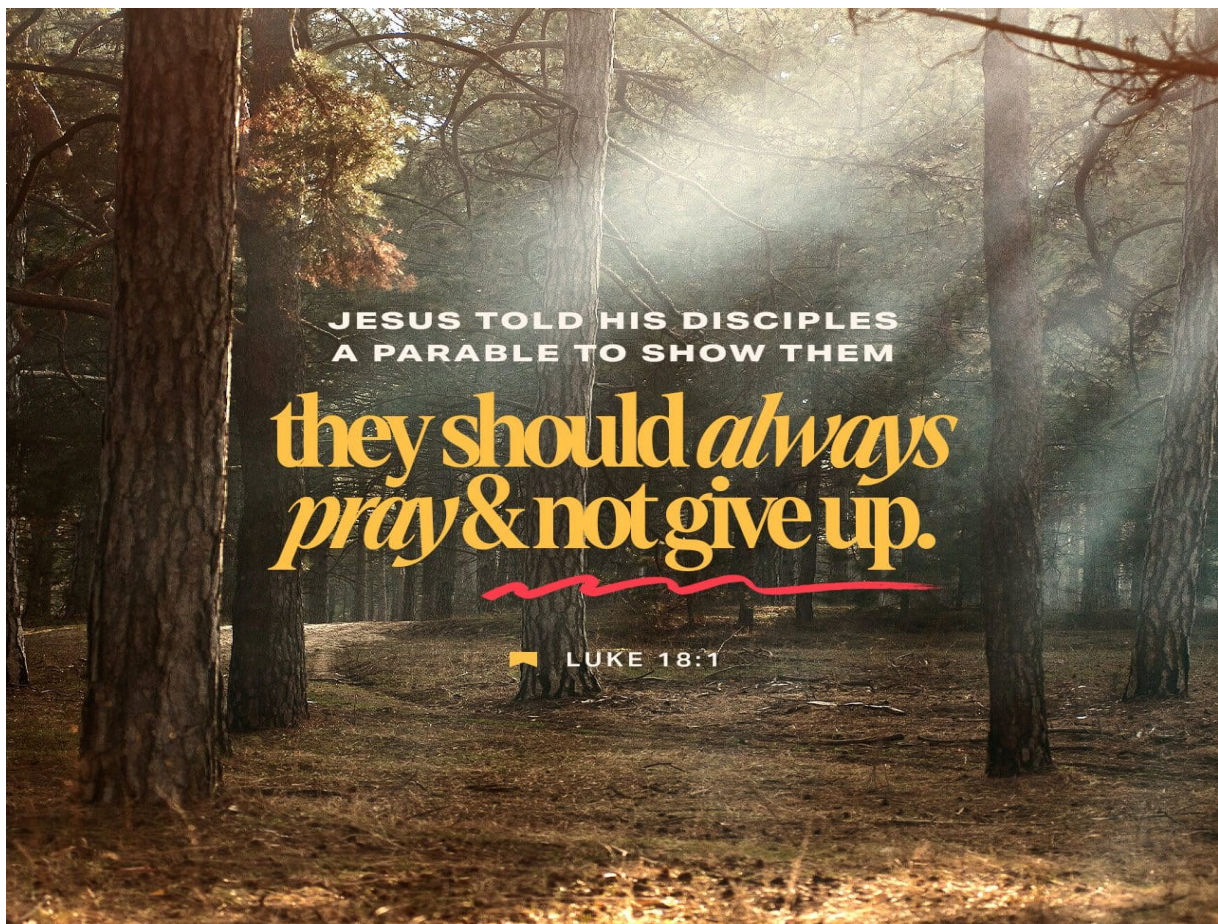


Readings of the Day
Exodus 17:8-13
Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

***29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

Lectura, as de Hoy
Exodo 17:8-13
Salmo 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Timoteo 3:14-4:2
Lucas 18:1-8

***St. Benedict the Moor Mission Statement: Serving the spiritual needs of Catholics in and beyond the
East Winston-Salem Community.***



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Offertory October 12, 2025

Offertory \$ 1,441.00

Votive Candles \$ 62.00

Bldgs. & Grounds..... \$ 694.00

2025 DSA Goal: \$18,358.00

Amount Paid: \$ 9,355.06

Amount Due: \$ 9,002.94

*Pray for our sick and homebound/Orar por
nuestros enfermos y confinados en casa*

Please hold in your hearts and prayers those who are sick, aging or homebound. Contact information is available in the church office. Inform the church office of parishioner illness or hospitalization.



