



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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4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 24th, 2017, Year B

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 Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Bobbie McIver, Bldg /Maintenance

Office Hours

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

December 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

This is the shortest the Fourth Week of Advent can possibly be. Within twenty-four hours the Church will be celebrating Christmas and the birth of our Lord. It is tempting to overlook the Fourth Week of Advent this year. It seems insignificant in that it consists only of Christmas Eve, and in fact is easily overshadowed by Christmas. So too did Mary seem like an insignificant woman and Bethlehem like an insignificant town. But we know God places value in what seems to us insignificant.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 360.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will and to his transforming work in our lives

Faith and obedience are the keys that unlock the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives. God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"We walk by faith and not by sight"

(2 Corinthians 5:7)



December 16/17, 2017

Offertory	\$ 7499.00
Parish Bus	\$ 71.00
Special Collection: Christmas Flowers	\$ 54.00



**9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Mildred Francis on the anniversary of her birthday (12/23).
*Barbara McGhee.**

**11:30am: For the repose of the soul of Venzula P. Walker on the anniversary of her birthday (12/26).
*Sharon Carson & Family.**

**For the repose of the soul of George Frank Washington on the anniversary of his birthday (12/28).
*Sharon Carson & Family**

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord. 14a, 16 Psalm 89 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested. Luke 1:26-38 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Those who fear the Lord honor their parents Psalm 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways" Colossians 3:12-21 Family life in 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, Richard Mack, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Edith Washington, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey, Sharon Wingster.

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 Margartes, 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.



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.

THANK YOU

The family of Ms. Dominique Bree-giette Moore who passed away Sunday, December 3, 2017, wishes to thank all of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church Parishioners and Friends, who expressed sympathy, visited us, and prayed for us during this difficult time. Dominique was the granddaughter of Dorothy W. Luke.

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.

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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December Calendar

- 24 Sun. Vigil of Christmas
- 25 Mon. Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Holy day of obligation)
- 26 Tue. Feast of St. Stephen
- 27 Wed. Feast of St. John
- 28 Thu. Feast of the Holy Innocents
- 29 Fri. Fifth Day w/in the Octave of Christmas; Memorial of St. Thomas Becket
- 30 Sat. Sixth Day w/in the Octave of Christmas

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

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

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

December 24 - 6pm Children's Mass

December 25 - Midnight Mass

D. Jackson & E. Mason

December 25 - Christmas Day Mass

D. Perry & Y. Williams

YOUTH FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE!!

On Sunday, January 14, 2018 the Youth Ministry will have mouth-watering variety dinners for sale. Menu items include fried and baked chicken, fried fish and a special surprise with all the trimmings. Details to follow soon.



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 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. 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.

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.



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



Monday, December 25, 2017, Year B

The True Meaning of Christmas

God, I wonder how you feel,
When you see what we have done...
Have we forgot the reason for Christmas, is to celebrate your Son?

Times with friends or family, full of happiness and cheer.
God, you may look at the celebration, and say, "Why is my son not here?"

Is he being forgotten now, as he was that early morn? No room was found at the Inn,
So in a stable he was born.

Born and laid in a manger, a manger found within.
Who knew that the little Christ Child, would one day die for all our sins.

Up above the stable, a star shimmered big and bright.
To lead a world of followers, through the darkness of the night.

The people came to see him, they travelled far and wide.
To look into the stable, at our Lord and Savior inside.

A Savior who is there beside us, whenever we stumble and fall
Even when times are good, he is with us through it all.

So teach your sons and daughters, to love the Lord with all their hearts,
When you share the word of Jesus, you have truly done your part.

So before the celebrations are over, please, don't forget to say.
Thanks to our Lord Jesus, the true reason for the Christmas Day. – Anthony J. Croker.

