



### 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 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.



This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry and must be completed

before they begin ministry. Seating is limited, and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org), and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar."

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*Advent*  
*A Season of Hope & Expectation*

*December 2, 2018*  
*First Sunday of Advent, Year C*

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  
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

#### Office Hours:

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



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First Sunday of Advent, Year C

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



During Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man

who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for his face in those we encounter.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 539.

**TAKE TEN & CONNECT**

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

**Readings This Week: Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*Daniel 7:13-14 The dominion of the Son of man is an everlasting dominion. Psalm 93 "The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty." Revelation 1:5-8 The ruler of the kings of the earth has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father. John 18:33b-37 You say I am a king.*

**Readings for the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary:**  
*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 Next Weekend:**  
*Baruch 5:1-9 God is leading Israel in joy. Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 May your love increase ever more. Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord.*

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**December Calendar**

- Dec. 2 Sun. Begin Year C of the Sunday Lectionary for Mass
- 3 Mon. Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Hanukkah begins
- 4 Tue. Memorial of St. John Damascene
- 6 Thu. Memorial of St. Nicholas
- 7 Fri. Memorial of St. Ambrose First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8 Sat. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)



**November 24/25, 2018 Unity Mass**

**Offertery**

**\$ 4765.00**

*"Thank you for your generosity"*

*From the Pastor's Desk*

*From Fr. Romanus:*

**Key point of today's Reflection**

**Waiting for the Lord's Coming:**

The Advent Season reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, aliens and exiles in this age who long for our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom, and who await with joyful hope the coming of the Lord. Indifference and the temptation to slacken off can keep us from recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and his action around us. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of the present moment or to be weighed down with troubles. The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles, and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. But there is one thing he doesn't tolerate: an attitude of indifference, being passive, not caring, and doing nothing when we could be actively seeking God and his kingdom! Is your heart hungry for God or is it weighed down by other things?

**Your "Pineapple" for the week:**

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them recline at table and will come and serve them"! (Luke 12:37).

**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. To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's Mass attendance and ministry involvement. Since weekly offertory envelopes are the primary means of determining if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask you to place your envelope in the collection basket each Sunday even if you cannot make a monetary contribution to show your attendance. Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The St. Benedict the Moor BAA Committee would like to remind everyone to please contribute towards our 2018 Campaign. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. It is the request of Fr. Romanus that we use these envelopes to submit your donations here at the Church. This will ensure that St. Benedict the Moor of Savannah is properly credited for their donations. Let's continue to strive toward success and thank you for your support.

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**



Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Georgetta Blair, Ida Branch, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Richard Mack, Margie McNeal, Suresh Persad, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Ruth Simmons, Albertha Smith, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** M. Marie Blue, Michael Allen, McKenzie Jenkins, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Julie Porter-Winfrey, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia William, Nathaniel Wiggins, A. Joseph Bryan.



**PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Adrian Battle Broxton & Family on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Battle, who passed away Thursday, November 29, 2018. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



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.

**Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?**

It isn't just a recitation of prayers, but a meditation on the grace of God. Many come to see how its meditations bring to mind the life and virtues not only of the Mother of God, but of Christ Himself.



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.



A big "THANK YOU" to Flisha Bailey and her crew, and also to all the members who so generously donated to our Annual Thanksgiving Day

Dinners Project. As usual, Felisha and the volunteers worked tirelessly to make sure that all dinners were delivered to those who eagerly awaited their Thanksgiving meal(s). Keep up the generous spirit of giving!

**TOWN HALL MEETING:**



The first of two annual Town Hall meetings for our parish will be held January 5, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Family Hall. Your interest and concerns for the church is very valuable to the growth of our faith community,

therefore the Town Hall meeting committee has placed a box at the entrance to the church for any questions that you would like to have addressed at the Town Hall. The box will be in place this weekend and next or you may drop your questions off to the church's office.

On behalf of the Town Hall Meeting committee, thank you in advance for your participation!

**Lectors**

<b>December 2</b>	<b>UNITY MASS</b> S. Carson/Y. Williams
<b>Dec 8-9</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>D. Jackson/A. Perry</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>M. White/T. Udowana</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>D. Perry/A. Broxton</b>
<b>Dec 15-16</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>T. Garvin/Y. Williams</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>J. Carter/A. Carter</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>"Faith Formation"</b>
<b>Dec 22-23</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>A. Perry/D. Jackson</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>B. McGhee/R. Marshall</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>M. Jenkins/J. Brown</b>
<b>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
	<b>Youth Mass @ 6pm "Faith Formation"</b>
	<b>Midnight Mass T. Garvin/Y. Williams</b>
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>S. Carson/A. Perry</b>
<b>Dec 29-30</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>D. Jackson/E. Mason</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>M. White/T. Udowana</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>R. Locke/J. Jones</b>

*Be Still  
and know that  
I am God*

Psalm 46:10

## Congratulations

Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. conferred the Gartland Service Award on 79 South Georgians on the Feast of Christ the King, November 25, in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist. St. Benedict the Moor's recipients were Mr. Fletcher Cross and Mrs. Phoebe Williams. The recipients are parishioners who have worked quietly behind the scenes to make a difference in parish and community life. Congratulations to these 2 deserving parishioners!



### A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO JOIN OUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (GOD'S WORK, OUR

#### WORK):

We are searching for a parishioner who has accounting background, and who will be generous with his/her time and talent to join the Parish Finance Council.

**Please, any of these two categories may not be helpful:**

- 1) Those who have accounting background, but do not have the time to attend Finance Council monthly meeting(s).
- 2) Those who have the spirit to serve, but do not have accounting background.

Please we need a dedicated Parishioner who has the spirit to serve as well as accounting background. If you can do this for us, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Romanus.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation) celebrates the solemn celebration of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated Saturday December 8, 2018 at 8:00am in the Church. The Immaculate Conception is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church and is celebrated worldwide.



### PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Parish Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come out for an evening of Dinner, dancing and celebration with your Church family. If you plan to attend the Annual Parish Christmas Party, please place your name on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church. -Thank you!



The Youth Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall from 5-8pm. All Youth of the Church are invited to come out and have a Great Time!



The Giving Tree is Here!

The Youth of the Parish will once again host the annual Giving Tree project. You are asked to take a tag, purchase the gift noted, and return it **NO LATER**

**THAN December 16<sup>th</sup>!** 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.

### 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, 2019. 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.

### OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Exciting News! A New Approach to our Parish weekly

#### Bible Study!



We are now using "Lectio Divina" method in our weekly bible study. **Lectio Divina** (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats scripture as the Living Word. In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Sunday Liturgy, we are studying the readings for the coming Sundays - we read the Sunday scriptural passages, meditate, pray and share the Word. Please join us at Bible Study every Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Hall! - Fr. Romanus.

We walk by Faith,  
not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7