

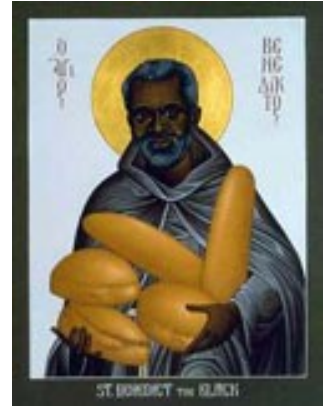
April 6, 2025

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



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Readings of the Day
*Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11*

***Fifth Sunday
in Lent***

Lectura, as de Hoy
*Isaías 43, 16-21
Salmo 126, 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Filipenses 3, 8-14
Juan 8, 1-11*

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

JOHN 8:1-11

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Offertory March 30, 2025

Offertory \$ 2,599.00

Bldg. & Grounds.....\$ 10.00

Votive Candles\$ 8.00

DSA\$ 394.00

2025 DSA Goal: \$18,358.00

Amount Paid: \$3,012.06

Amount Due: \$15,345.94

*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 Braodnax

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)

Stations of the Cross

Friday during Lent

English after the 12:15 pm Mass-

Spanish 7:00 pm



Sunday's Reflection

Paul today gives us a picture of what it means to be a real Christian: "I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him." Even more simply Paul affirms: "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain" (Philippians 1:21). In other words, no matter what he does or experiences in his life, the model of his life, the center of his existence, the primary value for him is Jesus the Lord. If we accept that definition of a real Christian, then there are not many real Christians around. Yet I think that our parish claims some in the recent past and even today.

But there is something else mentioned in all three readings today that is not beyond you and me, and is much more attainable by all of us. The First Reading asserts, "Remember not the events of the past"; in the Second Reading, Paul speaks of "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead"; and the Gospel includes Jesus' warning, "Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more." The common note in all of these is to forget the past, to draw a line on the past, to start anew, to renew ourselves; and in fact this is what God wishes us to do.

The thrust of these remarks in the three readings today is that we should not have a negative concentration on the past but seek a positive improvement for the future; our emphasis should not be on simply giving up things but a denial of self; we should seek not simply discipline but a building up or renewal of self. In other words, let us forget the past—no matter how foolish or sinful it was—and strive to renew ourselves positively in some way, in order to prepare for the new life in Christ at Easter.

Some examples of forgetting the past, or positive self-renewal: For a person who is grossly overweight, self-renewal might mean a decision to get back in shape again. For an anxious person, self-renewal might mean finding the deep cause of one's anxiety and dealing with it. For a shy and retiring person, self-renewal means beginning to gain self-confidence. For a self-assertive, dominant person, renewal would involve listening to others, being sensitive to others. For an oversensitive person, self-renewal means learning to put things in perspective and to ignore slights. For married partners who have drifted apart, renewal might mean making a marriage encounter or simply beginning to dialogue about their own relationship. For someone who detests his work, renewal means learning to appreciate his work *or* changing it. For someone who is in a constant state of sin, self-renewal means finding some way out of it and starting again.

Most of us are not Saint Paul's. We are not entirely happy with the things of God *or* with the things of this world; we are a little confused and slightly screwed-up. We are afraid of the risk of being open and committed to Christ. We are not willing to say the all-inclusive "yes" to God, afraid to pay the price. Maybe we are not ready to go all the way with Christ; yet I suggest we are not as far away from human wholeness or sanctity as we might think. We can take one giant step forward now; we can begin one important self-renewal now: "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead." We make no claim to be ideal Christians. We only struggle continually to be disciples of Christ, to learn his way, to strain toward our model of human living, Jesus the Lord.

Pablo nos da hoy una imagen de lo que significa ser un verdadero cristiano: "Incluso considero todo como pérdida por el bien supremo de conocer a Jesucristo, mi Señor. Por él he aceptado la pérdida de todas las cosas y las considero basura, con tal de ganar a Cristo y ser hallado en él." Más sencillamente aún afirma Pablo "Porque para mí la vida es Cristo, y la muerte es ganancia" (Filipenses 1:21). En otras palabras, no importa lo que haga o experimente en su vida, el modelo de su vida, el centro de su existencia, el valor primordial para él es Jesús el Señor. Si aceptamos esa definición de un cristiano de verdad, entonces no hay muchos cristianos de verdad por aquí. Sin embargo, creo que nuestra parroquia cuenta con algunos en el pasado reciente e incluso en la actualidad.

