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Palm Sunday of the Passion

Sisters and brothers,
may the Lord give you peace!
We gather as the Church at the onset of Holy Week 2021 to celebrate the Passion of the Lord Jesus! What really do the liturgies of this week celebrate? Amid the COVID-19 pandemic we still remain partially apart, yet we are experiencing a mass vaccination of the nation with three medically approved vaccines. So our hope is to see an end to suffering, death, and yet in the life of Jesus **YOU and I are connected in a very intimate way through the Cross.**

Beginning with our liturgy this morning, we are **NOT** being taken back in time, as if we were reenacting the events of Holy Week. Rather, **we are celebrating what GOD is doing among us here and now!** We find our safety and security, our life and our hope in knowing the Lord has not abandoned us in this storm of a pandemic that has engulfed our world as we enter a second year.

The statistics are staggering, the suffering has taken a toll on our families, our Church and our world. Like the disciples, we are caught off guard by a turbulent and unexpected storm. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has reminded us that we are all on the same boat—fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us are called to row together, each one of us in need of comforting one another. Yet on this boat, we are finding ourselves with one voice shouting to the Lord, **“we are perishing!”**

Reflecting back, it wasn't too long ago that we have been powerful and able to do anything. Pope Francis continues—**“Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things and lured away by haste...we were not shaken by wars or injustices across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or that of our ailing planet.** We tended to carry on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now, that we are in the stormy sea, we implore you, **“wake up, Lord!”**

Beginning with today, we are forced **to see beyond the veneer of the Hosannas** of the crowd that would pale to the roar of “Crucify Him!” As the days of Holy Week unravel the sacred mysteries of the Lord and of our incorporation in Christ by Baptism, we begin **to grapple with new**

depth the mystery of the Passover of the Lord.

Every time we gather around the Table of the Lord, **we encounter the Paschal Mystery** in the passion and suffering...death and resurrection...and send sending of the Holy Spirit! Pope Francis challenges us how we are to navigate in this time of crisis with the need to invite JESUS into the boats of our storms. Reminding us, that we have an anchor in HIM, who is our life and resurrection! Sisters and brothers, let nothing separate us from God's healing love and embrace, for Jesus has already won the battle and promises us resurrection—victory!

The Gospel describes Jesus entering into Jerusalem, riding on a beast of burden...the transportation of the poor. He was greeted by enthusiastic crowds waving palm branches and shouting: **“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest!”** As you **receive your palm branches** today, may it **remind you of our universal call to holiness** of life. Yes, you and I are called by baptism as Catholic—Christians **to become SAINTS!** That **doesn't mean that we always get things right...for we are sinners struggling to become saints!**

Let us take time this week to journey as the Sons and daughters of the Lord, to pray, to meditate, to surrender our rice bowls in solidarity with our sisters and brothers, who struggle for their **“daily bread!”** And let us **renew our baptismal promises to God and to one another.**

**Your brother in the Lord,
Friar Noel**



Palm Sunday—10:30am
Holy Thursday—6:30pm
Good Friday—3:00pm
Easter Vigil—Please visit another parish
Easter Sunday—10:30am

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.”

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**“My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?”**

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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Pastoral Concerns

Holy Week Schedule 2021

Welcome to Holy Week at St. Benedict the Moor! This year, the Church has modified our celebration for these sacred days due to the COVID-19 virus. Everything is done to promote safety and health, as we gather still distanced, but united in Faith.

- **Palm Sunday of the Passion ~ 3-28-2021**
10:30 AM Sunday Eucharist & Blessing of Palms
8:00 PM Liturgy of the Word DIAL: 706-894-9969
- **Monday of Holy Week 3-29-2021**
12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Word & Communion
8:00 PM ROSARY: the Joyful Mysteries 894-9969
- **Tuesday of Holy Week 3-30-2021**
11:00 AM Liturgy of the Word & Communion
12:00 Noon Outreach Ministry
8:00 PM ROSARY: the Sorrowful Mysteries
- **Wednesday of Holy Week 3-31-2021**
12:00 PM Liturgy of the Word & Communion
8:00 PM ROSARY: the Glorious Mysteries
- **Holy Thursday 4-1-2021**
12 Noon Outreach Ministry
6:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration
- **Good Friday 4-2-2021**
3:00 PM Solemn Good Friday Service
Adoration of the Cross
Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land
Communion Service
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
- **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 4-3-2021**
There will be NO services at St. Benedict today.
- **Easter Sunday 4-4-2021**
10:30 AM the Solemnity of the Resurrection

Thank-You: Special thanks to Fr. Manny for presiding over the Eucharist last Sunday and we welcome Fr. Robert Schlageter as he joins us this morning. I would like to applaud our community as we continue to gather not only on Sundays, but daily for the Liturgy of the Word & Communion. Also for your steadfastness to the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. We are doing what Jesus asks of us to do.

Finally, a note of gratitude to our Outreach Staff, who faithfully feed our "walking Church" every Tuesday and Thursday. When anyone asks you, who You are? Just tell them that we are the "**Community of the Beloved Jesus**" and there's *plenty of good room in our house!*

Easter Season Mission: Throughout the Easter Season St. Benedict the Moor Church is going fishin' with Jesus! Each one...reach one! As we sign one more person on the roll for the Christian Jubilee!

You might say: "**we are hooked on Jesus!**"
CATECHESIS 101 starts on Easter Sunday!



Return Rice Bowls
Holy Thursday

Save the Date

Lace up your sneakers and register to participate in the Sprint Into Spring 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, hosted by the St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Vikings Booster Club! In order to be guaranteed a race t-shirt, please register for the race online by April 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Online registration closes April 14, 2021.

Race Registration Fees
5K - \$25; 1 Mile Fun Run - \$15

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: March 21
Offertory: \$1572.00 (Online \$250.00)
Catholic Relief: \$61.00
Kitchen Reno: \$430.00
Easter Flowers: \$60.00

Our online giving has been updated to a new and easier to use platform. Online donations allow you to stay up-to-date and continue your support.

Please go to
<https://osvhub.com/stbenedictthemoorcolumbus/funds> to contribute.

Palm Sunday

READING 1 Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.
The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

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READING 2 Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL Mk 14:1-15:47

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	Shirley Labbe
Helen Bell	Ida Ruth Lane
Amanda Cole	Mittie Lewis
Mik Cole	Delores McLeod
Robert Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Helena Danielewicz	Denvey Nelson
Ola Danielewicz	Major Nettles
Robert Dozier	Cordell Parker
Carl English	Gwendolyn Parker
Stephanie Findlay	Debra Pough
Fluellen Family	Evelyn Pough
Yvonne Gilberti	Joe Ravalese
Elizabeth Grey	Joan Rogala
Ginnette Hughes	Lydia Sliva
Cecelia Hyams	Madeline Smith
Clarence Johnson	Emi Talbert
Donald Julien	Friar Steven Tremier
Michael King	Dorothy Washington
	Friar Carl Zdancewicz