

September 21, 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
*Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13*

*25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Lectura, as de Hoy
*Amós 8:4-7
Salmo 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Timoteo 2:1-8
Lucas 16:1-13 or 16:10-13*

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

THE PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST MANAGER

LUKE 16:1-13

Saint Benedict the Moor

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Offertory September 14, 2025

Offertory \$ 1,993.00

Votive Candles\$ 58.00

Bldgs. & Grounds..... \$ 1,241.00

Priests' Retirement\$ 20.00

2025 DSA Goal: \$18,358.00

Amount Paid: \$ 13,849.11

Amount Due: \$ 4,508.89

*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

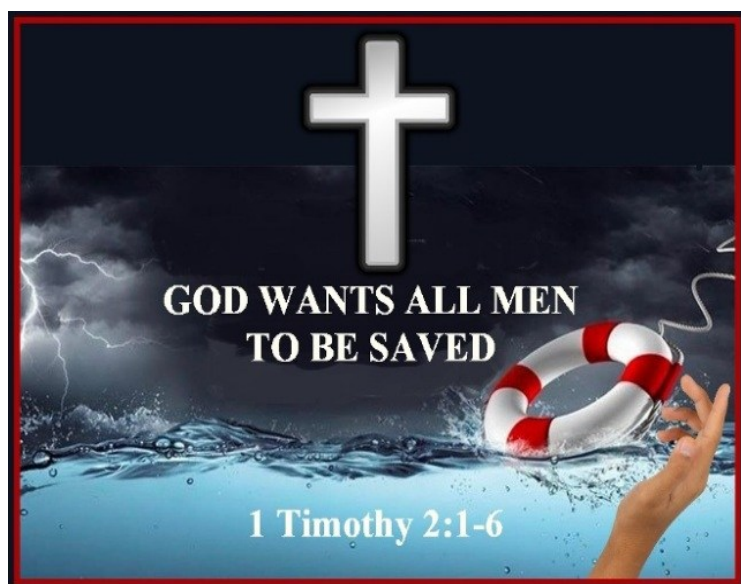
Fridays - 12:15 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Before all Masses

Adoration

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



Sunday's Reflection

In our capitalistic society, you have to be shrewd to make money, and if you did, you have real power.

Today's Gospel implies a critique on such an attitude, and it is not all negative. This parable of the dishonest steward is confusing, unless we understand the common economic system of the time. Rich landowners would have stewards who managed their property. The steward's job was to make money through binding contracts for the master. It was entirely acceptable for him to charge usurious interest, up to double the original amount; and the whole amount owed would be included in one lump sum. For example, if someone owed 100 gallons of oil and because of the fifty percent interest, the contract could state that he owed 150 gallons of oil. The steward possessed great liberty and full responsibility to collect what was owed; if he collected much more, it was rightfully his (something like our modern debt-collection agencies).

In this parable, however, the steward knows he is about to be dismissed; he does not engage in self-pity or indecision but decides to act shrewdly and make some provision for his own future. He cancels his own *usurious* profit and makes friends for himself with the debtors. The master is not cheated out of anything that is rightly his, and the steward shrewdly hopes that the debtors will reciprocate his largess: "When I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes." Jesus concludes by praising the shrewdness of the steward; he was not dishonest, only clever in his use of money. Jesus wants his followers to be just as clever in making money and in using it. In the rest of the reading today, Jesus adds three morals about using money prudently in our ordinary living, in constant subordination to God and in preparation for the end of life.

What does this parable and Jesus' three additional morals say to us today? Like the steward we can be bold, resolute, and shrewd in our business and at work; it is prudent to make a success of our business. Second, we need to be just in our daily work and business; this rules out graft, cutting corners, fraud, putting in an inadequate day's work. Third, we can use our limited wealth and convert it into heavenly capital by sharing it with others. Fourth, we can serve God first by not being preoccupied with luxury, material possessions and conspicuous consumption. Finally, we can make our commitment to Christian living a constant value even in our business or our daily work.

In a word, in today's Gospel, Jesus is not mouthing some innocuous platitudes. He is challenging us to be shrewd in work, to be just in business, and to acknowledge God first in all our living. "Seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

En nuestra sociedad capitalista, hay que ser astuto para ganar dinero, y si lo eres, tienes verdadero poder. El Evangelio de hoy implica una crítica a tal actitud, y no es del todo negativa. Esta parábola del mayordomo deshonesto resulta confusa, a menos que entendamos el sistema económico común de la época. Los terratenientes ricos tenían mayordomos que administraban sus propiedades. El trabajo del mayordomo era generar ganancias mediante contratos vinculantes para el amo. Era totalmente aceptable que cobrara intereses usurarios, hasta el doble de la cantidad original; y la cantidad total adeudada se incluía en un solo pago. Por ejemplo, si alguien debía 100 galones de aceite y, debido al cincuenta por ciento de interés, el contrato podía indicar que debía 150 galones de aceite. El mayordomo tenía gran libertad y plena responsabilidad para cobrar lo adeudado; si cobraba mucho más, le correspondía por derecho (algo así como nuestras agencias de cobro de deudas modernas).