Pero hay algo más que se menciona en las tres lecturas de hoy que no está más allá de ti y de mí, y que es mucho más alcanzable para todos nosotros. La Primera Lectura afirma: "No te acuerdes de los acontecimientos del pasado"; en la Segunda Lectura, Pablo habla de «olvidar lo que queda atrás, pero esforzarse por lo que está por delante»; y el Evangelio incluye la advertencia de Jesús: "Vete, y a partir de ahora no peques más". La nota común en todas ellas es olvidar el pasado, poner punto final al pasado, empezar de nuevo, renovarnos; y de hecho esto es lo que Dios desea que hagamos.

La idea central de estos comentarios en las tres lecturas de hoy es que no debemos concentrarnos negativamente en el pasado, sino buscar una mejora positiva para el futuro; nuestro énfasis no debe estar simplemente en renunciar a las cosas, sino en una negación de nosotros mismos; no debemos buscar simplemente disciplina, sino una construcción o renovación de nosotros mismos. En otras palabras, olvidemos el pasado -por insensato o pecaminoso que haya sido- y esforcémonos por renovarnos positivamente de alguna manera, a fin de repararnos para la nueva vida en Cristo en la Pascua.

Algunos ejemplos de olvido del pasado, o de autorrenovación positiva: Para una persona con sobrepeso, renovarse puede significar la decisión de volver a ponerse en forma. Para una persona ansiosa, la autorrenovación puede significar encontrar la causa profunda de su ansiedad y tratarla. Para una persona tímida y retraída, autorrenovarse significa empezar a ganar confianza en sí misma. Para una persona auto afirmativa y dominante, la renovación implicaría escuchar a los demás, ser sensible a los demás. Para una persona hipersensible, renovarse significa aprender a relativizar e ignorar los desaires. Para los cónyuges que se han distanciado, la renovación podría significar hacer un encuentro matrimonial o simplemente empezar a dialogar sobre su propia relación. Para alguien que detesta su trabajo, la renovación significa aprender a apreciarlo o cambiarlo. Para alguien que está en un constante estado de pecado, renovarse significa encontrar alguna salida y empezar de nuevo.

La mayoría de nosotros no somos San Pablo. No estamos del todo contentos con las cosas de Dios ni con las cosas de este mundo; estamos un poco confusos y un poco trastornados. Nos asusta el riesgo de abrimos y comprometernos con Cristo. No estamos dispuestos a decir el "sí" total a Dios, tememos pagar el precio. Quizá no estemos preparados para llegar hasta el final con Cristo; sin embargo, sugiero que no estamos tan lejos de la plenitud o la santidad humanas como podríamos pensar. Podemos dar ahora un paso de gigante; podemos comenzar ahora una importante renovación de nosotros mismos: "Olvidando lo que queda atrás, pero esforzándonos por lo que está por delante". No pretendemos ser cristianos ideales. Sólo luchamos continuamente por ser discípulos de Cristo, por aprender su camino, por esforzarnos hacia nuestro modelo de vida humana, Jesús el Señor.

Weekly Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday, April 7 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Psalm/Salmo 23:4ab
John/Juan 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 8

Numbers/Números 21:4-9
Psalm/Salmo 102:2
John/Juan 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 9

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92
Psalm/Salmo Daniel 3:52b
John/Juan 8:31-42

Thursday, April 10 Repose of the Soul of Rita Kussman

Genesis/Génesis 17:3-9
Psalm/Salmo 105:8a
John/Juan 8:51-59

Friday, April 11 Miguel Flores

Jeremiah/Jeremías 20:10-13
Psalm/Salmo 18:7
John/Juan 10:31-42

Saturday, April 12

Ezekiel/Ezequiel 37:21-28
Psalm/Salmo Jeremiah/Jeremías 31:10d
John/Juan 11:45-56

Sunday Mass Intentions

9:00 am Mass Healing in the McGinty Family

Daily Lectors: April 2025

Monday: Harold Holmes
Thursday: Glenn Lanham
Friday: Gabriella Holland

Sunday Mass:

April 6: Gabrielle Mortis

April 13: Denise Warner

April 20: Rose Hinson

April 27: Bernardo Carrillo



Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
April 13	April 17	April 18	April 19
Mass at 9:00 am	Mass at 7:00 pm	Service at 3:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Mass at 2:00 pm			10:30 pm



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