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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I heard Jesus call your Name!"

The call of the prophet Jeremiah:

*"Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you: before you were born
I dedicated you, a prophet to the
nations I appointed you."*

Jeremiah comes to the stark realization that **no prophet is accepted in his own hometown**, as he encounters opposition and lack of faith from the Israelite community. So what exactly is the role of the prophet? but **to bring God's vision and love to the world**.

In today's gospel, St. Luke portrays Jesus discovering that same type of opposition and resistance from the people of his native Nazareth, who simply saw him as the son of a carpenter.

This morning, we find Jesus at the synagogue on the Sabbath. He reads from a passage of the scrolls of the prophet Isaiah, that speaks of the Messiah, who will bring **healing, restoration and salvation** to the people of Israel.

What Jesus was telling the people who were gathered there that Sabbath morning, was that he himself is the long-awaited Messiah. Sadly, it goes over their heads..and they are blinded by their limited experience of his humble beginnings among them. Their expectations of a Messiah were: someone in the likes of **King David, a great warrior** and king. Or someone who bears the **wisdom of Solomon**, and Jesus did not meet their standards of what a Messiah should be.

Sisters and brothers, who is Jesus for you? Does he disappoint you as well? Were you expecting someone else? As followers of Jesus, we are called to live our lives by following the Gospel. Like the prophet, Jeremiah, each of us has been called as students, as disciples in the school of Christ Jesus. Some of us early in life from the womb, at our birth, in adolescence, adulthood, and in our wisdom years.

St. Paul in his letter to the Christian community at Corinth recognizes that the **"Kingdom of God"** was not something we hope for in the future, rather **the KINGDOM is with us now!** As we choose to love selflessly, St. Paul reminds us that in the end, three gifts will last—**Faith, Hope** and the greatest is that of **Love**.

Church, you and I were created in LOVE by a God who first loved us and calls us to love Him and one another. When all is said and done, sisters and brothers, have we heard the prophetic call of the Gospel found in Matthew 25:31 ff.

"whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

- *when I was hungry you gave me some food.*
- *when I was thirsty you gave me something to drink.*
- *when I was sick you visited me.*
- *when I was in prison you comforted me.*

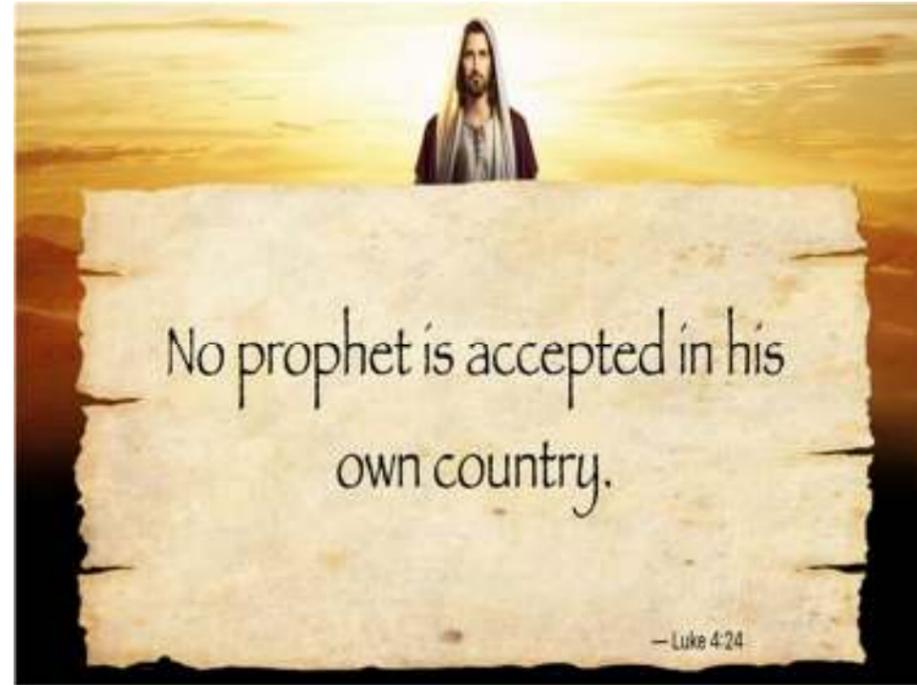
The prophetic call to LOVE is to respond to the Jesus within and around us, and to be able to see his face in one another. Knowing who we are and whose we are grounds us in our vocational call to follow Jesus by choosing to live lives that are compassionate and merciful. Church, let us **be that missionary—disciple** that is loving, forgiving, healing, supporting and encouraging to one another.

If you are currently unemployed at St. Benedict the Moor Church, we are taking applications for hiring folks who are generous, compassionate and gifted. As the WORD says:

"The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. So beg the Master of the harvest to send more workers to his fields and vineyards."

*Your pastor and brother,
Friar Noel*

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 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will sing of your salvation."

