



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:

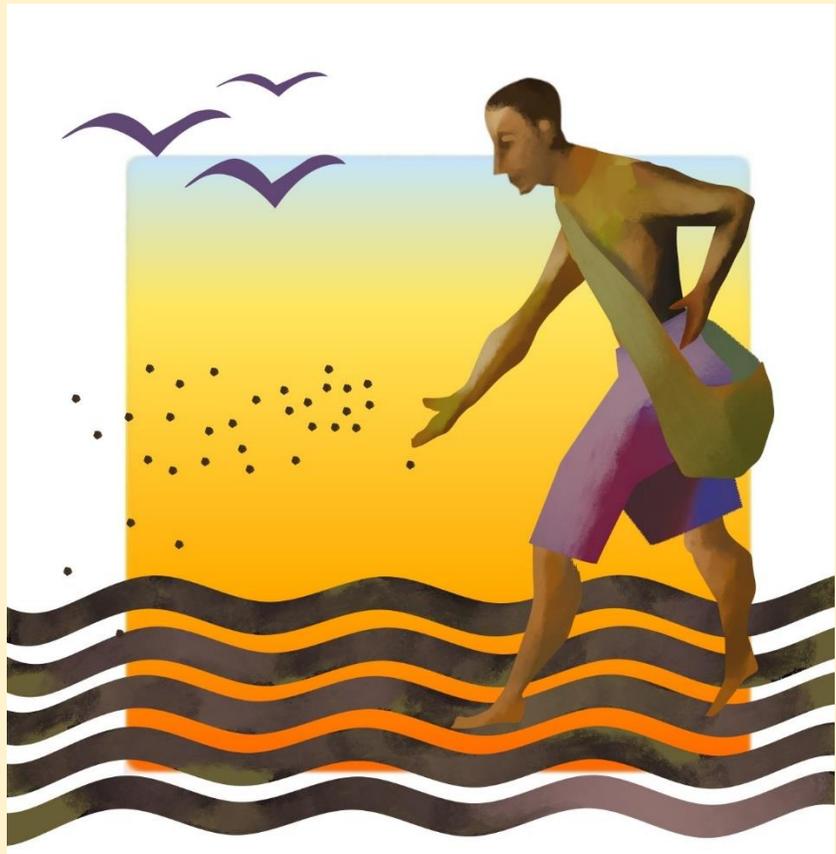
Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm.

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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July 16, 2017

Fifteenth 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

WELCOME, VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



We may no longer live in a society dominated by agriculture the way that ancient Israel was, but in the middle of summer we can still relate to stories about planting and growing seeds. As we gather for worship today, let us open our hearts to the images and stories we will hear, so that the seeds of God's love may take root in our lives.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 304.



From Fr. Romanus

Key point of today's Reflection:

The Parable of the Sower gives us an "X-ray" of our various responses to God's call to Salvation. Where do you belong in this Parable?

Your "Pineapple for the week":

"Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).



5:30pm - For the repose of the souls of Marilyn Jackson and Hattilyn Slocum on the anniversary of their birthday. *Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:00am - For the repose of the soul of Roseline Ezeugwu (Fr. Romanus' mother) on the 1st anniversary of her passing. *AMSP.



July 8/9, 2017 - Unity Mass - Stewardship

Offertory	\$ 5350.00
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"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own." – Pope Francis, "Message for the Lenten Brotherhood Campaign in Brazil." © 2014 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Isaiah 55:10-11 God's word accomplishes its intended purpose. Psalm 65 "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." Romans 8:18-23 All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God. Matthew 13:1-23 A sower went out to sow.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 God gives repentance for our sins. Psalm 86 "Lord, you are good and forgiving." Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit intercedes for us. Matthew 13:24-43 Let the seeds grow together until harvest.

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, Tamba Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.



Parishioners, Family & friends who have requested prayers: 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., Cheryl Riley, 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, Estelle Hogan, Jeremy Margarttes, Debbie Helmy, 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. It must be completed before ministry starts. Registration required: www.diosav.org, under Upcoming Events Calendar. Step 1: Click "first time registrant" Step 2: Click "begin registration process" Step 3: Select the Diocese of Savannah from the list. Step 4: Follow prompts and instructions to create your account and choose the class you wish to attend.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July Calendar

18 Tue. Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis
20 Thu. Memorial of St. Apollinaris
21 Fri. Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22 Sat. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene



Please come & join us in asking the Virgin Mary's help as we pray the Rosary before each Mass. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.



