

September 7, 2025

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



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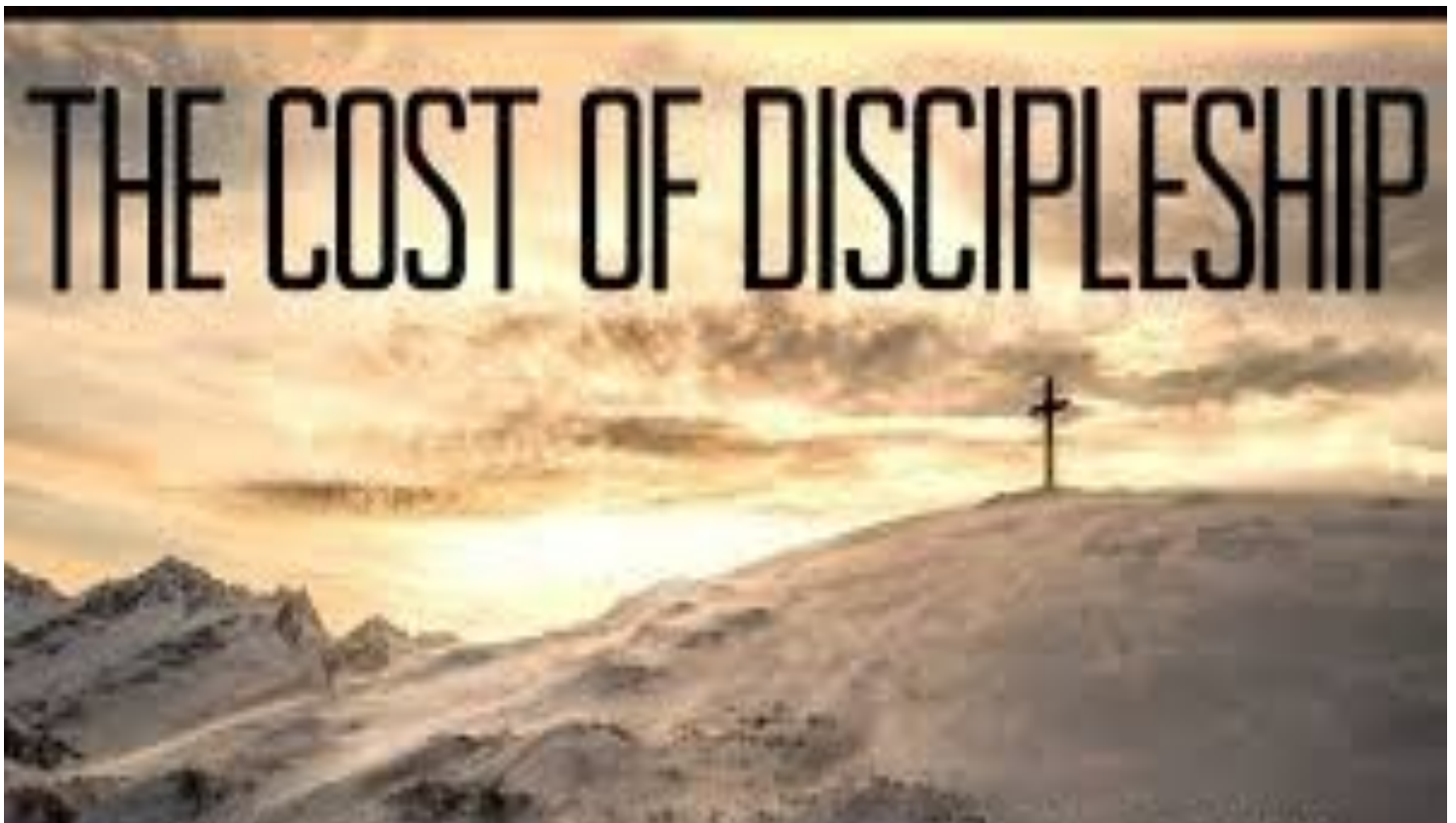


Readings of the Day
Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

***23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

Lectura, as de Hoy
Sabiduría 9:13-18b
Salmo 90,3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
Filemón 9-10, 12-17
Lucas 14:25-33

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



Saint Benedict the Moor

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Offertory August 31, 2025

Offertory \$ 1,638.00

Votive Candles\$ 36.80

Bldgs. & Grounds..... \$ 873.00

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.

It is not easy is it ?



