



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.



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When we put God first,
all other things fall into
their proper place.

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December 31st, 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 31st, 2017

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Year B

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



The feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the liturgical calendar in 1921, promoted as a way to honor the Christian family. So today not only do we honor the Holy Family, we also focus on our own families and consider how we can be like the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in their

devoted love and care for each other and in the way Mary and Joseph raised and cared for Jesus, can be a model for our own/families.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 373.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish rite of purification after childbirth. Since the family could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus was very materially poor, but the Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. We celebrate today the Holy Family; the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus - the model for our human and Church families!

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them" ~ Desmond Tutu.



December 23/24, 2017

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| Offertory | \$ 4933.10 |
| Christmas Offering | \$ 2125.00 |



11:30am: For the repose of the soul of Isaac James Blue on the anniversary of his birthday (01/01).

*The Blue Family.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Those who fear the Lord honor their parents or Genesis 15:1-6; The Lord's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled. 21:1-3 Psalm 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways" or Psalm 105 "The Lord remembers his covenant forever." Colossians 3:12-21 Family life in the Lord or 3:12-17 or Hebrews 11:8, The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom or 2:22, 39-40

Readings for Next Weekend:

Numbers 6:22-27 The Lord bless you and keep you! Psalm 67 "May God bless us in his mercy." Galatians 4:4-7 We too are the sons and daughters of God. Luke 2:16-21 Mary reflected on all these things in her heart.

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, Tamba 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 Helmy, 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.

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



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.



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.



PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Norma Jacobs & Family on the loss of her son, Mr. Karoy Jacobs, Jr., of Roswell, Ga. Who passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Private services will be held in January 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Norma J. Jacobs
121 S. Apache Gold Loop
Santa Teresa, NM 88008-9455

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

31 Sun. New Year’s Eve

January Calendar

Jan. 1 Mon. Octave Day of Christmas: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day

2 Tue. Mem. of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

3 Wed. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

4 Thu. Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5 Fri. Memorial of St. John Neumann First Friday

6 Sat. Memorial of St. André Bessette

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS’ SCHEDULE

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

January 7, 2018 Unity Mass @ 10am

D. Perry & A. Broxton

Weekend of January 13/14, 2018

01/13 – 5:30pm – D. Jackson & Y. Williams

01/14 – 9:00am – R. Marshall & B. McGhee

11:30am – J. Brown & S. Ingram

LECTORS’ SCHEDULE

Continued -

Weekend of January 20/21, 2018

01/20 – 5:30pm- A. Perry & B. Kennedy

01/21 – 9:00am – M. White & T. Udowana

11:30am – “Faith Formation”

Weekend of January 27/28, 2018

01/27 – 5:30pm – E. Mason & S. Carson

01/28 – 9:00am – J. Carter & A. Carter

11:30am – J. Jones & A. Broxton

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.



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. Forms for ordering dinners have been placed at the entrance of the Church.

JANUARY UNITY RECEPTION MEETING

If you are a January birthday or anniversary celebrant and would like to donate/participate in the Unity Mass reception, please contact Wilma Brown (659-8941) or Georgene Jones (604-7394) for more information.

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.



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| December 31, Sunday New Year’s Eve Mass | 11:30pm |
| January 1, Monday New Year’s Day Mass | 10:00am |

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.

New Parishioners & Address Changes

Please complete the following and drop it in the collection basket. If you are **over 18** we ask that you register as an **ADULT**, even if you are still living at home. Also, please let us know if you have changed parishes.

New Parishioner Moved out of parish

Change Request Call

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Comment:



Thank you... to the many helping hands for decorating our Church so beautifully this Christmas!

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Liturgies—Choir, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers & Greeters, Altar Servers!

I also thank the following:

Council of Catholic Women for so generously donated a total of \$1000 (\$500 for the Heritage Loan) & \$500 for Restoration),

And the Friends of St. Benedict for donating \$500 for School Subsidies.

I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks for all of the generous Christmas presents and goodies received over the holidays. May the New Year bring peace and serenity to you and your families.

Thanks to everyone who dedicated Christmas Pinsettias this year. We give thanks to God for all of our beloved departed and for their legacies.

May God bless the memories of their lives.

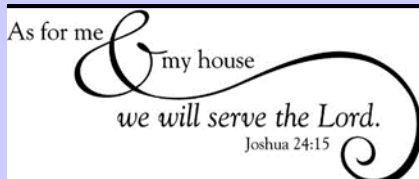


ST. VINCENT'S OPEN HOUSE

St. Vincent's Academy will hold an Open House next Sunday, January 7th at 1pm for prospective students. Students at St. Vincent's Academy begin a journey that inevitably brings them to great places, fantastic colleges and universities, and roles of leadership. They all begin here. Come and see where St. Vincent's Academy will lead you. Please join us to learn more about the SVA experience.

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.



A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright,
 even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you
 when people and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
 for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

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