En esta parábola, sin embargo, el mayordomo sabe que está a punto de ser despedido; No se deja llevar por la autocompasión ni la indecisión, sino que decide actuar con astucia y prever su propio futuro. Cancela sus ganancias usurarias y se hace amigo de los deudores. El amo no es estafado en nada que le corresponde por derecho, y el administrador astutamente espera que los deudores correspondan a su generosidad: «Cuando me retiren de la administración, podrán recibirme en sus casas». Jesús concluye elogiando la astucia del administrador; no era deshonesto, solo astuto en el uso del dinero. Jesús quiere que sus seguidores sean igual de astutos al ganar dinero y al usarlo. En el resto de la lectura de hoy, Jesús añade tres moralejas sobre el uso prudente del dinero en nuestra vida cotidiana, en constante subordinación a Dios y como preparación para el final de la vida.

¿Qué nos dicen hoy esta parábola y las tres moralejas adicionales de Jesús? Al igual que el administrador, podemos ser audaces, decididos y astutos en nuestros negocios y en el trabajo; Es prudente que nuestro negocio sea un éxito. En segundo lugar, debemos ser justos en nuestro trabajo y negocios diarios; esto excluye la corrupción, los recortes, el fraude y las jornadas laborales insuficientes. En tercer lugar, podemos usar nuestra riqueza limitada y convertirla en capital celestial al compartirla con los demás. En cuarto lugar, podemos servir a Dios primero al no preocuparnos por el lujo, las posesiones materiales y el consumo ostentoso. Finalmente, podemos hacer de nuestro compromiso con la vida cristiana un valor constante, incluso en nuestros negocios o en nuestro trabajo diario.

En resumen, en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús no está repitiendo trivialidades inocuas. Nos reta a ser astutos en el trabajo, a ser justos en los negocios y a reconocer a Dios primero en toda nuestra vida. «Buscad primeramente el reino de Dios» (Mateo 6:33).

Weekly Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday, September 22

Ray Staskew

Ezra/Esdras 1:1-6

Psalm/Salmo 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Luke/Lucas 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23

Ezra/Esdras 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Psalm/Salmo 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Luke/Lucas 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24

Ezra/Esdras 9:5-9

Psalm/Salmo Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 6, 8

Luke/Lucas 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25

Jane Rezzo

Haggai/Ageo 1:1-8

Psalm/Salmo 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Luke/Lucas 9:7-9

Friday, September 26

Jane Rezzo

Haggai/Ageo 2:1-9

Psalm/Salmo 43:1, 2, 3, 4

Luke/Lucas 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27

Zechariah/Zacarias 2:5-9, 14-15a

Psalm/Salmo Jeremiah/Jerenias 31:10, 11-12ab, 13

Luke/Lucas 9:43b-45

Sunday Mass Intentions

9:00 am Mass Ray Staskew

Daily Lectors:

Monday: Open

Thursday: Glenn Lanham

Friday: Gabriella Holland



September 7: Gabrielle Mortis

September 14: Denise Warner

September 21: Rose Hinson

September 28: Bernardo Carrillo

2025 PRIESTS' RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS

The dedicated priests who served us in the past (you may want to mention former pastors or parochial vicars who are now retired), now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Our parish has been assessed \$4,737.00 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which will be taken in our parish next weekend, September 20/21. Additional envelopes are available in the parish office.

Los sacerdotes dedicados que nos sirvieron en el pasado (quizás quiera mencionar a los expárrocos o vicarios parroquiales que ya están jubilados) merecen ahora vivir sus años de jubilación con dignidad. A nuestra parroquia se le han asignado \$4,737.00 para los planes de jubilación y beneficios de los sacerdotes. Les pedimos su generosidad en esta segunda colecta, que se realizará en nuestra parroquia el próximo fin de semana, 20/21 de septiembre. Hay sobres adicionales disponibles en la oficina parroquial.

Mass for the Protection of Life

The Mass for the protection of life will be held at St. Benedict the Moor at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 18, 2025. It will be followed by prayers at Planned Parenthood at 3000 Maplewood Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 for the end of abortion and the sanctity of life.

Misa para la Protección de la Vida

La misa para la protección de la vida se llevará a cabo en St. Benedict the Moor a las 10:00 a. m. del sábado 18 de octubre de 2025. Será seguida por oraciones en Planned Parenthood en 3000 Maplewood Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 por el fin del aborto y la santidad de la vida.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

YARD SALE—September 20 and 21 in the Fellowship Hall

K of C WORKSHOP and ADORATION—September 27, 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM; includes Mass at 2 PM and Adoration at 3:PM

VENTA DE GARAJE—20 y 21 de septiembre en el Salón de la Comunidad

TALLER Y ADORACIÓN DE LOS CABALLEROS DE CURSO—27 de septiembre, de 8:30 a. m. a 4:00 p. m.; incluye misa a las 2:00 p. m. y adoración a las 3:00 p. m.

85th Anniversary Food Sign-Up Sheet

In the back of the church there is a sign-up sheet for parishioners to let us know what delicious dish they can bring for the 85th Anniversary Celebration. Please sign up to bring your favorite food dish.

Hoja de inscripción para la comida del 85.º aniversario

En la parte trasera de la iglesia hay una hoja de inscripción para que los feligreses nos digan qué delicioso platillo pueden traer para la celebración del 85.º aniversario. Por favor, apúntense para traer su platillo favorito.



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