

## In Our Prayers

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## 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."*

*August 20, 2023*

## The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

## Mass

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Masses: Wed. & Fri. 12:00  
Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.  
Holy Days of Obligation:  
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m.  
(Exceptions will be posted)  
Penance: Divine Mercy Room  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
or by Appointment  
Emergencies:  
Call Fr. Patrick: 713-302-6549

## Pastor



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## Office Hours

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### Why a Eucharistic Revival?

A few years ago, a study was done by the Pew Research Center which reported that only 30% of Catholics believe in the "true" presence of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. As a result, the US Bishops organized a Church-wide Eucharistic Revival with a three-year focus:  
-Year 1: June 19, 2022-June 11, 2023: Diocesan Revival  
-Year 2: June 11, 2023- July 17, 2024: Parish Revival  
-Year 3: National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN followed by the Year of Going Out on Mission-July 21, 2024-Pentecost 2025

The Catholic Churches in the Columbus deanery and Chattahoochee Valley are organizing this Eucharistic Revival to **enhance our understanding of and love for the Holy Eucharist**. We will join together at the St. Anne-Pacelli football field for an evening of **prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass and Catholic community building**. Register today at [stannecsg.com/revival](http://stannecsg.com/revival) or scan this



## Commentary

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The refrain of today's Psalm is "O God, let all the nations praise you." God wants all nations and all people to know him and to love him. God desires to share His love and His life with all peoples. We take this for granted. The first followers of Jesus Christ were Jewish. They insisted that for Gentiles to become Christians, they must first become Jews and be circumcised and follow all the Jewish rituals and customs, fasting obligations, dietary restrictions and temple sacrifices. We read about these in the Acts of the Apostles that Peter at first fell for it, and then Paul said, "No way would all that be required—salvation comes through Christ Jesus who is the fulfillment of the Law." The Apostles and early Christians insisted that the moral obligations of the Law needed to be observed (such as the Ten Commandments). Our first reading from the book of Isaiah, written about 500 years before Christ, foretells that Gentiles (non-Jewish people) would someday worship God in the temple. Even during Jesus' time Jews were very exclusive as to their special claim on God.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56:7) Therefore Jesus, in response to the great faith of a Canaanite woman, healed her daughter (Matthew 15:28) and she became one of his disciples. In fact, we ourselves feel envious of the faith which the gentile Canaanite woman put in Jesus Christ and are compelled to ask ourselves whether our Christian faith is as good as hers.

Her faith was persistent: it seems that nothing could discourage her. She first met a wall of silence, but kept asking; then she

met a rebuff, but she threw herself at the feet of Jesus and she was rewarded for it. How persevering is our faith?

Her faith was personal: when the woman cried out, all the disciples went to Jesus and said, "send her away." To that Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." But when the woman herself, still crying out, came to him and said: "That is true, sir, and yet the dogs eat what falls from their Master's table." Yes, when the disciples entreated him, the Lord put them off, but when the woman herself personally cried out begging for this favor, he granted it. Is our faith personal?

Her faith was cheerful: cheerfulness as we know is not the same as merriment. While we make merry, our teeth are smiling, but while we are cheerful, our heart is smiling. The Canaanite woman had an irrepressible cheerfulness. We are not aware of all other difficulties she might have had in the course of her life. But her ready response to Jesus' apparent insult when he called her a 'dog' (Matthew 15:26), suggest that she won't let the rough side of life get her down. She turned the insult around with a flash of humor and got what she prayed for. Are we always looking on the gloomy side of life? If our faith is strong, we would be always cheerful within. God loves a cheerful giver; a ready wit not only enables me to bear the burdens of life but it also gladdens the heart of God.

## Happy Birthday!

Gail Buffong

August 23

Anne Marie Wright

August 24



## Deanery Yard Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of Columbus and CCW (Council of Catholic Women) are having their yard sale in St. Anne's Visitation Hall on August 25 from 3 pm to 7 pm and August 26 from 7 am to 12 pm. All proceeds will go towards Catholic Education (which includes scholarships, Sunday School and youth ministries). If you would like to contribute to the yard sale, we will be accepting donations Tuesday August 22 thru Thursday August 24 from 10 am to 2 pm in St. Anne's Visitation Hall.



Those wishing to donate directly to their disaster relief efforts can do so online: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic> or by mail: Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation - Maui Wildfires Relief  
184 Bishop St, 3rd Fl  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Please make checks payable to "Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation". Donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

## Altar Flowers



*Altar Flowers are donated in honor of*

***Gail and Nicole Buffong  
Happy Birthday!***

*May the blessings of God's love surround you always.*

## Golf Tournament

*Love to golf? Hit the links for a great cause during the 5th Annual Viking Classic Golf Tournament, to be held Monday, September 18th at Green Island Country Club! Each participant will enjoy a round of golf, range balls, lunch, drinks, and tee gifts. There will be exciting raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing and on-course contests which are sure to make the Viking Classic a fun event. Visit [www.BeAViking.com/golf-tournament](http://www.BeAViking.com/golf-tournament) for more information, to register and check out sponsorship opportunities. All proceeds from this event, which is being organized by the Vikings Booster Club, will help cover the costs of St. Anne-Pacelli athletic uniforms and sports equipment. Thank you for your support of the school's student-athletes!*

## Weekly Finance Report: 8-13-23

Offertory: \$2671 (online \$270)

Latin America: \$170

Church Repair: (online \$400)

Utilities: (online \$50)

Building Fund: \$170 (online \$25)

ACA: \$250

Altar Flowers: \$100