



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
Mass @ 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 and
by appointment.

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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September 24, 2017
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Bobbie McIver, Bldg /Maintenance

Office Hours
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



Every now and then our Sunday celebration reminds us more than usual of God's lavish and generous love. Today the Gospel presents the parable of the generous landowner and the workers in the vineyard, with

the latecomers getting paid as much as those who worked all day. The message is that it's simply never too late to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Today let us pray in gratitude for God whose generosity is so compelling.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 328.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

In the context of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel, the terms, "last" and "first" are not hierarchical; it is not only about who ranks higher or lower - it is also about who comes earlier or later; who follows longer or more briefly. As we can see, the climax revolves around the generosity of the landowner. Our God wants everyone to be saved. He keeps searching for us, and He will never turn away anyone who decides to respond to His call. Our God is so generous in mercy; it will be a shock to so many of us when we go to heaven and see those we least expected to make it to heaven even there before us.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8).



5:30pm: In honor of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones as she celebrates her 102nd birthday (09/19). *The Johnson & Garvin Families.

For the repose of the soul of Catherlene Washington on the anniversary of her birthday (09/19). *Sharon Carson & family.

9:00am: In honor of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones as she celebrates her 102nd birthday (09/19). *The Johnson & Garvin Families.

In celebration of Fr. Desmond Ohankwere and his 25 years of service. *AMSP.

11:30am: For the repose of the soul of NiKeya Nelson. *The Spaulding Family.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6-9 The ways and thoughts of God are above our own. Psalm 145 "The Lord is near to all who call upon him." Philippians 1:20c-24, Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ 27a and to die is to gain. Matthew 20:1-16a "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

Readings for Next Weekend:

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Turn away from sin and live! Psalm 25 "Remember your mercies, O Lord." Philippians 2:1-11 Christ became obedient even to the point of death. or 2:1-5 Matthew 21:28-32 The one who obeys the Lord, even reluctantly, is the one who does the will of the Father.

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.

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:

Parishioners: M. Marie Blue, Perdetha Brantley, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Lillie Mae Chisholm, Josefa Citizen, Thomas Dickerson, Lillian Dilworth, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, McKenzie Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Felix Walden, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

Prayer requests-Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an ongoing illness. May they experience fortitude and strength:

Rhonda McCary, Michael Allen, Kelly Berry, Dorothy C. Brown, Josefa Citizen, 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 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.



September 16/17, 2017

Offertory	\$4983.00
Deanery Schools	\$10.00
Bus	\$65.00
Special Collection:	
Hurricane Relief	\$315.00

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Otis /Lillie Mae Charlton on the loss of their beloved niece, Ms. Barbara Ann Clements, who passed away Sunday September 17, 2017. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 1am at Central Baptist Church (3119 Shell Rd, Thunderbolt). Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING:

Register at www.virtusonline.org 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.

RCIA NEWS



Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates begins this Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and/or are seeking full reception into the Catholic Church are invited to attend. Please come even if you are not sure but want to hear more about the faith. Sessions will take place in the old school building located next to the rectory. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of faith. *RCIA Team

FAITH FORMATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of Faith Formation students on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. Your input is greatly needed on matters of importance. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Thank you.

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.

UNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Unity Choir are asked to attend rehearsal on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00pm in the Church. Thank you – Areatha Scott, Coordinator.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

All parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of October are asked to call Mary Carter (912-398-8995) or Antoinette Hagans (912-234-4278) to donate items or money to the upcoming Unity reception on Sunday October 1, 2017. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

<p>Weekend of September 23/24, 2017 9/23 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & D. Jackson 9/24 - 9:00am - J. Carter & A. Caret 11:30am - J. Tolbert & J. Brown</p>
<p>October 1 - Unity Mass (10AM) T. Garvin & Y. Williams</p>
<p>Weekend of October 7/8, 2017 10/7 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & Y. Williams 10/8 - 9:00am - J. Carter & A. Carter 11:30am - S. Ingram & J. Jones</p>
<p>Weekend of October 14/15, 2017 10/14 - 5:30pm - E. Mason & S. Carson 10/15 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & R. Marshall 11:30am - “Faith Formation”</p>
<p>Weekend of October 21/22, 2017 10/21 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & A. Perry 9:00am - T. Garvin & T. Udowana 11:30am - R. Locke & A. Broxton</p>



WHITE MASS

Health care workers, friends, family, and patients of health care workers!