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 12:00
Tues.,Thurs. 11:00am
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

In Memoriam: +Phillip Firmin

We have received word, that Madeline's Smith brother, +Phillip Firmin died this week in Manhattan, New York. Let us pray for the family and remember Phillip to the Lord:

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen!*

Blessing of Throats: *Thursday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will follow the Mass for those wishing to have their throats blessed.*

Catholic Schools Week:

With care and consideration for our school, church, and wider community, we believe the most loving and compassionate decision we can make is not to gather this year for the 17th Annual Deimel Legacy Ball amid the surge of COVID—19. With the Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to see how important providing our families with financial assistance is to the continued education of our children. Your support is greatly needed! Over 25% of our students receive \$600,000 in tuition assistance each year. Another \$900,000 in unmet need still exists. Your gift to the tuition assistance fund at St. Anne—Pacelli Catholic School helps us to better meet the needs of our families and support them in their commitment to Catholic education. We invite you to reserve your (un) ticket and continue your (un) scholarship again this year for the tuition assistance fund at St. Anne Pacelli Catholic School. We thank you for helping fund the mission of St. Anne—Pacelli Catholic School and partnering with us to create knowledgeable, faithful, and responsible Catholic citizens who compassionately serve others.

Outreach Ministry Re-Opening:

Beverly Casimier, Director of our Outreach Program would like to announce that our Outreach Program will re—open at 12 Noon-12:30 PM on Thursday, **February 3rd, 2022**. Hot lunches will be served at the door in **"to go boxes"** as we continue to weather out the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Outreach Team has been working feverishly on re—stocking the new kitchen. Re—organizing, washing, and preparing for our Grand Opening.

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are donated in memory of

**Isabelle Warren
and
Mary Helen Linton**

by
Barbara Lawrence and Cynthia Tennant

Red Sand Project

January is *Human Trafficking* Awareness Month. **The Red Sand Project** is a participatory artwork that uses sidewalk interventions and earthwork installations to create opportunities for people to connect and **take action against** vulnerabilities that can lead to **human trafficking and exploitation**.

Take part in raising awareness for those affected by modern day slavery as we participate today in the Red Sand Project to join the fight against human trafficking—sponsored by Micah's Promise.

Micah's Promise exists—"to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly with our God." **Our mission is to restore stolen childhoods.** We work with and in our local community to educate on the risks and prevention of domestic violence, minor sex trafficking, advocate for victims, and provide restoration through our therapeutic residential home for girls ages 12—17. The Red Sand Project will take place immediately after Mass in front of the Church commons.

Congratulations!

Certificate of Appreciation
Presented to
Sir Knight Neal M. Brooks, Sr.
in gratitude for his
dedication, loyalty and
inspirational leadership as

Officer, Leader, Volunteer
for the jurisdiction of
Bishop Gross, Columbus, GA #101
during 2019 - 2021

Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

Knights of Columbus
FOOD for Families
in recognition of
Bishop Gross Council No. 1019

For work towards the goal of ending hunger
through the
Knights of Columbus Food for
Families Program.

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of
these least brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me." Matthew 25: 4*

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: January 23, 2022
Offertory: \$1990.00 (online \$250.00)
Utilities: \$3.00
Church Repair: \$120.00
Building Fund: \$505.00

Our stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for everything we have and are. It is an act of personal response to our Baptismal call: *to live in a faith community committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and committed to serve each other's needs.* In this season of joyful giving, may we give to God in proportion to what God has done for each of us. (Luke 12:48) May we begin to tithe, not from our leftovers, but from our abundance.

Worship and Pastoral Schedule

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30 AM Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Martha Hamilton
intentions of St. Benedict Church Family
Blessing of Throats through the intercession
of St. Blasé, Bishop & Martyr
National Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 31, 2022

12 Noon St. John Bosco
health & strength for **Valentina Nejfelt**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

11:00 AM **+Roy Lee Jones**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

12 Noon Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
health & strength for **Friar Noel**

Thursday, February 3, 2022

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
11:00 AM blessings upon **Joe Ravalese**
Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 4, 2022

12 Noon **+Vanessa Smith**

Saturday, February 5, 2022

8:00 AM prayers for **Donna Koermer**
8:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
or upon request

Mass intentions can be offered for both the living and deceased. A \$10 stipend helps support the Franciscan Friars.

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Elvia King
Valentina Nejfelt	Donna Koermer
Helen Bell	Lenny Korona
Amanda Cole	Mittie Lewis
Mik Cole	Brenda Malone
Robert Cole	Delores McLeod
Paul Danielewicz	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Robert Dozier	Denvey Nelson
Carl English	Major Nettles
Carlos Gaslin	Cordell Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Gwendolyn Parker
Elizabeth Grey	Debra Pough
Sarah Hicks	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Joe Ravalese
Lillian Humber	Joan Rogala
Cecelia Hyams	Adryonna Rutherford
Sabrina Jackson	Elaine Shorty
Clarence Johnson	Lydia Sliva
Brittany Jones	Madeline Smith
Cecil Jones	Emi Talbert
Donald Julien	
Earl King	