

PASTORAL REGION ONE

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Send your Bulletin Announcements to: admin@unitedinhope.org or info@unitedinhope.org on Monday



Some years back, as then American pre-election tensions ran high across the country, the BBC, thinking, I suspect, to add historical perspective to the arena of public service, re-broadcast a story first run 60 years ago:

“The mayor and corporation of High Wycombe [[Buckinghamshire, England](#)] were weighed in today in full view of the public to see whether or not they have been getting fat at the taxpayers’ expense. The annual custom dates back to medieval times and is unique to this Buckinghamshire market town. Weight is no longer an election issue, but for custom’s sake the new mayor, Councilor Lesley Brain, and 24 charter trustees and honorary burgesses obliged by sitting on a specially erected scale to have their weights recorded and compared with last year’s. Traditionally the macebearer dressed in traditional costume rings a bell and calls out the weight. When he adds the words ‘And no more!’ the crowd cheers as a sign of their appreciation and gratitude for hard work done for the community. But if he shouts ‘And some more!’ it means the mayor has been indulging in too much good living at taxpayers’ expense and the crowd jeers and boos.

“In years gone by they would have also pelted the offending person with tomatoes and rotten fruit. Luckily for the new mayor, this year’s crowd was more restrained as the macebearer shouted: ‘Councilor Brain – 13 stone 2lbs – and some more!’ A rather corpulent Councilor R.A. Wood weighing in at 20 stone received a loud ‘Boo!’ as he slid off the scales.

“The weighing-in was preceded by the mayor-making ceremony which began at the Mayor’s Parlor in Victoria Road followed by a colorful procession to the Guildhall. The new mayor signed several legal oaths to the monarch, the citizens of High Wycombe and to the clerk of the market. The

tradition of weighing the mayor is unique to High Wycombe.” (BBC, May 20, 1958) While we in America tend to use more sophisticated means to identify fat cats, High Wycombe’s age-old method is surely simpler, quicker and so public as to be beyond refutation. That town’s citizenry insists that those who’ve vowed to serve ought to grow lean as the town thrives, not the other way around.

It’s a fearful measurement for both those in public service and those of us in religious service. If I ever to get on that scale in High Wycombe, I know for sure that the ceremonial macebearer would call out in a loud voice last year’s weight and then add in a near shout, “And some more!”

What lesson might the BBC have been offering America’s elected officials by the replay of that now 60 year-old segment? It’s the same lesson offered by Jesus to his followers as we hear him clarifying the role of discipleship in today’s gospel passage. Simply put, those who’ve vowed to serve ought to grow lean while those they serve thrive. Or, to put it in gospel language, “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:43-45)

BY: Fr. Robert DeLeon, CSC

<https://www.catholicforlife.com/year-b-homily-for-the-29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-1/>

St. Benedict 15th Anniversary Timeline

Virtual Event & End of Silent Auction (22 or 23 Oct)

Silent Auction

You are invited to participate in St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church’s on-line Silent Auction from the comfort of your own home or from anywhere! The Silent Auction on-line bidding process is easy. Simply click on the link below to see the item selections within each category. Each selection will display the item’s value and its starting bid. Please note there are minimum incremental bids. Minimum incremental bids mean each bid must be at least \$1.00 or \$5.00 higher (depending on the item) than the current highest bid. When you register, it’s important that you provide your email address and phone number so that you may be notified if your bid is the **winning bid** and arrangements may be made for you to pick up your item and make your payment. Bidding will go through midnight on October 22, 2021. Payment in the exact amount of the winning bid must be in either cash or check (personal or cashier’s) made out to “St Benedict the Moor Church” with “Silent Auction” in the memo line. If you need assistance with the Silent Auction, please contact Ms. Sylvia Irvin at sylervin1@aol.com or Ms. Arvilla Crawford at acrawford1959@gmail.com. Enjoy the Silent Auction! Thank you for your support.

Silent Auction website: <https://st-benedict.pals-club.com>.

St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One October 17, 2021

Reminder for Bible Study this coming week October 20
on virtual 7pm

NOTE: Below is the connection information either
online or via telephone.

Hangouts Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

Or dial: +1 402-921-2290 PIN: 708 666 706#

First time using Meet? [Learn more](#)

Reminder

St Augustine Rosary in person October 20 at 6:30pm.

REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict

Oct 16 4pm [SB] Regional Confessions
Oct 16 4:30pm [SB] Regional Parishioners
Oct 17 8:30am [SA] Ed Hicks
Oct 17 10:30am [SB] Merlyn Thibodeau

OCTOBER OBSERVANCE

October 17 Family Day Welcoming the school community
to worship together with our own families.

October 24 Mission Sunday welcoming our immigrant and
migrant community as we encourage those, we must bring
more of them to the church pews.

October 31 Bring a Catholic Outside



Charitable Opportunity

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council #353 would like to
make a commitment to our church and community this
Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

We would like your assistance with food or monetary dona-
tions for turkeys. Starting September through December,
we will be collecting non-perishable's food items for
Thanksgiving baskets. You can bring your items and place
them in the containers in the main entrance of the church.

YOUR STEWARSHIP THANK YOU

ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION

Oct 3: collection \$1,130.00, Respect for life \$20.00, Ed
\$135, Sept on line \$1,620.00.

ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION

Oct 3: Collection \$3,705, Maint. \$100.00, Sch \$75



ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Oct 10 Fran Delegato
Oct 19 Emily Jacobs
Oct 24 JoAnne Vincent
Oct 31 Randy Klotz

ST. BENEDICT MINISTER'S SCHEDULE OCTOBER 24TH – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDI- NARY TIME

1st Reader – Janet Harden
2nd Reader – Rita Ellicott
Petitions – Annette Young
Extraordinary Minister – Emmett Orr, Carolyn Day

Confirmation/First Communion Registration

Is your child or grandchild in the seventh or Eighth grade
then it is time for him/her to receive classes for confir-
mation or is the one in second grade or above and has not
receive First Communion? Please call 937-268-6697 or
937-855-2289

St. Vincent's

The St. Vincent De Paul St. Augustine Conference provid-
ed help to 5 families during the 3rd quarter of 2021. Dona-
tions supported these families in the following ways:

- \$300 for Rent
- \$430 for Utilities

Parish donations along with donations from the German-
town Lions, Senior Citizens Center, and Kroger Communi-
ty Rewards Program has allowed this conference to contin-
ue our mission of assisting neighbors in need. Many thanks
for your continued monetary support and prayers to help the
St. Vincent De Paul Society help others in our German-
town/Farmersville/New Lebanon community.

If anyone who is not participating in the Kroger Communi-
ty Rewards program is interested in signing up, please con-
tact Barb Maichle for additional information.

Charity

We have been asked by CAMP a food pantry in Farmers-
ville are asking St. Augustine Parishioners to support them
by donating 80 boxes of cornbread mix.

They are preparing for their Christmas Baskets for needy
families in the area. If each family could donate one box
that would be great. It is needed by November 29th.

Thank you!