



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	9 am & 11:30 am
Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory	

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Most Sacred Heart Devotion
@ 6:00pm**

Christian Initiation:

**Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Holy
Communion**

Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass. Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday from 6-7 pm
Healing Mass every 3rd
Wednesday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.

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June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Bobbie McIver, Bldg /Maintenance

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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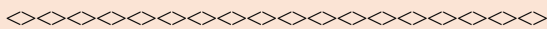
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



After more than three months of Lent and Easter, we return today to Sundays in Ordinary Time. We will be hearing from the Gospel of Saint Matthew for the rest of the year, with the first reading intended to prepare us in some way for the day's Gospel. The second readings proceed through several of Saint Paul's letters. As we settle down to summer living, these next few Sundays focus on what it is like to be a disciple. Let us pray to have hearts open to what the Lord is telling us.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 297.



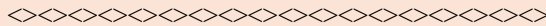
From Fr. Romanus

Key point of today's Reflection:

If God is not ignorant of anything that happens in creation, and if God loves us more truly than the best human father, and if God loves us so as to have numbered our very hairs, then we need not be afraid.

Your "Pineapple for the week":

"Fear not, you are of more value than many sparrows". (Matthew 10:31)



ALL MASSES:

For the repose of the soul of Ella Maxwell on the anniversary of her passing.

*The New Horizons of Women & Men.

For the repose of the soul of Carmella Ernestine Brown on the anniversary of her passing. (St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Baltimore, MD)

*New Horizons of Women & Men.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Rivers on the 22nd anniversary of her passing.

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June 17/18, 2017 - Stewardship

Offertory	\$ 5966.00
Deanery School	\$ 35.00
Parish Bus	\$ 15.00

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.

Readings for This Weekend:

Jeremiah 20:10-13 The Lord will rescue the beloved from their persecutors. Psalm 69 "Lord, in your great love, answer me." Romans 5:12-15 By grace, the gracious gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, has saved us all from sin. Matthew 10:26-33 There is no fear when God's love is received as a precious gift.

Readings for Next Weekend:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Genuine hospitality is highly praised. Psalm 89 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 We must consider ourselves dead to sin. Matthew 10:37-42 Whoever does not take up the cross is not worthy of Christ.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



In our parish, we don't see many members each Sunday. They are at home or in personal care or assisted living facilities, praying with and for us. Let us remember all those here at St. Benedict who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Let us keep them in our prayers:

Hazel Bellamy, M. Marie Blue, Perdetha Brantley, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Lillie Mae Chisholm, Thomas Dickerson, Lillian Dilworth, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, McKenzie Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Janice Quinn, Bernice Rivers, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.



Parishioners, Family & friends who have requested prayers: Theodore Martin, Sr., Rhonda McCary, Michael Allen, Kelly Berry, Dorothy C. Brown, Henrietta Bulloch, Ivan Clark, Ruth

Cohen, Shirley Davis, George Foxworth, Lewis Jackson, Elizabeth Mungin, Damon Peter, Cyrus Riley, Jr., Wendy & Gary Thomas, Nathaniel Wiggins, Johnny Mae Spaulding, Lucille Singleton, Bertha Sorey, Rose McCoy, Priscilla Brown, Helen McWalters, Natasha Simon, Delores Jivens, Narvia Williams, Eva Daniels, Cheryl Edwards, Wade Brown, Niah Hatcher, Helen McWalters, Cheryl Riley, Estelle Hogan, Jeremy Margarttes, Debbie Helmlly, Mamie Farmer, Sarah Wiley, James Johnson. If you would like a name to appear for a time on our bulletin prayer list, please call or email the office.



This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (ministries list: http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6). It must

be completed before ministry starts. We also invite adults who are not currently volunteers to attend this training to learn tools they can use to help keep children safe. Registration required: www.diosav.org, under Upcoming Events Calendar.



PARISH SYMPATHIES

Parish condolences to the Family and Friends of the Late Mrs. Jean Elise Hans who passed away on Monday, June 19, 2017 at DeKalb Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 11:00am (with Rosary prior to service) at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church.

Parish condolences to the Family & Friends of the Late Mr. Theodore Martin, Sr., who passed away on Tuesday June 20, 2017 in Atlanta Ga. Mr. Martin is the brother-in-law of Mr. Donald Perry.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

JULY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

It is time for us to start planning for the July Unity Mass reception. All July celebrants, please contact Mrs. Mariah Bailey @ 912-236-5634.



“Calling all parish youth and adult volunteers.”

This year’s Vacation Bible School’s theme is

CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus the Light of the World.