Reginald Alexander

Kathy Stitts

Veronica Broadnax

Harold Holmes

Also, pray for all the lonely and homeless, and all our loved ones who have gone before us.

Holy Mass Schedule

Sundays - 9:00 AM - English

2:00 PM - Spanish

Weekday Masses

Mondays - 12:15 PM

Thursdays - 12:15 PM

Fridays - 12:15 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Before all Masses

Adoration

Wednesday 10:00 PM through Thursday
12:00 PM (noon)

*The Power of
Persevering Prayer*
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday's Reflection

Today's Gospel has two purposes. St. Luke's purpose centers on the woman and emphasizes perseverance in prayer, as he indicates at the beginning: "Jesus told them a parable about the necessity . . . to pray always without becoming weary." Jesus' purpose centers on the judge as an image of God and emphasizes the assurance of God's help: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones, who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?" In the context, just before our reading, Jesus is talking about the Parousia, the tribulations at the end of the world. So his message, by means of this parable, is: Have no anxiety in the face of persecution and final tribulation. You are God's elect; he will hear your cry and save you, despite persecution. These two purposes are not unrelated and both suggest the question: Why should we trust God in prayer? Why does perseverance in prayer make sense?

The first answer to this question is the one that Jesus intends here; that is, God does hear our prayer and will certainly help us, giving us the *victory in the end*; no matter what our trials, he most certainly will save us and deliver us from the trials in the end. Every time we say the "Our Father," we pray for just this final help: "Do not subject us to the final test, /but deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13); or, more familiarly, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil").

The second answer to why we should trust God and persevere in prayer faces the essential problem that so many of us have about prayers of petition. Many believe that trusting God in prayer means he will take care of the things we pray for, give us the things we want, make our way smooth and untroubled. Such an idea is not Christian, for Jesus himself did not come to make our world a Utopia, and God himself cannot force all people to be good to us, for then they would not be free. Earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus goes so far as to promise: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This verse is so strong that it sounds like a universal law. Then he concludes his instruction on prayer by assuring us: "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (11,13)? From all this our prayer will not keep tragedies and accidents from happening to us; nor will it make people unfailingly kind to us; nor will it make our little part of the world all sweetness and light. But prayer will always result in some help, if not specifically what we ask for, then certainly the help of the Spirit of Jesus to have *the courage we need to follow him* in whatever comes.

The third answer to why we should trust God and persevere in our prayer is that *right in our prayer God helps us*. The primary purpose of prayer is exactly this: to understand our relationship to God, to open ourselves to his love and his way. That is right in our prayer, he constantly helps us to be aware of our relationship to him, to accept Jesus as the meaning of our lives, to surrender ourselves to his way of life, to open our hearts to Jesus' way of compassion, forgiveness, and love, to be convinced that we are valuable to him and that he cares for us.

We need regular contact with God to be aware of him in our life, to accept his way, to be open to his love, to be assured that he cares for us. If we do not pray this assurance fades a little and our relationship to God does not stay as strong and conscious—as in any relationship without regular contact.. That's why we need "to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1).

El Evangelio de hoy tiene dos propósitos. El de San Lucas se centra en la mujer y enfatiza la perseverancia en la oración, como indica al principio: «Jesús les contó una parábola sobre la necesidad... de orar siempre sin cansarse». El propósito de Jesús se centra en el juez como imagen de Dios y enfatiza la seguridad de la ayuda divina: «¿Acaso Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos, que claman a él día y noche? ¿Tardará en responderles?». En el contexto, justo antes de nuestra lectura, Jesús habla de la Parusía, las tribulaciones del fin del mundo. Así que su mensaje, mediante esta parábola, es: No se angustien ante la persecución y la tribulación final. Son los elegidos de Dios; él escuchará su clamor y los salvará, a pesar de la persecución. Estos dos propósitos no están desconectados y ambos sugieren la pregunta: ¿Por qué debemos confiar en Dios en la oración? ¿Por qué cobra sentido la perseverancia en la oración?

