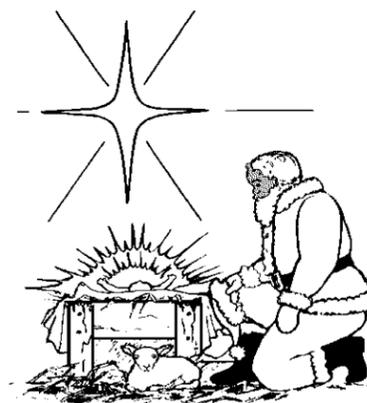


Emmanuel,

God is with us



Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

✦ 10AM ✦ 12 Noon ✦ 5:00 PM

Remember In Your Prayers all the people of God especially those in need of Spiritual Healing. May they encounter the Love of Emmanuel & receive the Healing Peace of Christ in the coming year.

In Memory of Mattie Jones Req. The Choir

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make Me Holy.
Body of Christ, Save Me.
Blood of Christ, Fill Me with Your Love.
Water from Christ's Side, Wash Me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me.
Good Jesus, Hear Me.
Within Your Wounds, Hide Me.
Never Let Me Be Parted From You.
From the Evil Enemy, Protect Me.
At the Hour of My Death, Call Me,
and tell Me to
Come to You, That with Your Saints
I May Praise You
Through All Eternity. Amen

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

St. Bonaventure

Tuesday – Thursday ~ **St. Benedict the Moor**

Weekly Readings & Observances

Monday: **St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

Rest in Heavenly Peace Celestine Adjoavi Bovi

Thursday:

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

3:12-17/Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

In Memory of Henry Lewis & Family

Saturday: **St. Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

New Year's Eve Mass – 9:00 PM

St. Benedict the Moor

Next Sunday:

New Year's Day; World Day of Peace

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thank you to all of our Secret Santa's who made our Jingle Ball with Santa a success!

Thank you St. Bonaventure Rosary Society,

St. Bonaventure Ministry of SVdP &

Men's Ministry

Special thank you Santa Mr. Richard Johnson &

Heartfelt thanks to Disciples in Motion (elves)

Dear People of God, Christ came on earth to reveal an extraordinary message, the message of love, joy and happiness.

Christ asks us to love one another, to be reconciled to one another, to accept one another. Pope Francis reminds us that the face of Mercy is Jesus Christ who bestows upon us His Mercy.

Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, A sacred responsibility: to show others how the Mystery of God is among us.

Christmas is often an exciting and fulfilling time for us with opportunities to visit with family and friends

and also celebrate the greatest gift of all: The birth of God's only Son *Jesus*.

We also recognize that the holiday season can bring feelings of loneliness, too.

We miss those who have gone ahead of us to eternal life. We miss those who will not be home for Christmas. We pray for our parishioners who are sick and homebound.

I am grateful for all that you do for our parish. I have seen ample evidence of your generous and giving hearts but we can do more. Be "Thoughtful Committed Givers" and encourage our family and friends back to the Church. In a special way, we welcome with heartfelt embrace to our brothers and sisters who has returned *Home for Christmas*.

I am holding you in my heart and prayers this Christmas season, asking God to bless you with courage and peace to love and serve Him!

Have Blessed New Year!

Father Gordon

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we want to take this time to thank you for your generosity to our church.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year. Let us together pull our resources to support our parish.

St. Bonaventure – St. Benedict the Moor
Trustee and the Finance Committee

Our Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

✦ 10:00 AM – 146 - \$1,487.00

✦ 12 Noon – 129 - \$1,385.00

✦ 5:00 PM – 26 - \$216.00

A campaign such as *Generation of Faith* does not simply end when all the pledges are collected.

Now is the time when we start to see the wonderful effects of our efforts of our \$501,500.00 pledges! To date \$49,612.00 has been collected. Remember, over 50% of the funds collected will be returned to the parish!

I will like to give my genuine and heartfelt thanks to all the families and individuals that helped make the campaign a success. PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND YOUR PLEDGE PAYMENTS IN BY MAIL OR SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE TO THE PARISH.

You have the opportunity to submit your pledge in the "Blue Generation of Faith envelopes" or see Angela to enroll into Electronic Payment. You may also visit www.cfbq/generations/payments. Thank You!

God is Good! He has one more time bless us to be able to celebrate the true reason for the season; the birth of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Let us therefore adore him; welcome him into our hearts and homes and work places sharing his love with one another.

As a people of continued light, I pray that you, the saints of St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor, have a Blessed Christmas and a New Year that will fill each and every one of you with the desire to live the Gospel message with more enthusiasms. God Bless! **Deacon Pascual**

As the reason for the Christmas Season is *Jesus*, Let us try to imitate Him in His Kindness, Mercy, Trust, Forgiveness & Love for each other thru Prayer & Hope for Peace & Blessing for all mankind.
Merry Christmas
Parish Pastoral Council - PPC

The St. Bonaventure- St. Benedict the Moor **Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul** wishes you peace and joy this Christmas Season and the New Year.

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to be put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others...
is the good you do for yourself!
Let every day be Christmas!

The Men's Ministry

May we all partake in the joy of sharing comforting family & friends while spreading Peace this season as we celebrate with Mary, the birth of Jesus now & into the New Year.

Merry Christmas & many blessings
St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor
Rosary Altar Society

A long time ago in a stable far away Christ the **holy child** was born fulfilling the promise made

His holy birth so marvelous
His majesty to behold **This Christmas time**
think of Him & what the New Year holds.

The Scholarship Committee

It is the festive season
To celebrate Christ's birth
To rejoice in knowing He came
Bringing peace throughout the earth
He came a tiny baby, then grew to be a man
The savior of the world with healing in His hands.

So celebrate this season with joy and expectation for Jesus is so worthy
Of our praise and adoration.
With Love, *Angela & The Catechist*

As we echo Jesus' love in song we are wishing...



The Choir!

Season's Greetings from **Disciples in Motion Youth Group**. Thank you for supporting us throughout this past year.

As we usher in a new year we hope to grow more spiritually, to be fully present in the community as we grow together in Christ. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year.

God Bless and remember that *Jesus* is the Reason for the Season!!!!

