



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.



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December 30, 2018

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Office Hours:

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



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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

On the Sunday after Christmas we celebrate Jesus' human family. Appropriate to the season, we usually visualize the Holy Family as they appear in the typical nativity scene: the baby Jesus lying in a manger, surrounded by his doting parents. But Joseph, Mary, and Jesus lived together for many years, through Jesus' infancy, childhood, adolescence, and maybe even into his adulthood. As we celebrate the Holy Family, let us think of the families we have been a part of, both as children and as adults.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 559-560.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

The Holy Family:

Each time we about the Holy Family, referring to the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, we got the impression that it was a perfect family that did not have any crisis and challenges as our own families do. This is not the case. What is so peculiar or distinctive about this family is that it was a family where each member listened to the voice of God in their lives and determined to put God's will in their lives above all other things. Mary was told by Angel Gabriel that she was to be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in order to be the Mother of the Messiah. She knew that in Jewish culture, if a married woman conceived outside her relationship with her husband, the Jews law states that such a woman should be stoned to death publicly. Yet, Mary accepted this responsibly in as much as God said so. When Joseph realized that Mary was pregnant, he wanted to divorce her quietly. On the contrary, God told him in a mere dream not to do so, but to take Mary as his wife. When Joseph awoke from his dream, he did just as God directed him. The teen Jesus knew that he should be under his parents, but he could not ignore the voice of his Father who sent him into the word, urging him to begin his ministry. From the example of the Holy Family, we learn that when we listen to God's will in our lives, everything will at the end be perfect; when we let the Lord His way in our lives, He leads us to the realization of the plans He has for us.

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

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

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings This Week:

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. Luke 2:41-52 Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.

Readings Next Weekend: Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 6, 2019)

Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines on all people. 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 The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



5:30pm: For God's healing touch for Crystal Williams on her road to recovery. *Willetta Williams.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December Calendar

31 Mon. Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Memorial of St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve*

January Calendar

Jan. 1 Tue. Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy day of obligation); World Day of Peace; New Year's Day

2 Wed. Memorial of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

3 Thu. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

4 Fri. Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday

5 Sat. Memorial of St. John Neumann; First Saturday



December 22/25, 2018

Offertory	\$ 5302.00
Christmas Masses	\$ 2093.00
School	\$ 267.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 235.00

"Thank you for your generosity"



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.

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: Crystal Williams, 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.

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



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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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Dear Fr. Romanus and the members of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Words cannot express the love I felt from my Church family during my illness. The visits, calls, cards, and prayers lifted me up each and every day. I am very grateful for the love and care that you showered on me. Thank you! God's blessing, Ruth Simmons.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY



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.



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.

TOWN HALL MEETING



The first of two Town Hall meetings will be held next Saturday, January 5th.

Please come out and hear firsthand the status of our parish finances, progress on the old school building and other very important matters as it relates to our church. Don't forget, next Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Family Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!
-Town Hall Meeting Committee.

Lectors

Dec 29-30	
5:30pm	D. Jackson/E. Mason
9:00am	M. White/T. Udowana
11:30am	R. Locke/J. Jones



"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice.

And to make an end is to make a new beginning."
-T. S. Eliot.



2018 Christmas Flowers in Honor of:

Bertha Lawson

Mildred Francis

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Ruth Simmons

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***Wishing you the joy of God's Christmas miracle
and the peace of His love in the New Year!**