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## Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

### Rise up in splendor—Columbus!

Jesus has come! The glory of the Lord shines upon you! Nations shall walk in your light, and presidents by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; your sons and daughters come from afar! Some of us have come from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Families from Kenya, Nigeria, Panama, New Orleans, and Connecticut!

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord...often referred to as "Little Christmas!" **Epiphany** is a public manifestation and acknowledgement of Jesus' true identity as **Messiah and Lord!** Sisters and brothers, we come **in search of the light**, who is the Christ Child...the light of the world. May our eyes be opened to recognize the dawning of the star of Jacob and the sun of justice upon a world that has grown dim and dark through sin.

There is *a second reason* that we come together today and that is **to worship the Lord God—made—human!** Like the astrologers of the East—**Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazaar**, we too, come to offer the gift of our lives, of our service and our witness. Among their precious gifts fit for a King was **gold, symbolic of the royalty of Jesus...the King of Kings!** While the **gift of frankincense symbolizes his divinity as God.** The third gift is **myrrh**, expensive oils used for burial represents the humanity of Christ.

There is still *a third reason* that brings us together today, that like the Magi, we too seek the Lord who is **the center of our lives** at every Eucharist in the breaking of the Bread of the Word, Sacrament and in the Christian community that is St. Benedict the Moor. As God used the **"Star of Jacob"** in the midnight sky, that led the Magi on their journey to find the Christ! Caspar, Melchior

and Balthazaar like ourselves are non—Jewish and remind us that Messiah—Jesus has come for the entire human race as our God and Savior!

Church, as we continue to follow the Lord wherever he leads us, may we NOT relegate Him to a space and place, as hidden in tabernacles of gold, but may see Him **within the hearts of the poor!** As a Church community, may we extend our gifts of **welcome and hospitality**, our gifts of **prayer and spirituality**, and our gifts of **service and diversity** to whomever we are sent as an epiphany...a spiritual awakening to see God made visible in those who love the Lord & see God's face in one another.

My prayer for each and everyone is that we may **create an open space for a new HEART**, created in the silence of prayer. A HEART that is free, peaceful, quiet, and calm, created in the silence of prayer. **Created in the prayer of silence.** A HEART that is ONE in him! A heart so large and wide that it embraces the God of all and the all of God. The God who in silence speaks all languages. The God who in silence speaks in all creatures. The God who in silence speaks ONE WORD! The God who speaks of **LOVE—made—Flesh** and made known to all the nations.

From the Franciscan Friars of Columbus, celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord!

Friar Noel & brother—friars

### Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: December 24-27

Offertory: \$1117.00 (Online: 356.00)  
Kitchen Reno: \$290.00  
Church Repair: \$125.00 (Online: 35.00)  
Catholic Education: \$100.00

**Online donations** allow you to stay up-to-date and continue your support. Please go to [www.stbenedictthemoor.org](http://www.stbenedictthemoor.org) to contribute.

## St. Benedict the Moor Church



### 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."*

January 3, 2021

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

### 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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## Happy Birthday!

Sylvia Ngugi Jan. 4  
 Earl King Jan. 5  
 Maritza Truss Jan. 8  
 Mauricio Mason Jan. 9  
 Micheil Cole Jan. 10  
 Leon Carpenter Jan. 17  
 Richard Gibbs Jan. 20  
 Darlene Thomas Jan. 27  
 Jaylen Neal Jan. 31



## Happy New Year!

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.



## Sacred Song

In the name of the Church, I would like to thank all of our Choir Members, our music ministers Mary Beth Kozee and Rhonda Savoy for all your efforts in planning, practicing and praising God at Eucharist during the Christmas Season. We are indeed blessed. Together, may we lift up the name of Jesus! Fr. Noel

## Mass Intentions

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:30 AM  
 +Joseph Kwasowski (my grandfather)

Monday, January 4, 2021 12 Noon  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
 St. Benedict Church—Family

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 12 Noon  
**St. John Neumann**  
 +John Paul Ford

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12 Noon  
**St. Andre Bessette**  
 + Ella Thompson

Thursday, January 7, 2021 12 Noon  
**Christmas Weekday**  
 + James Grant

Friday, January 8, 2021 12 Noon  
**Christmas Weekday**  
 +Burnetta Johnson

Saturday, January 9, 2021  
**Christmas Weekday**  
 +Mary Grant

Mass intentions are scheduled throughout the year for a particular occasion. We ask for a two week notice in scheduling. The ordinary stipend is ten dollars for the support of the Franciscan Friars.

## Altar Flowers 2021

Sponsoring the altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor loved ones, or to mark a special life event: welcoming a new life, birthdays, the anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation, in memory of a loved one, or simply in thanksgiving for life's many blessings. Select the date for your dedication and sign the form at the entrance of the Church or call the Church office. Currently, the suggested donation for Altar Flowers is \$100.

## Special Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the annual **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## Epiphany of the Lord

### READING 1 Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### READING 2 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:  
 You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped

over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

## In Thanksgiving

Sisters and Brothers, we give God thanks for our Outreach Staff in their determined effort to distribute to our neighbors and homeless families 72 bags of food for Christmas. In addition, they prepared 86 take-out dinners. Regardless, of what's going on, we are trying to do the Works of Mercy in our Outreach Ministry. Special thanks goes out to Beverly Casimier, director of St. Benedict's Outreach. And to all who gave monetary gifts thank you for addressing human need right within our neighborhood. Be blessed! Fr. Noel

## In Our Prayers

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

