



# Marriage, the Sacrament

*Like the Eucharist* ~ Marriage is the giving and receiving of flesh and blood for the life of the world. A literal dying to self so that others may live abundantly.

*Like Baptism* ~ It is a birth into a greater communion, a literal bestowal and revelation of life.

*Like Confirmation* ~ It is a gradual growth into mutual responsibility, a confirmation of one another's being ~ body, soul and spirit.

*Like Reconciliation* ~ Marriage is a daily practice and the school of forgiveness par excellence.

*Like the Priesthood* ~ Marriage becomes a ministry of counsel and grace to another.

*Like Anointing* ~ As of the sick, it is a repeated giving and receiving of the healing touch.

*Marriage* ~ Here human flesh experiences the wonder of divine love. Her mutual rest becomes Sabbath refreshment, conversation an entrance into the life of the Word, and one another's company a presentiment of the life of the Trinity. – Patrick Jordon

## ☪ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing & Recovery for ~
  - Evelyn Washington Req. Jackie Brown
  - Angela Lewis Req. Anthony Osuji
- ✦ In Memory of Delores Lori Boykin
  - Req. Lima Family

## ☪ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ Thanksgiving Blessings for ~
  - Myrtha Bastien Retirement
- ✦ God's Healing & Recovery for ~
  - Mauva Torrel
  - Rita Richards
  - Angela Lewis
- ✦ In Memory of Philomena Ntagbu
  - Req. Naida & Michael Njoku

## ☪ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing Theresa Addai

### *Remember in your prayers for God's Healing*

Charles & Ethel Adams, Theresa Addai, David Bluford, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Joyce Hunt, Vida Isles, Lucy Johnson, Gloria Mears, Joanne Moore, Kevin & Richard Newton, Tarrant Palmer, Edna Pryce, Gwen Pruden, Katherine Randall, Rita Richards, Santos Rodriguez, Viola Simon, Sheila Vassar, Evelyn Washington, Steven Wilson, Mary Williams, Virginia Wilkes, Yvonne Young

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - St. Benedict  
 Thursday & Friday - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the week of February 10, 2019

Monday 2/11: *Joyful Mysteries*  
 Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-35/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 2/12: *Sorrowful Mysteries*  
 Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 2/13: *Glorious Mysteries*  
 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 2/14: *Luminous Mysteries*  
 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop  
**Valentine's Day**  
 Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday 2/15: *Sorrowful Mysteries*  
 Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 2/16: *Joyful Mysteries*  
 Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Marriage Day**

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

We come from a culture of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus Himself includes "**give us this day our daily bread**" in the prayer He teaches His disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

**The Nigerian Group invites all for Adoration with Divine Mercy to the Blessed Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Sacrament at 3:00 PM ✦ Eucharistic Celebration 3:30 PM St Bonaventure Church**

*Thank you*  
**For your Sacrificial Giving**  
**To our Parish**

*Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00*

- ✦ 10:00 AM: 113 / \$3,165.00
- ✦ 12 Noon: 87 / \$1,557.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM: 26 / \$450.00

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 Francis Hymenes. - Contractor  
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 Francois Narla - Contractor  
 Maxine Townsend- Broderick  
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 Monica Barker  
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 Barry Francis  
 Jonathan Francis  
 Renee Hartwell  
 Carolyn Isles  
 Lystra Pinnix  
 Lorraine Simpkins  
 Mercerider Williams  
 Cassandra Wilson

**Youth Choir** 🎵 Monday's 6:00 PM  
 St. Benedict the Moor Church

**girl scouts** Troop 4454

EVERY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY's  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
 St. Bonaventure Parish Hall  
 email [Troop4454.SBSB@gmail.com](mailto:Troop4454.SBSB@gmail.com)

**It's Girl Scout cookie time** Please Support!

**Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM**  
 Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM  
 Adult Physical Training,  
 Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM  
 St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall  
 Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Sensei Rey 646-296-1171

We need to have an authentic conversation about Church.  
 "It's not going to get better until we have that conversation—about inclusion, understanding, ministry **and working together** to uplift our community. Not only our parish but also around the Diocese and the country we're losing members for one reason or another. But there are tangible things we can be doing in our community. The first task is to accept and **READ** our gift to *you*...  
 "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity"  
 Then be open to a conversation!  
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Details to follow**

Christian families are the first teachers of our Catholic faith. We are missionaries in everyday life, doing everyday things!  
**Diocesan Family Catechesis Initiative**  
 To receive **FREE** monthly Family Catechesis material straight to your phone  
**text FAMCAT to 84576**



**Mass of Thanksgiving with Father R. Tony Ricard**  
 Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, New Orleans  
 Along with Concelebrating Bishops & Priest  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> ✦ 4:00 PM**  
 Immaculate Conception Center  
 7200 Douglaston Parkway  
 Sponsored by Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns & The Office of Multicultural Diversity Rockville Ctr.

**Our Parish Celebrates Black History With Cultural Food Fellowship. Details to follow! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 – 8:00 PM St. Benedict the Moor Parish Hall**

**UPCOMING Events**

**Mardi Gras – Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 St. Benedict the Moor Parish Hall

**Fat Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast After 8:30 AM Mass Parish Meeting Room**