



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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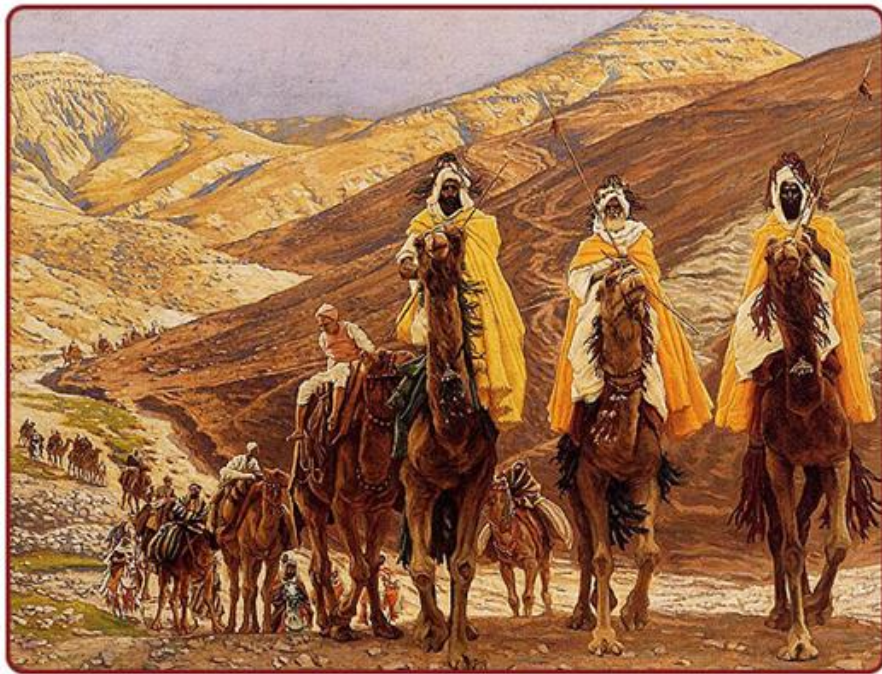
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Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018, Year B

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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. - 3:00p.m.

January 7, 2018
Epiphany of the Lord, Year B



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles whom Paul recognized as now being copartners through the gospel, and the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid him homage.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 383.

From Fr. Romanus

Key point of today's Reflection

The Manifestation of the Lord:

Our loving Lord who revealed Himself to the three wise men by the guidance of a star, so they could come and worship Him, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to lead us to Himself - to recognize and accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Just like the three wise men, we are led by the "star" on our way through life - the Spirit of Christ who dwells in us; like the three wise men, our ultimate happiness is in finding Jesus, and our final destination is in Christ Jesus Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. John 14:6). As the three wise men followed the direction of the Star, so may we follow the direction of our Good Shepherd.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (*John 10:27*).



December 30/31, 2017

Offertory	\$ 5488.00
Church Bus	\$ 50.00

For God's healing and intervention in the life of Sally Lomax. *Offered by Carole Pacheco

For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Theresa Blue on the anniversary of her birthday (01/09).

*The Blue Family

In memory of all the Waldburg Street mothers who have passed away: Blue, Bryant, Butler, Byrd, & Spaulding families.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6 *The glory of the Lord shines upon you.* Psalm 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 *The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.* Matthew 2:1-12 *We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

Readings for Next Weekend:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.* Psalm 40 "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, your bodies are members of Christ. 17-20 John 1:35-42 *They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.*

The Journey of the Magi



"The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East. Our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and of love, which we Christians recognize in Jesus,

the Light of the World."

Pope Francis stated that, in "following a light," the Three Kings actually sought "the Light. The star appearing in the sky kindled in their minds and in their hearts a light that moved them to seek the great Light of Christ. In our own journey searching for this light, the Pope emphasized that, like the Magi, every person has two great 'books' that provide the signs to guide this pilgrimage. These books, he revealed, are "the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture." What is most important, noted the Holy Father, "is that we be attentive, alert and listen to God, who speaks to us," adding that, in "listening to the Gospel, reading it, meditating on it and making it our spiritual nourishment especially enables us to encounter the living Jesus, to experience him and his love."

-Pope Francis (January 6, 2014)

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, Emma Preer, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Edith Washington, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra 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, 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, Wendy & Gary Thomas, Nathaniel Wiggins, Sarah Wiley, Narvia Williams.

To be added to the prayer list, please ask the person or their family first before requesting a name be listed. Names will remain on our prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise specified. (Office: 912-232-7147; Email: stbenedict@bellsouth.net).



UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING:

Protecting Our Youth: Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the diocesan code of conduct for working with minors prior to commencing their 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.



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

<p>January 7, 2018 Unity Mass @ 10am D. Perry & A. Broxton</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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”</p>
<p>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</p>

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.

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 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.

SUNDAY MASS via LIVESTREAM

The 10:00 AM Sunday 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 savannahcathedral.org or the diocesan website at diosav.org.

Click on the link that says “Livestream”.

THE SOCIAL APOSTOLATE is always in need of Kroger cards, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, etc. If you contribute to the United Way, please consider designating the Social Apostolate to receive your contribution.

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:

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January Calendar

- 7 Sun. - *Julian Calendar Christmas*
- 8 Mon. - *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*
- 9 Tue. - *First Week in Ordinary Time begins*
- 13 Sat. - *Memorial of St. Hilary;*
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING JUBILEE

Bishop Hartmayer invites all couples celebrating their silver or gold (25th or 50th) wedding anniversaries in 2018 to join him in celebrating the Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass in your honor at the Cathedral on Sunday: February 11, 2018. Register at <https://www.diosav.org/familylifemarriage-jubilee> as soon as possible in order to receive a formal invitation with the detailed information. Info: contact the diocesan office of Family Life, 912-201-4068.



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:15-16