Let's enjoy summer but not forget:
• Saturday or Sunday Mass every week

- Daily prayer
- Consistently use our contribution envelopes to support the parish, even while we are on vacation.

HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish target is \$28, 135.00.
Thanks to those parishioners who have submitted their pledges to the 2017 appeal. If you are unable to locate the pledge card that was mailed to you, appeal envelopes are available in the back of church or parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

Weekend of July 15/16, 2017

7/15 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & S. Carson
7/16 - 9:00am - T. Garvin & M. White
11:30am - "Faith Formation"

Weekend of July 22/23, 2017

7/22 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & E. Mason
7/23 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & T. Udowana
11:30am - D. Perry & M. Jenkins

Weekend of July 29/30, 2017

7/29 - 5:30pm - E. Mason & Y. Williams
7/30 - 9:00am - J. Carter & A. Carter
11:30am - J. Jones & M. Poole

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

All parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of August are asked to attend a planning meeting on Monday, July 10 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Please bring your ideas!



UPCOMING MINISTRY RETREAT

There will be a retreat for all ministries and volunteers on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 10am to 2pm inside the Church. If you belong to any of the ministries posted on the board at the entrance of the Church, please save the date. Please be advised that this retreat is not optional. We are working for the Lord and we need this time together for reflection and prayer. Thank you and God bless you for all you do. - Fr. Romanus.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



HEALTH GUILD

A big thanks to everyone that donated hygiene Items for the local homeless shelters, we will collect items through Sunday, July 16th, 2017. The collection box is located at the Stair well to the Choir. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Members of the Health Guild. -Wilma Brown, Co-ordinator.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: CHURCH IN AFRICA

This week, our second collection is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. This collection is an opportunity to stand with the people of Africa and support pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. Please be generous today. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

CCW – RUMMAGE SALE

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will be having a rummage sale on September 9, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Please think of us as you do your spring cleaning. The only two remaining drop off days are Sunday, July 30th and Sunday, August 20th. After the 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM Masses. Unfortunately, we are not able to pick up items. Please, no computers, clothes, or big heavy televisions. We appreciate the support you have shown our organization. Any questions, please call Carol at 912-677-6800 or Mary at 912-660-7406.

A THANK YOU TO THE TRAVELING MOORS

On behalf of our Parish family, I wish to thank the members of the Traveling Moors from the depth of my heart for the maintenance project they have just completed in the Family hall/Parish Office/Educational Building. This project includes the follow:

1. Pressure washed entire eaves and soffits around building
2. Pressure washed all doors and around windows
3. Inspected & caulked where needed
4. Painted eaves and soffits around building (2 - coats)
5. Pressure washed, caulked & painted ceiling inside entry way at 437 E. Broad St side
6. Pressure washed, caulked & painted inside doorway and ceiling at Taylor St side
7. Painted railings on 2 sides of the building
8. Painted 3 doors and trim around door windows

This group has just recently donated \$2,000 for the renovation of the inside of the same building. We cannot thank you enough for all you do. We pray the good Lord to continue to bless and to reward you, both as a group and as individuals. We appreciate you and all you do for our Parish.

Fr. Romanus.

WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME?



WELCOME TO ORDINARY TIME: A TIME TO CONTEMPLATE TRUTH WITHOUT DISTRACTION

Ordinary Time reminds us that contemplation is the center of the Christian life. It is the place where the mind of Christ and our

own come to know one another, where we integrate our concerns in this world by attuning them to the next.

A bit at a time, we begin to feel the great magnet of the liturgical year draw us more and more into the one clear message: in the liturgical year we live the life of Jesus day after day until finally, one day, it becomes our own. We become the message of it. We grow into the life of it. We, ourselves, become players in the great drama of the bringing of the reign of God to the turmoil of the world.

We begin, in the end, to see that the spirituality of the liturgical year is not an exercise of private devotion. It is the journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem that takes us, on the way, to Egypt, to Samaria, to Roman soldiers and Jewish high priests, to the poor and to the cross, to total commitment and everlasting resurrection, to the heart of the faith and, so, to the heart of the world...

Ordinary Time refuses to overwhelm us with distractions, even religious and liturgical distractions... Instead, it keeps us rooted in the great, driving truths of the faith: Jesus was, is and will come again. In those three insights is all there is to know. In that conviction, we have enough spirituality for a lifetime. Everything else is an apposition, is simply a modifier, an explanation, an example of the truth of it. But that takes a lifetime of contemplation, of pause, of reflection. That takes an understanding of the value and purpose of Ordinary Time.

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* Excerpted from the writings of Sister Joan Chittister on The Liturgical Year