Date: July 24-28, 2017

Time: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: St. Benedict the Moor Parish Hall

Please see one of the representatives following the 9am & 11:30am Masses to register your child, or to volunteer to help make this year’s vacation bible school an amazing experience full of fun sports, lip smacking snacks, surprising adventures and incredible music.

For more information, contact: Sharon Carson (912)-656-0286, Karen Polk (314)-583-1103, or Jennifer Short (912)-345-7261.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Voting will take place at all Masses this weekend for

vacant positions on the Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC Election Committee would like to thank all parishioners for their participation in this very important process. – PPC Election Comm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

**July 2 – Unity Sunday Mass
10:00am – J. Carter & A. Carter**

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

June Calendar

- 27 Tue. Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria
- 28 Wed. Memorial of St. Irenaeus
- 29 Thu. Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul
- 30 Fri. Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

July Calendar

- Jul. 1 Sat. Memorial of St. Junípero Serra
- Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



EVENINGS OF PRAYER

The Carmelite Nuns invite everyone to attend the Evenings of Prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Carmelite Monastery. The Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist will be

celebrated each evening at 6:00pm.

- Friday July 14 – Rev. Michael Kavanaugh
- Saturday July 15 – Rev. Paul Cabrita, SM
- Sunday July 16 _ Most Rev. Gerald Schreck

Those who cannot be present are encouraged to send their petitions to the Carmelite Monastery, 11 W. Back St, Savannah, GA 31419. These petitions will be remembered during the services and in the life of prayer of the Nuns.

NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:

PETER'S PENCE

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more info: visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

UNITY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Calling all choir members: A rehearsal will be held on Thursday, June 29th at 6:00pm in the Church. -Areatha Scott, Coordinator.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” – Jeremiah 29:13.

The Four Groups of Parishioners

**Those who make things happen*

**Those who watch things happen*

**Those who do not know what is happening*

**Those whose words and actions hinder anything good that is happening*

Where Do You Belong?

“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve . You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love.” — Martin Luther King Jr.



Sponsored by the Health Guild Ministry June 5th, - July 14th
Homeless Shelter for Women & Children, Safe Shelter, and Union Mission

The employees at the above-named shelters, have expressed, a serious shortage of items such as **tooth brushes, tooth paste, bar soap, deodorant, body wash, and detergent.**

The residents of these shelters have to share these hygiene items and in some cases, most of them are lacking these basic necessities. When we see the less fortunate, we must know if not for the grace of God there we would be. So please, there will be a bin at the front of the church for your donations, whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated! Thanking you in advance, Wilma Brown, Coordinator.

SUMMERTIME...

And the living is easy: school is out, vacations begin, family reunions, and R & R for the parents, right? **BUT!!! Church is always IN!** *Sunday Mass every week; *Daily prayer; and, *Consistently use our contribution envelopes to support the parish, even while we are on vacation. ***Also remember that the Youth Mass is on the 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:30am.- Bring your children! *Have a great Summer!*



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers donated by a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous.
Thank you so much!

CAMP VILLA MARIE

Camp Villa Marie is a daily summer camp run by the Catholic Diocese of Savannah. CVM is held on Villa Marie Center, on Isle of Hope, Savannah, Monday-Friday, 9-3:30. Five weeks of summer camp are remaining. Each week has a different theme of the week with different activities relating to the theme. Campers must be at least 6 years old and have completed Kindergarten, and no older than 12 years.

“FIRE WITHIN”

“The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Savannah invites all rising 7th to 12th graders to Vocation Camp this summer at the Georgia Primitive Baptist Youth Camp, 7159 Hillview Road, Collins, GA. Vocatio Dei for boys will be from June 28th - July 1st. Cost is \$70 per camper and \$50 per extra camper from the same family. Registration is open at www.diosav.org/vocaOons, follow the logo Scholarships are available and spaces are limited.

RETROUVAILLE RETREAT

Designed to help and renew troubled marriages. If you are thinking about separation or divorce, or you are already separated but want to try again, then Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille weekends are currently scheduled for the Augusta area with follow-up sessions available in Savannah and Augusta. More information be found on the national web page at www.retrouvaille.org.



Faith Reflection

Change can be very difficult. Think about getting in shape, eating healthier or losing weight. You have to work at it consistently in order to see results. The same is true of our faith. Like exercise,

we need to be challenged in our faith in order to grow stronger and change for the better as God desires for us. Like getting in shape, faith takes work and we must be consistent in our efforts. And we can't change unless we have the right intention. For Catholics, the Eucharist is key to keeping our intentions focused on Jesus. This central sacrament of our faith gives us the spiritual nourishment we need to grow stronger. Through the Eucharist, Jesus invites us to change, to share in His life in order that we may have eternal life in heaven. Catholics believe the more we celebrate the Eucharist, the stronger we become in our faith.