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

Today's Gospel is Christ's warning about the cost of discipleship. It is a very real warning, but it is frequently misunderstood. First, Jesus cautions that whoever wants to be his disciple, must take up his cross and follow him without letting any family relationships or selfish concerns interfere with following him. When Jesus asks each Christian to "carry one's cross," he is not referring to his crucifixion. Rather he seems to refer to a common saying of the Greco-Roman world meaning to "offer one's life for a cause." So Jesus' real meaning is that following him means the surrender of the whole of one's life. In a parallel passage, Luke alone adds one word to Jesus' invitation: "daily" (see: Luke 9:23, emphasis added); by that one word, he clarifies that Jesus means a constant, daily following of him. Jesus warns that our following of Christ should come first over any material concerns. Then Jesus offers two parables to illustrate the necessity of facing the cost. He implies: know the cost of following me; if you think it is too much, then don't be my disciple.

Following Christ, then means rather bearing our personal crosses as they come to us; it means enduring everyday, common troubles; it means accepting what we would rather avoid: all our daily obligations, demands, and trials. These are the personal crosses that weigh heaviest on us, and that we would like to be rid of. Simply said, this is essentially what carrying the cross of Christ means.

But Jesus seems to say that the cost of discipleship *adds* a cross to ordinary human existence. For his early followers this added cross was obvious. It was the cross of being divided from family and friends because they chose to follow this new way. For many, it even meant martyrdom. One added cost of discipleship for us modern Americans is to affirm our identity in this secularist society, not to sell out to a whole new set of values common in America today. Our society is an efficiency-oriented society, which affects us all. It has its *own set of values*: the prime virtue is ability; the supreme law is achievement; the organizational norm is profit; the goal is success; the meaning of life is improvement of material living and prosperity. None of these values are bad. But if they lead us to lose sight of higher Christian values and our Christian meaning of life, then we can lose our own identity, our own selves. Jesus' words do apply here: "Whoever finds his life will lose it" (Matthew 10:39). If economic values are primary, if profession determines social status, if prosperity and achievement determine a person's value, then we lose our true humanity. We Christians reject the efficiency-oriented society as the highest human value, and we insist on a society centered on the meaning of the whole person, in Christ.

So Christ asks a simple question of us today: "Do you really want to be my disciple; do you want to be a real Christian?" We know from the beginning that being a Christian will cost something. It clearly means accepting the daily obligations, demands, and responsibilities that come to us as our cross. It means living by Christian values that are different from the common American values. It means that we try more and more to make Jesus the center of our life. Jesus tells us that's what it means to follow him.

El Evangelio de hoy es la advertencia de Cristo sobre el costo del discipulado. Es una advertencia muy real, pero a menudo se malinterpreta. Primero, Jesús advierte que quien quiera ser su discípulo debe tomar su cruz y seguirlo sin permitir que las relaciones familiares o las preocupaciones egoístas interfieran en su seguimiento. Cuando Jesús pide a cada cristiano que "cargue con su cruz", no se refiere a su crucifixión. Más bien, parece referirse a un dicho común del mundo grecorromano que significa "ofrecer la vida por una causa". Así que el verdadero significado de Jesús es que seguirlo significa entregar la vida entera. En un pasaje paralelo, Lucas añade una palabra a la invitación de Jesús: "cada día" (véase Lucas 9:23, cursiva añadida); con esa sola palabra, aclara que Jesús se refiere a un seguimiento constante y diario. Jesús advierte que nuestro seguimiento de Cristo debe estar por encima de cualquier preocupación material. Luego, Jesús ofrece dos parábolas para ilustrar la necesidad de afrontar el costo. Implica: conoce el costo de seguirme; Si crees que es demasiado, no seas mi discípulo.

Seguir a Cristo significa, entonces, cargar con nuestras cruces personales conforme se nos presentan; significa soportar los problemas cotidianos y comunes; significa aceptar lo que preferiríamos evitar: todas nuestras obligaciones, exigencias y pruebas diarias. Estas son las cruces personales que más nos pesan y de las que nos gustaría deshacernos. En pocas palabras, esto es esencialmente lo que significa llevar la cruz de Cristo.

