



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 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.

Welcome

HISTORIC

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 10th, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Zachary Scott, 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

Mark's Gospel begins by introducing us to John the Baptist, who prepared the way to Jesus by calling people to acknowledge their sins and receive a baptism of repentance. Are we prepared to welcome Jesus into the world? To do so properly, we need to acknowledge our sins and receive forgiveness for the wrong we have done. As we celebrate today's liturgy, let us keep in mind our failings and resolve to keep Jesus in our minds and hearts as we interact with others.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 355.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leaped in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. Like John the Baptist, we are reminded at this Advent period that we are the forerunners of Jesus Christ; we are to prepare His way by preparing our souls and hearts for His coming, and by loving our brothers and sisters and bringing comfort to them. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit before he could carry out his responsibility; like John the Baptist, we need the Holy Spirit in our lives to carry out the Good news. Let us pray at this Advent Season that we may allow the Spirit of God to use us as the forerunners of Christ's coming.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"...Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Isaiah 40:3)

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 Next Weekend:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 I rejoice heartily in the Lord. Luke 1 "My soul rejoices in my God." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:6-8, 19-28 There is one among you whom you do not recognize.



(* indicates requested by)

9:00AM: For all the MSP priests, may God's grace follow them as they continue their work in the Lord's vineyard *AMSP.

For the repose of the soul of Mr. Boston Williams on the anniversary of his passing. *Tony Williams.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dominique B. Moore.

11:30AM: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Johnnie Mae Spaulding. *The Spaulding Family.

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, Tandra 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, 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.



December 3, 2017 Unity Sunday

Offertory	\$ 6145.00
Parish Bus	\$ 152.00
Deanery School	\$ 180.00
Special Collection:	
Religious Retirement	\$ 25.00

"Thank you for your generosity"



PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Dorothy W. Luke and Family on the loss of her granddaughter, Mrs. Dominique Bree-giette Moore, who passes away Sunday

December 3, 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday December 9, 2017 at Alpha and Omega Worship Center.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is Coming!

The Youth of the Parish will once again host the annual Giving Tree project. The tree with paper tags will be up on the 1st Sunday of Advent! You are asked to take a tag, purchase the gift noted, and return it **NO LATER THAN December 10th.**



Please do not turn in gifts after this date because they will not be delivered. Contact Sharon Carson @ 912-656-0286. Thank you for support in making this Christmas brighter for the for the less fortunate.

- Youth Ministry.



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.



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.



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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK	
December Calendar	
Dec. 3 Sun.	Begin Year B of the Sunday Lectionary for Mass
4 Mon.	Memorial of St. John Damascene
6 Wed.	Memorial of St. Nicholas
7 Thu.	Memorial of St. Ambrose Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8 Fri.	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of obligation)
9 Sat.	Memorial of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

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.

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.

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

Unity Choir Rehearsals will take place Thursday, December 14th & 21st at 6:00pm in the Church. Please make every effort to be there.

- Areatha Scott, Coordinator.



A Maroon & Gold Holiday St. Pius X HS Alumni Celebrates the Holiday Season St. Pius X High School Alumni Assoc. cordially invites you to a: **MAROON & GOLD HOLIDAY Sat., Dec. 16, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.** Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church 112 Fell St. - Sav., GA - Parish Hall Eat, Drink, & Be Merry! Please R.S.V.P. by December 10, 2017 to Pamela Jones - pamelac47@yahoo.com or text: 912-224-4815

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

<p>Weekend of December 9/10, 2017 12/9 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & Y. Williams 12/10 - 9:00am - M. White & T. Udowana 11:30am - R. Locke & S. Ingram</p>
<p>Weekend of December 16/17, 2017 12/16 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & E. Mason 12/17 - 9:00am - R. Marshall & T. Garvin 11:30am - "Faith Formation"</p>
<p>Weekend of December 23/24, 2017 12/23 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & Y. Williams 12/24 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & M. White 11:30am - J. Jones & J. Brown</p>
<p>December 24 - 6pm Children's Mass December 25 - Midnight Mass D. Jackson & E. Mason December 25 - Christmas Day Mass D. Perry & S. Carson</p>
<p>Weekend of December 30/31, 2017 12/30 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & Y. Williams 12/31 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & R. Marshall 11:30am - P. Hamilton & R. Locke</p>



December 13, Wednesday Advent Penance Service	7:00pm
December 16, Parish Christmas Party (Adults)	7:00pm
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 31, Sunday New Year's Eve Mass (A New Year's Eve party will be held in the Hall immediately following Mass.)	11:30pm
January 1, Monday New Year's Day Mass	10:00am

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.

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. Qualified candidates are invited to email resume and cover letter to Paige Ryan, Parish Administrator, at PRyan@mbschurch.org.

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.