La primera respuesta a esta pregunta es la que Jesús pretende aquí: Es decir, Dios escucha nuestra oración y sin duda nos ayudará, dándonos la victoria al final; sin importar las pruebas que enfrentemos, él sin duda nos salvará y nos librará de ellas. Cada vez que decimos el «Padre Nuestro», pedimos precisamente esta ayuda final: «No nos sometáis a la prueba final, mas libranos del mal» (Mateo 6:13); o, más familiarmente, «No nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas libranos del mal»).

La segunda respuesta a por qué debemos confiar en Dios y perseverar en la oración se enfrenta al problema esencial que muchos tenemos con las oraciones de petición. Muchos creen que confiar en Dios en la oración significa que él se encargará de las cosas por las que oramos, nos dará lo que deseamos y nos facilitará el camino. Tal idea no es cristiana, pues Jesús mismo no vino a hacer de nuestro mundo una utopía, y Dios mismo no puede obligar a todos a ser buenos con nosotros, porque entonces no serían libres. Anteriormente en el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús llega a prometer: «Pedid y recibiréis; buscad y hallaréis; llamad y se os abrirá» (Lucas 11:9). Este versículo es tan contundente que parece una ley universal. Luego concluye su instrucción sobre la oración asegurándonos: «¿Cuánto más el Padre celestial dará el Espíritu Santo a quienes se lo pidan?» (11,13). A pesar de todo esto, nuestra oración no evitará que nos sucedan tragedias ni accidentes; ni hará que las personas sean siempre amables con nosotros; ni hará que nuestro pequeño rincón del mundo sea todo dulzura y luz. Pero la oración siempre resultará en alguna ayuda, si no específicamente lo que pedimos, ciertamente la ayuda del Espíritu de Jesús para tener la valentía necesaria para seguirlo en lo que venga.

La tercera razón por la que debemos confiar en Dios y perseverar en nuestra oración es que precisamente en nuestra oración Dios nos ayuda. El propósito principal de la oración es precisamente este: comprender nuestra relación con Dios, abrírnos a su amor y a su camino. Así es, en nuestra oración, él nos ayuda constantemente a ser conscientes de nuestra relación con él, a aceptar a Jesús como el sentido de nuestras vidas, a entregarnos a su estilo de vida, a abrir nuestros corazones al camino de compasión, perdón y amor de Jesús, a estar convencidos de que somos valiosos para él y de que se preocupa por nosotros. Necesitamos un contacto regular con Dios para ser conscientes de su presencia en nuestra vida, aceptar su camino, estar abiertos a su amor y tener la seguridad de que se preocupa por nosotros. Si no oramos, esta seguridad se desvanece un poco y nuestra relación con Dios no se mantiene tan fuerte y consciente como en cualquier relación sin contacto regular. Por eso necesitamos orar siempre sin desfallecer (Lucas 18:1).

Weekly Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday, October 20

Special Intentions of Gabriella Holland

Romans/Romanos 4:20-25

Psalm/Salmo Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75

Luke/Lucas 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 21

Romans/Romanos 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21

Psalm/Salmo 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Luke/Lucas 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 22

Romans/Romanos 6:12-18

Psalm/Salmo 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8

Luke/Lucas 12:39-48

Thursday, October 23

Repose of the Soul of Karen Luzzi

Romans/Romanos 6:19-23

Psalm/Salmo 1:1-2, 3-4 and 6

Luke/Lucas 12:49-53

Friday, October 24

Jim Richards' Birthday

Romans/Romanos 7:18-25a

Psalm/Salmo 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94

Luke/Lucas 12:54-59

Saturday, October 25

Romans/Romanos 8:1-11

Psalm/Salmo 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Luke/Lucas 13:1-9

Sunday Mass Intentions

9:00 am Mass Repose of the Soul of Kirk Neilson

Daily Lectors:

Monday: Open

Thursday: Glenn Lanham

Friday: Gabriella Holland



October 5: Gabrielle Mortis

October 12: Rose Hinson

October 19: Denise Warner

October 28: Bernardo Carrillo



*Please join St. Benedict the Moor
On Saturday, October 25, 2025*



*11:00 AM Mass with Bishop Martin
Followed by food and fellowship*



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