



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.



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, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar."

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December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

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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
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:

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



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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

As we enter the homestretch of this season of preparation, we hear of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Their visit is filled with joy, expressed wonderfully by Elizabeth's baby (John the Baptist) leaping in her womb at the sound of Mary's voice. May these last days before Christmas fill us with joy as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts once again.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 546.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings This Week:

Micah 5:1-4a From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of Israel. Psalm 80 "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Hebrews 10:5-10 Behold, I come to do your will. Luke 1:39-45 Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. God's ways are not our ways.

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Revere your father, comfort your mother. Psalm 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways." Colossians 3:12-21 Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy. We are God's children now. Luke 2:41-52 Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.



5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Ernestine Rountree on the anniversary of her birthday (12/22).

For the repose of the soul of Venzula Walker on the anniversary of her birthday (12/26).

For the repose of the soul of George F. Walker on the anniversary of his birthday (12/28).

*All of the above Intentions requested by Sharon Carson & Family.

9:00am: Praising and thanking God for Vergie Williams as she celebrates her birthday. *Mary & Charles Robinson.

In memory of Dennis C. Bailey on the anniversary of his birthday. *Mariah Bailey & Family.

For the repose of the soul of my sister, Mildred Francis on the anniversary of her birthday (12/23). *Barbara McGhee.

For the repose of the soul of Leroy W. Simmons, Sr on the 10th anniversary of his passing. *Ruth Simmons & Family.



December 15/16, 2018

Offertory	\$ 5707.00
School	\$ 16.00
Bus	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00

"Thank you for your generosity"

From the Pastor's Desk

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

Mary placed herself at the service of other:

Mary was told that she would be the mother of the Messiah whereas her cousin Elizabeth was six months pregnant. Mary's child would be the Messiah, and Elizabeth's child would be the one to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. In other words, Elizabeth's child was only a messenger. However, Mary in her humility and in her usual way of placing herself at the service of others, travelled to the hill country of Judah to visit Elizabeth to help her in her pregnancy with domestic work until she puts to bed. It was still Mary's eagerness to help others that made her Son to perform his first miracle in Canaan. Mary, though raised by God above all other women, with great humility, placed herself at the service of others. We pray for God's grace to serve the Lord in others as our Mother, Mary did.

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

"The greatest among you must be a servant" (Matthew 23:11).

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, Tandra Williams. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dawud Patterson, 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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December Calendar

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

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.

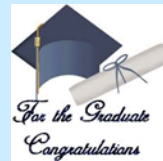
GIVING TREE THANK YOU



Thank you to Father Romanus and our St. Benedict the Moor parish family for your most generous support of the Giving Tree project. This was our best year ever! The families are most appreciative of the many gifts they received and are happy that their children will enjoy this special time of year. May you continue to be blessed as you have blessed others. Merry Christmas to each of you! *Parish Youth Ministry.



A special Thank You and much gratitude to Fr. Romanus and to my St. Benedict the Moor family for the love shown to us during this difficult time in our lives with the loss of our mother, Mrs. Jennie Battle. The calls, cards, and support meant more to us than you can imagine. God bless you all. -The Battle and Broxton Families.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kanisha Bailey on her Graduation from Ft. Valley State University on December 15, 2018. Kanisha received a Bachelor of Science I Family and Consumer Science specializing in Food and Nutrition. Kanisha is the daughter of Felisha Bailey and granddaughter of Mariah Bailey. She is also one of our Eucharistic Ministers and has always been active in our Church. We are so proud of your achievements Kanisha and wish you the best of everything!

Lectors

Dec 24th	Christmas Eve
Youth Mass @ 6pm “Faith Formation”	
Midnight Mass	T. Garvin/Y. Williams
December 25th	Christmas Day Mass
10:00am	S. Carson/A. Perry
Dec 29-30	
5:30pm	D. Jackson/E. Mason
9:00am	M. White/T. Udowana
11:30am	R. Locke/J. Jones



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jayden Jones on being selected “Student of the Month.” Jayden is an 8th grade student at Bethesda Academy, and the son of Kimberly Simmons & Steve Jones and grandson of Ruth Simmons. Way to go Jayden!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brenda Kennedy on receiving the 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Award for your service and dedication to Step Up Savannah.



CORRECTION TO ADVENT SCHEDULE
Please note: There will not be a New Year’s Eve Party.



Merry Christmas

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"Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas"

- The Star: A heavenly sign of prophesy fulfilled long ages ago – the shining hope of mankind.
- Red: The first color of Christmas symbolizing the Savior's sacrifice for all.
- Fir Tree: Evergreen – The second color of Christmas shows everlasting life.
The needles point Heavenward.
- The Bell: Rings out to guide lose sheep back to the fold.
- The Candle: A mirror of starlight reflecting our thanks for the Star of Bethlehem.
- Gift Bow: Tied as we should all be tied together in bonds of goodwill forever.
- Candy Cane: The shepherd's crook used to bring lambs back into the fold
– A reminder that we are all our brother's keeper.
- The Wreath: A Symbol of the never-ending eternal nature of love, having no beginning and no end-

Please note: The Office will be closed for normal parish business hours on December 24th & 25th.
Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Messages will be retrieved. Thank you & have a truly Blessed season!
– The Office Staff.



2018

Christmas Flowers in Honor of:

Mary H. Simmons

Ruth Simmons

Christmas Flowers in Memory of:

Leroy W. Simmons

Gilbert Jordan, Sr.

Gilbert Jordan, Jr.

Maude Jordan

Roosevelt Jordan

Fred & Zeline Foster

Patricia Hamilton

Beautine Grayson

Christopher Williams

Christmas Flowers in Memory of:

Ernestine Rountree

Catherlene Washington

Willie V. Coleman

Bennie Hillery

Florrie H. Rountree

Linda G. Rountree

Eloise Carson

James D. Carson

Venzula P. Walker

George F. Washington