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## Solemnity of Christ the King

Sisters and brothers, today's solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ: King of the Universe is one that recognizes that Jesus came among us **from the cultural back-water of Galilee** dressed in the **anonymity of poverty**. He rules not as a tyrant but as a simple shepherd whom the prophet Ezekiel foretold, will **"seek out the lost, bind—up the injured, and heal the sick!"**

St. Paul confirms for us in first Corinthians that the **purpose of the reign of Christ** is "to destroy all that would stand in the way of his redemptive love, including DEATH itself. So that God may be all in all."

Ezekiel makes it clear, that this shepherd—king will look after and **tend his sheep**...and I myself will give them rest says the Lord God...and **shepherd them rightly**. Jesus walks with his sheep and his sheep-fold who pick-up his scent follow him!

As you know, sheep stink! My Mom years ago heard me use that expression when I was preaching at my home—church of the Holy Cross and she thought I should use the word "smell" instead. If you ever visited a sheep farm and hung with the sheep for awhile...they may start following you, because they move with their noses. Pope Francis in his guidance to his brother—priests, offers this advice on shepherding the Church...to get out of the office and walk with the sheep...the people of God.

From the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus identifies the criteria of judgment for humanity in terms of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. "for I was **hungry** and you gave me food, for it was **thirsty** and you gave me drink, for I was **a stranger** and you welcomed me... **naked** and you clothed me...**in prison** and you visited me..."

"And we will say, **when Lord did we minister to you?** Jesus' answer is straight up: **"whatever you did for one of the least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."**

Richard Gaillardetz. A professor at Boston College comments: "that those who would dare call themselves **disciples of Jesus and citizens of the Kingdom** must live according to the **"rule of mercy, compassion, and hospitality."** He argues

that what is true for **"disciples of Jesus"** is no less true for non—believers. In truth what is required of believers and non—believers alike in the kingdom of God is that they too **must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and clothe the naked**. Yes, we must live Matthew 25...Church, the **"works of mercy and compassion"** are NOT optional, but required of the true disciple of Jesus, for judgment rests upon them, as does entrance into the reign of God. Amen! So, let us be mindful in this season of Thanksgiving that **our giving** is done with a selfless attitude that conveys the spirit of Jesus, NOT pre—conversion Mr. Scrooge!

Fr. John Dear in his book, **Jesus the Rebel** speaks to Christian discipleship as he says: "the Gospels do not romanticize **discipleship**; the fact is, **disciples drop everything** renounce their livelihood, leave everyone, and follow Jesus completely."

There is no half—way, part-time, temporary discipleship. **It's all or nothing!** Jesus expects his disciples to join his nonviolent revolution and to risk their lives for it. His disciples will heal the sick, exorcise demons, build community, proclaim God's reign, practice non-violence, **carry the cross**, keep watch with him, **pray with him**, share the Eucharistic Meal and most importantly, **die and rise with him**—to remain with him forever.

Sisters and brothers of St. Benedict the Moor: as you and I gather around the Table of WORD and SACRAMENT, may we be the **Kingdom of God** that is **"already and not yet!"** Let us wait on the Lord with prayerful—steadfastness, with a sense of urgency and readiness.

When Jesus calls, will he find us prepared and ready to enter into the Kingdom of the Father, or will he find us scrambling at the last minute because we did not have enough **OIL** to keep our lamps burning? Where will the Lord find us? **Who will we be hanging out with?** Perhaps, the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind? Church: we know the script..."Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

This is no dress rehearsal! This is the real deal! AMEN! For Jesus is our **way—maker**, our **promise—keeper!** My God, that is who you are! Be ready for it is later than you think!

## St. Benedict the Moor Church

# Christ the King



### Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

*"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."*

November 22, 2020

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want."

### St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am  
Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon  
Saturday: 8 am  
Holy Days of Obligation:  
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm  
(Exceptions will be posted)  
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy  
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am  
or by Appointment

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## Altar Flowers



Altar flowers this week are donated in memory of

**Mary Elizabeth Davenport**  
by Barbara Lawrence

## Thanksgiving 2020

You are cordially invited to celebrate the Lord's Eucharist with us on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Thanksgiving Day** at 9:00 AM!

In the words of St. Paul~ *"I give thanks to my God, every time I think of you—which is constantly. In every prayer I utter rejoicing, as I plead on your behalf, at the way you have all continually helped promote the Gospel from the very first day."*

## Christmas Tree Sale



**Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Charitable Fund Raiser:** The Knights of Columbus Council 1019 and Assembly 176 are selling Christmas Trees starting on Black Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> on the corner of Veterans Parkway and 13th

Street. Profits will be used for local charities. They will be open weekdays from 4-7 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Please visit our lot and help local charities and keep Christ in Christmas!

## Time Draws Near for ACA

Sisters and brothers, our Church goal for the Annual Capital Appeal is \$18, 019 for the Year 2020. We need every family unit to help meet our GOAL together. In this season of blessing, let us be grateful to the Lord who has heard our cry and answered our prayers. May our response to God's abundance be with a trusting heart and spirit. We need \$4000!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving

## Advent Wreath Families

The following families will be lighting the Advent Wreath at the end of the Universal Prayers

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent**  
Deborah Thompson & Beverly Casimier  
**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**  
Mark Evans Peter, Princess Sylvia & Family  
**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**  
Katherine & Mary Brogden, Andre & Ashley  
**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Shirley, Karen, & Kris Dexter

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 22, 2020 10:30 AM  
**Community of St. Benedict the Moor**

Monday, November 23, 2020 12:00 noon  
**+Melvin Thomas (Outreach)**

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:00 noon  
**+Irene Shines**

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 12:00 noon  
**+Sister Mary Seraphine, cssf (11-14-20)**

Thursday, November 26, 2020 9:00 AM  
**Thanksgiving Day ~for Family & Benefactors**

Friday, November 27, 2020 12:00 noon  
**+Cleveland Shines**

Saturday, November 28, 2020 8:00 AM  
**+Cedric Johnson**

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the CCHD can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## Christ the King

### READING 1 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

### READING 2 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

### GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to

them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



## Stewardship

**Offering:** \$1670 (Online \$225)  
**Church Repair:** \$130 (Online \$200)  
**Utilities:** \$100  
**Kitchen Reno:** \$145  
**Outreach:** \$50

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.*

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Earl King
Sr. Agnes, fsma	Elvia King
Sr. Apollonia, cssf.	Lenny Korona
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Ida Ruth Lane
Helen Bell	Elaine Layer
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Mik Cole	Delores McLeod
Robert Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Robert Dozier	Denvey Nelson
Carl English	Cordell Parker
Stephanie Findlay	Gwendolyn Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Debra Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Joe Ravalese
Clarence Johnson	Marcus Ransom
Donald Julien	Lydia Sliva
Paul Julien	Madeline Smith
Jamaya Kennedy	Donnie Tarvin
Michael King	Friar Jude Winkler