



## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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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*December 3, 2017, Year B*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### WE ARE CHURCH

We take great pride in the quality and spirit of our liturgy, which is achieved through careful planning as well as a high level of active and enthusiastic participation on the part of each and every person. While acknowledging our individual and communal needs, we are primarily here to give thanks and praise to God, who continues to accomplish great things in our lives!

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

### Office Hours

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

December 3, 2017



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B  
Introduction to the Liturgy of  
the Day**

Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing for the day when we celebrate God becoming flesh, becoming Incarnate, becoming one of us. In doing so, we are called upon to prepare our hearts for Christ's presence in our lives. Every Christian's goal should be to reveal Christ to those we encounter. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, let us think of how we can make his presence incarnate in what we say and do.

**Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 353.**

*From Fr. Romanus:*

**Key point of today's Reflection**

**Watching and waiting for the Lord:**

The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to be vigilant by doing His "will on earth as it is in heaven". The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on Him and His word. He wants us to be ready for His action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. The season of Advent is a time for exciting our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As His servants we watch for His will - continually seeking him. We watch for His word and his power - that He may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for His visitation - He will surely come again! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord - pointing the way for His coming.

**Your "Pineapple" for the week**

*"Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33)*



**November 25/26, 2017**

<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 3654.00
<b>Bus</b>	\$ 6.00
<b>Special Collection: Cath. Campaign Human Develop</b>	\$ 247.00

**"We've Come This Far By Faith"**

**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.

**TAKE TEN & CONNECT**

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

**Readings for This Weekend:**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down! 19b; 64:2-7 Psalm 80 "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 13:33-37 Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

**Readings for The Solemnity of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 I will put enmity between your offspring and hers. Psalm 98 "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds." Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world. Luke 1:26-38 Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way of the Lord. Psalm 85 "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." 2 Peter 3:8-14 We await new heavens and a new earth. Mark 1:1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

**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, 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, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Felix Walden, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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**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 Helmlly, 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.

If you would like a name to appear for a time on our bulletin prayer list, please call or email the office.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Constance Johnson & Family on the loss of her husband, Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Jr., who passed away Wednesday November 29, 2017. No arrangements have been made at printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



**December 3, 2017 in the World  
An Advent wreath with a burning candle.**

The Advent season begins on December 03, 2017. The day is called the First Sunday of Advent or Advent Sunday and is the first

day of the liturgical year in the Western Christian churches. Advent Sunday is the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. This is equivalent to the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day and the Sunday following the Feast of Christ the King. It can fall on any date between 27 November and 3 December.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thoughts of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as savior and to his second coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent.

The text "First Sunday of Advent" has been taken from [www.cute-calendar.com](http://www.cute-calendar.com)

**THANK YOU**

The Family of Mr. Lawrence Bryan, Jr. would like to thank Fr. Romanus and our St. Benedict the Moor family for their support, understanding, prayers and kindness during this difficult time in our lives. God bless you all.  
-The Bryan Family



Register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://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](http://www.diosav.org), under Upcoming Events Calendar.



**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.

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.

**The Four Groups of Parishioners**  
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**\*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.**



**THE GIVING TREE**

This year's Giving Tree is now up and ready for you to make a child's Christmas brighter. Please select a tag from the tree, purchase the gift noted, and return it wrapped no later than Sunday, December 10th. It is important that you place the tag on the wrapped gift so that it can be given to the correct child. Please contact Sharon Carson at 656-0286 if you have questions. We apologize for the quick turnaround and thank you for your generous support of this effort. \*Youth Ministry.

**ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE**



Time to pull out the Fall & Winter coats and let go of the ones we no longer wear. Our Annual Coat Drive is now in effect and will continue through January 25, 2018. Please donate! Adult & children coats are needed. Every gently worn coat will be appreciated. A bin will be placed at the front of the church. For further information, please contact Georgetta Blair-Simmons. Thank you.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Parish (Adults) Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 16th. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the entrance of the Church next week. Please let us know if you, your family, and friends are planning to attend in order to provide enough food or avoid any waste of food. Last year, everyone who attended had a great time...Come out, enjoy the evening and celebrate!

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Youth Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall from 6 – 8 p.m. There will be games, food, music and dancing with DJ Romeo and a special visitor from the North Pole. Admission is free but please bring a non-perishable food item for the Giving Tree. Come out for an evening of fun!!



## MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST NEEDED

Blessed Sacrament Church, in Savannah, GA, is seeking a part-time Music Director and Organist, to lead the musical component of all parish Masses, including but not limited to weekend Masses and Masses for Holy Days of Obligation, in accordance with the liturgical calendar. In collaboration with the Pastor, the Music Director recruits and trains the musicians and cantors, coordinates music for special events (e.g., weddings and funerals), leads the adult and children's choirs of the parish, selects music for pastor approval, and enhances the parish's celebration of the Catholic faith. Ideal candidates are able to play piano and organ, conduct performances of musicians and singers, manage technical audio equipment, will have formal vocal training and/or significant music experience, including the ability to read music and sing at a performance level. Bachelor's degree in Music and choir experience in a leadership role preferred. Knowledge of Catholic liturgy required for the appropriate selection of music. Financial Compensation: Part-time, Salary, additional compensation received in the form of stipends from weddings and funerals. Qualified candidates are invited to email resume and cover letter to Paige Ryan, Parish Administrator, at [PRyan@mbschurch.org](mailto:PRyan@mbschurch.org).

### ***December Calendar***

4 Mon. Memorial of St. John Damascene  
6 Wed. Memorial of St. Nicholas  
7 Thu. Memorial of St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor  
8 Fri. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of obligation)  
9 Sat. Memorial of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

December 8, Friday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	6:00pm
December 13, Wednesday Advent Penance Service	7:00pm
December 16, Parish Christmas Party (Adults) December 17, Youth Christmas Party	6:00pm
December 23, Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30pm
December 24, Sunday Regular Mass Times	9:00am 11:30am
December 24, Sunday Christmas Eve Youth Christmas Caroling & Mass Youth Nativity Play	6:00pm
December 24, Sunday Midnight Mass (Caroling will be done for 30 mins prior to Mass)	12midnight
December 25, Monday Christmas Day Mass	10:00am
December 25, Sunday Christmas Mass	10:00am
December 31, Saturday New Year's Eve Mass (A New Year's Eve party will be held in the Hall immediately following Mass.)	11:30pm
January 1, Sunday New Year's Day Mass	10:00am



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. 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.

**THE DEFINITION OF "ACTIVE CATHOLIC"** for parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic School attendance, etc., requires that a person must be registered, attend Mass regularly and involved in Time, Talent & Treasure (Stewardship.) Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. If you choose not to use envelopes or are unable to contribute, please make a notation of your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.