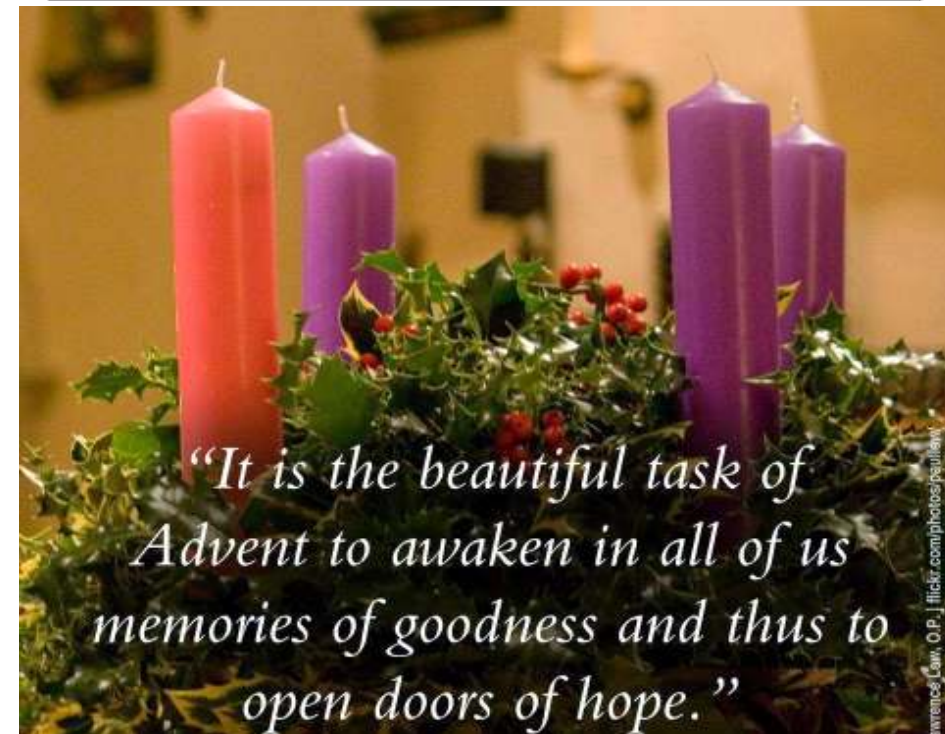




St. Benedict the Moor Church



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."

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

"Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord."

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Wed., Fri. 12:00
Tues., Thurs. 11:00am
Saturday: 9 am

Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:00 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 9:30am
or by Appointment

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Pastor's Commentary

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Jesus is calling us to meet him as he comes daily into our lives. Jesus wants to prepare human beings for his final coming, when the vision of his father and God for humankind will become a reality for us. Today, we begin a new church year. Today the church wants us to focus on the coming of the Son of Man, that is the second coming of Christ. In the next few weeks we will be busy getting ready for the celebration of Christmas or the birth of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Let us get ready for Jesus the Prince of Peace to come to establish the kingdom of peace and love when God will reign forever.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists no one knows when that will happen. St. Paul, however, gave us some idea of what it will be like when he said, writing to the Christians of Thessalonian who were thinking that the dead loved ones have missed out on the great event of Jesus' second coming. St. Paul said, "Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words." (1 Thes 4:15-17)

Let us always know that our work for the kingdom of God may be small and little but it is important and needed. It is like a little acorn from which a tall oak tree grows. So our little action can move the world towards its glorious destiny, which is God's promise to humankind. It is His promise that gives hope and meaning to our Christian life. Let us therefore build bridges between people and strengthen our relationship with one another and with God.



Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5).

The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on *hope*. It's a beautiful chance to remember the *hope* God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus



The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in *hope* for the Messiah's arrival. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting.

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: November 20, 2022
Offertory: \$2150.00 (online \$250.00)
Thanksgiving: \$110.00
Altar Flowers: \$100.00
Building Fund: \$50.00 (online \$25.00)
CCHD: \$131.00
Utilities: (online \$50.00)

Sisters and brothers, thank you for your steadfast and faithful giving as we continue in a spirit of generous stewardship. May the Lord keep on blessing your goodness!

Save the Date



Saturday, January 28, 2023
6pm
Christ the King Catholic Church in Pine Mountain

The 18th Annual *Deimel Legacy Dinner* will be hosted by Diocese of Savannah Bishop Most Reverend Stephen Parkes. Organized by parishes in the Columbus Deanery, the evening will begin with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner, entertainment and dancing. All proceeds from the event will support families who need tuition assistance in order to send their children to St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School.

Event sponsorships are live now, and individual reservations will go live on December 1st. *Note: This event will be limited to 320 attendees.*

Ancestral Enthronement

The Ancestral Enthronement will be dismantled on Saturday, December 3.2022. Please collect your loved ones photos when you come to Mass next Sunday. They will be placed on the first pew.

Save the Dates

Christmas Social: Saturday, December 17, 2022
4pm
Advent Penance Service: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 5:30pm

Ultreya

The next Ultreya for the Columbus, Ft. Benning and Phenix City Cursillo Community will be held on Saturday, December 3, in the meeting room at St. Anne's following the 9:00 am Mass. All Cursillistas and anyone interested in learning more about Cursillo are urged join us for Mass and the Ultreya. For information about Cursillo and upcoming events, call Bob Spano at 706-304-4457 or Louie Robinson at 706-464-5911.

Worship and Pastoral Schedule

Sunday, November 27, 2022	10:30am
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	
Monday, November 28, 2022	No Mass
Tuesday, November 29, 2022	11:00am
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	12 noon
<i>Saint Andrew</i>	
Thursday, December 1, 2022	11:00am
Friday, December 2, 2022	12noon
Saturday, December 3, 2022	9:00am

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Cecil Jones
Valentina Nejfelt	Donald Julien
Helen Bell	Dennis King
Amanda Cole	Earl King
Mik Cole	Elvia King
Robert Cole	Mittie Lewis
Paul Danielewicz	Denvey Nelson
Robert Dozier	Major Nettles
James Fisher	Cordell Parker
Ollie Fisher	Gwendolyn Parker
Carlos Gaslin	Debra Pough
Yvonne Gilberti	Evelyn Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Elaine Shorty
Lillian Humber	Madeline Smith
Clarence Johnson	Emi Talbert
Ethel Johnson	Mamie Wooden