Pero Jesús parece decir que el costo del discipulado añade una cruz a la existencia humana ordinaria. Para sus primeros seguidores, esta cruz añadida era obvia. Era la cruz de estar separados de familiares y amigos por haber elegido seguir este nuevo camino. Para muchos, incluso significó el martirio. Un costo adicional del discipulado para nosotros, los estadounidenses modernos, es afirmar nuestra identidad en esta sociedad secularista, no ceder ante un nuevo conjunto de valores comunes en Estados Unidos hoy en día. Nuestra sociedad está orientada a la eficiencia, lo cual nos afecta a todos. Tiene su propio conjunto de valores: la virtud principal es la capacidad; la ley suprema es el logro; la norma organizacional es el lucro; La meta es el éxito; el sentido de la vida es la mejora de la vida material y la prosperidad. Ninguno de estos valores es malo. Pero si nos llevan a perder de vista los valores cristianos superiores y nuestro sentido cristiano de la vida, podemos perder nuestra propia identidad, nuestro propio ser. Las palabras de Jesús sí aplican aquí: «El que encuentre su vida, la perderá» (Mateo 10:39). Si los valores económicos son primordiales, si la profesión determina el estatus social, si la prosperidad y los logros determinan el valor de una persona, entonces perdemos nuestra verdadera humanidad. Los cristianos rechazamos la sociedad orientada a la eficiencia como el valor humano más elevado e insistimos en una sociedad centrada en el significado integral de la persona, en Cristo.

Por eso, Cristo nos hace hoy una pregunta sencilla: «¿De verdad quieres ser mi discípulo? ¿Quieres ser un verdadero cristiano?». Sabemos desde el principio que ser cristiano tiene un costo. Significa claramente aceptar las obligaciones, exigencias y responsabilidades diarias que nos imponen como nuestra cruz. Significa vivir según valores cristianos que difieren de los valores comunes estadounidenses. Significa que nos esforzamos cada vez más por hacer de Jesús el centro de nuestra vida. Jesús nos dice que eso es lo que significa seguirlo.

Weekly Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday, September 8

Repose of the Soul of Thomas Park

Micah/Miqueas 5:1-4a or Romans/Romanos 8:28-30

Psalm/Salmo 13:6ab, 6c

Matthew/Mateo 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday, September 9

Colossians/Colosenses 2:6-15

Psalm/Salmo 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11

Luke/Lucas 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 10

Colossians/Colosenses 3:1-11

Psalm/Salmo 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab

Luke/Lucas 6:20-26

Thursday, September 11

Diane Dougan's Birthday

Colossians/Colosenses 3:12-17

Psalm/Salmo 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke/Lucas 6:27-38

Friday, September 12

Repose of the Soul of Joseph Park

1 Timothy/1 Timoteo 1:1-2, 12-14

Psalm/Salmo 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 13

1 Timothy/1 Timoteo 1:15-17

Psalm/Salmo 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7

Luke/Lucas 6:43-49

Sunday Mass Intentions

9:00 am Mass Quinn Dougan's Birthday

Daily Lectors:

Monday: Open

Thursday: Glenn Lanham

Friday: Gabriella Holland

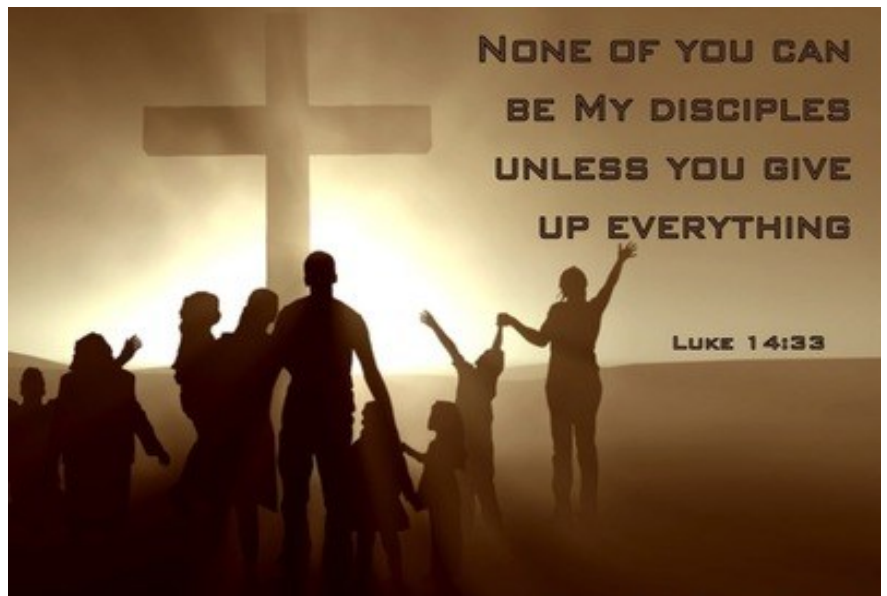


September 7: Gabrielle Mortis

September 14: Denise Warner

September 21: Rose Hinson

September 28: Bernardo Carrillo



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.

Parish Council Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM.

Reunión del Consejo Parroquial el lunes 8 de septiembre de 2025 en el Salón de Confraternidad a las 7:00 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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