



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.

HISTORIC

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October 22, 2017 Year A
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
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Office Hours

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



October 22, 2017

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



As we worship today, we once again face the question of what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God.

Every day of our lives we make choices involving values and judgment. The first thing we try to do in making these choices is to become informed. So as we continue our worship, let us pray for the wisdom we need to discern the values behind this question of what belongs to God.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 338.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

What does a coin tell us about who we are?

The coin handed over to Jesus by the Pharisees and the Herodians, trying to entrap him, had the inscription of a Roman pagan, "Caesar". The Jewish people were under the pagan Roman authority. The currency used by the Jews came from the Romans, and the taxes and the revenues collected from the Jews went back to the Romans. It is not surprising, therefore, why Jesus told them to "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God". In other words, give back to Caesar the money that has his inscription on it!

In the United States, the coins in our own pockets make a more moderate theological statement than the coin that was handed to Jesus - "In God we Trust" and also the "Liberty" to exercise our fundamental human rights, not only as American Citizens, but as Children of God! "In God we Trust" is an affirmation that our effort, both as a nation and as individuals is in vain without God; it is a recognition that who we are and all we have belong to Him; it is a call to give back to God our nation that pledged her allegiance under God. We belong to God - our time, our talent, and our treasure! He is the creator of the universe and the author of our life. We do not have existence outside Him!

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring'" (Acts 17:28).



(* indicates requested by)

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Julia R. Jackson on the anniversary of her passing. Prince A. Jackson, III.

For the repose of the soul of Donald M. Cook, IV on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III.

For the repose of the soul of Mary Persad on the anniversary of her passing. *Dr. & Mrs. Suresh Persad.

For birthday blessings for Edward Robinson, Sr. (10/22). Mrs. Delores Robinson & Family.

Thanking God for 59 years of marriage - Christopher & Willetta Williams. *Willetta Williams.

9:00am: Many Birthday blessings for Alicia Carter (10/22). *The Carter Family.

For the repose of the soul of Mary Persad on the anniversary. *Dr. & Mrs. Suresh Persad.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name. Psalm 96 "Give the Lord glory and honor." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 22:15-21 "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Readings for Next Weekend:

Exodus 22:20-26 God hears the cry of the oppressed. Psalm 18 "I love you, Lord, my strength." 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 God's people are renowned for their conversion and love of God. Matthew 22:34-40 The greatest law is the law of love.

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, Clevon 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:

Michael Allen, Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, , Wade Brown, Henrietta Bulloch, Ivan Clark, Ruth Cohen, Eva Daniels, Shirley Davis, Cheryl Edwards, Mamie Farmer, George Foxworth, Niah Hatcher, Debbie Helmly, Estelle Hogan, Lewis Jackson, Delores Jivens, James Johnson, Jeremy Margarttes, Rhonda McCary, Rose McCoy, Helen McWalters, Elizabeth Mungin, Brenda Owens, Damon Peter, Cheryl Riley, Cyrus Riley, Jr., Natasha Simon, Lucille Singleton, Bertha Sorey, Johnny Mae Spaulding, Wendy & Gary Thomas, Nathaniel Wiggins, Sarah Wiley, Narvia Williams.

Parish Giving

October 14/15, 2017

Offertory	\$ 6621.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 40.00
Bus	\$ 67.00
Special Collection:	
Southern Cross	\$ 50.00



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday of October, is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. This year the day

falls of **October 29, 2017**. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one, and also a way to express our gratitude for the hard work that our Pastor does here at St. Benedict the Moor.



Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates take place on Sundays 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. 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.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

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
Weekend of October 28/29, 2017 10/28 – 5:30pm – S. Carson & Y. Williams 9:00am – R. Marshall & B. McGhee 11:30am – J. Jones & M. Poole

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

All parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of October are asked to call Barbara Manning at (912) 224-0995 to donate items or money to the upcoming Unity reception on Sunday November 5, 2017. Thank you.

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.



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.

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

All youth from fifth grade through high school are strongly encouraged to attend this year's youth conference on Saturday, October 21st in the church. Time is 10 a.m. - 12 noon. We want to hear from our youth and help you to build up St. Benedict the Moor Church. Please come with your ideas and be prepared to work with others. Thank you.



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.



SUNDAY DINNER

Come enjoy a deliciously prepared Sunday dinner put on by the Knights of Columbus #10274 on October 29, 2017 following the 9am Mass until 2pm. Chicken or fish dinners are \$10 each; rib dinners are \$15. See any member of the Knights for tickets.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with God and a deeper response to the dear neighbor? Please consider coming to an afternoon of information about the Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We invite you to gather with Sr. Jackie Griffith, Sr. Donna Loeper, and Sr. Rita Woehlcke, our Director of Associates, on Sunday October 22 from 2 - 4 PM at 411 E. 48th St. For questions and further information please contact Sr. Donna at (912) 484-7860 or donnaloeper@comcast.net.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October Calendar

22 Sun. *World Mission Sunday - Special Collection*
23 Mon. *Memorial of St. John of Capistrano*
24 Tue. *Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret*
28 Sat. *Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude*



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers - known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" is coming to Savannah. He is a host on EWTN, works with Catholic

Answers, Ignatius Press and is a presenter on Chosen Confirmation Series. Savannah Deanery Youth will be hosting him at Blessed Sacrament Church on November 5 at 6:30. He will be speaking on *The Seven Truths of The Church You Must Know to Defend Your Faith*. There will be a small reception following his talk. All are welcome, free of charge.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Haase at 912-604-9669 or kthaze@mac.com

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will be celebrating a special Holy Hour on Sunday November 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the Pastoral Center at 2170 E. Victory Dr. Bishop Gregory Hartmayer will be the presider.

The week of November 5 is *National Vocation Awareness Week*. Please join the Vocations Ministry to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send us many good and holy priests, deacons and religious to serve the people of God and the life of the Church.

TRIP CANCELLATION

The Traveling Moors trip to Jacksonville Florida Alhambra Dinner Theatre has been cancelled. WE are in the process of planning another trip in the near future, so please lookout for an upcoming announcement with details. Many thanks to everyone who continue to support of our efforts for the Church! - The Traveling Moors.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Save the Date: The annual Savannah Deanery Council of Catholic Women Christmas Luncheon will be December 9th from noon to 3:00 at the St. James Parish Center. Guest speaker is from Cross Catholic Outreach. Cost will be \$20.00/person. All women are welcome! For more information contact Gayle Valbuena at gaylev4@aol.com

FRIENDS OF ST. BENEDICT TRIP SUMMER 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, Clareth Bivens/912-604-6059 or any member of the group.



HERITAGE PROJECT SECOND COLLECTION

The monthly second collection for the Heritage Project will take place on the weekend of October 28 /29. Thank you for your ongoing support to the loan repayment.