In honor of the feast month of Saint Luke, a White Mass with Bishop Hartmayer will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 17 @ 6:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 East Victory Drive, Savannah. A White Mass, so named for the white coats worn by providers, recognizes all health care workers who serve under the patronage of Saint Luke, a physician. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. Please make plans to attend.



ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL HISTORIC TOUR OF HOMES & TEA

St. Vincent's Academy hosts the 2017 Annual Tour & Tea on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of the 1845 Convent of St. Vincent de Paul. This popular, self-guided tour features the original 1845 Convent, seven private homes throughout historic downtown Savannah, and an elegant tea served on the Convent grounds. Buy tickets by September 30th and save \$5! Tickets may be purchased at one of the following locations: E. Shavers, bookseller, Candler Wellness Center, St. Joseph's Gift Shop, or Saints and Shamrocks. Tickets are \$45 per person; \$40 per person if purchased by 9/3/17. For more information, call (912) 236-5505.



Commemorating the Reformation and Prayer for Unity

Sunday, October 22nd, the Catholic Diocese of Savannah and the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Church in America will join for a Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and a Prayer for Unity. The service will take place here at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 5:00 PM. Catholic Bishop Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv, and Lutheran Bishop H. Julian Gowdy will co-preside. The preacher for the service will be Rev. Fleming Rutledge, Episcopalian priest, scholar, author, and noted homilist. This is the first time since the Reformation that a centenary of that event takes place in an ecumenical atmosphere. Please plan to join us on October 22 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral.



The Donna Summer & Barry White Experience

It's a trip back to the greatest disco and soul era when Rainere Martin (Donna Summer) and Jourdan Carroll (Barry White) bring their renowned act to the Alhambra on November 18, 2017 in Jacksonville, Fl. These two tribute artists have performed from Las Vegas to the Apollo, and This show promises to be a day of memories you do not want to miss. Tickets \$150, (taking deposits now) and must be paid in full by November 3, 2017. Cost includes bus trip, show, and dinner). Sponsored by the Traveling Moors. (We have managed to get some of the best seats in the theatre)! See any Traveling Moor member or sign-up at the Office.

SUNDAY MASS via LIVESTREAM

If you are homebound, ill or need to stay home with a loved one, you now have an opportunity to celebrate Mass home. Each Sunday, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is being filmed and can be viewed via livestream on your computer. This service is intended especially for those who are ill or confined to their homes. The Mass can be seen by going to the Cathedral website savannahcathedral.org or the diocesan website diosav.org. Simply click on the link that says "Livestream" and the Mass will appear.



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.



FRIENDS OF ST. BENEDICT TRIP

Travel with the Friends to Lancaster, PA July 18, 2018 to July 22, 2018 to see the play "The Story of Jesus". Cost is \$600.00. \$100.00 deposit due August 2017 and ten \$50.00 monthly payments from September 2017 to June 2018. Thanks, and look forward to seeing you on the bus. Ruth Simmons/ 912-713-9921, Alicia Carter/ 912-398-8995, Claretha Bivens/912-604-6059 or any member of the group.

LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE



The Virtual Pilgrimage is a prayerful, interactive spiritual journey to the Grotto of Lourdes, "recreating" a pilgrimage experience without leaving home. This is the first time the Pilgrimage has ever visited the Savannah area and St. Anne Catholic Church would love for you to join us. This is a free event and is perfect for all ages except very small children. Please join us on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 2pm - 4pm. If you have any questions or if anyone at your parish is interested in being part of the Pilgrimage Experience as a volunteer, please contact the coordinator, Mary Suddath, at 912-655-6147.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

November 6, 2017

The 17th annual Social Apostolate Open Golf Tournament will be held November 6, 2017, 9:00 AM on the Marshwood course at the Landings located on Skidaway Island. We hope you will be able to support us by playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole or donating. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Haase at 912-604-9669 or kthaze@mac.com



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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK	
September Calendar	
26 Tue.	Memorial of Ss. Cosmas and Damian
27 Wed.	Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul
28 Thu.	Memorial of St. Wenceslaus; Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
29 Fri.	Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
30 Sat.	Memorial of St. Jerome; Yom Kippur

