



### 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.

*Welcome*

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## The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, Year C January 13, 2019

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
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Ruth Simmons, 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.

January 13, 2019

**Baptism of the Lord, Year C**

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

We conclude the Christmas season today with the feast of the Lord's baptism. Saint Luke has already told us how the angels, the shepherds, and the magi have attested to the holiness of this child. Today we hear God call out from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Let us each reflect today on our own baptism, when we were recognized as a child of God. May God be well pleased.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 571.



5:30pm: In memory of Edward Robinson, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday (01/14).  
\*Delores P. Robinson & Family.

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus and all MSP Priests as they continue their work in the Lord's vineyard.  
\*AMSP.

For God's continued blessings for Johnny Luke on his birthday (01/16).

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**January Calendar**

- 14 Mon. First Week in Ordinary Time begins; Begin Year 1 of the Weekday Lectionary for Mass
- 17 Thu. Memorial of St. Anthony
- 18 Fri. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (1/18-1/25)
- 19 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**January 6, 2019 Unity Sunday**

Offertory	\$ 6651.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 607.00

*"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.



Freddie O. Johnson

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**From Fr. Romanus:**

**Key point of today's Reflection**

**Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation:**

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened, and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation. We are baptized into Christ; at own baptism, we were buried with Christ in order to rise with him; at baptism, we become children of God and are incorporated into God's family, the Church. At baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit to help us live our Christian life. We need the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and to empower us. We cannot serve the Lord and do his will without the help of the Holy Spirit, "Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Christ received the Spirit from the Father to enable him carry out his ministry. Likewise, we received the Holy Spirit at our baptism to enable us to live our Christian life. Let us renew the Spirit of God that we received at our baptism!

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

"For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6).

**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, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Albertha Smith, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra 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 Williams, Nathaniel Wiggins, A. Joseph Bryan.

## PARISH SYMPATHY



Parish condolences to Vergie Williams and family on the loss of her niece, Mrs. Doris Alexander, who passed away December 31, 2018. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday January 14, 2019 at Resurrection of Our Lord Church at 11:00am. Mrs. Alexander is the daughter of Charles and Mary Robinson.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**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.

## 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.

## PARISH CENSUS



Our parish census has begun! Thank you to those households who have completed and returned their census form. The purpose of conducting this census is to obtain an accurate count of our parishioners which determines the Diocese financial assessment of our parish. Our goal is to complete this project by January 31, 2019. It is therefore critical that your census form is received as soon as possible. Completed forms may be given to our Ushers at Mass or delivered to our Parish staff during office hours.

If your household have not obtained a census form, they will be available for pickup from members of the Census Committee, in self-addressed return envelopes, after each Mass for the next two weeks. Your support and cooperation of this very important count is greatly appreciated. -Parish Census Committee.

## United States Conference of Catholic

### Bishops

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 14-22, 2019

**9 Days for Life** is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, related information, and suggested actions.

Join to receive the novena through the

**9 Days for Life** app,

daily emails, or daily texts at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

*"Worship is giving God the best that He has given you. Be careful what you do with the best you have. Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to Him as a love gift." -Oswald Chambers*

## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY OYSTER ROAST

St. Michael Catholic Church will be hosting a "Super Bowl Sunday" Oyster Roast on Sunday February 3, 2019 at Tybee Island Memorial Park (402 Jones Av, Tybee Island) from 1-5pm. Cost: \$30/pp. All are invited to socialize over delicious food and find out the winner of the reverse raffle Grand Prize of \$7500 cash. Other prizes will be given away as well!

## CONVENT CRAWL



To register: What is it?  
It's an opportunity to visit with Catholic Sisters in their residences and hear their stories. You will meet sisters from six different religious

orders who minister in Savannah. We will meet in the parking lot at the Catholic Pastoral Center and spend the day traveling to four residences. Start: Saturday January 26, 2019 @ 12:30p at the Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center. Who: All single women between the ages of 16-35. To register contact: Sr. Donna Jo Loeper, SSJ at 912-484-7860 or e-mail [donnaloeper@comcast.net](mailto:donnaloeper@comcast.net) by January 21. Limited to 15 participants.

## Lectors

### Jan 12-13

5:30pm E. Mason/Y. Williams

9:00am J. Carter/A. Carter

11:30am M. Jenkins/A. Broxton

### Jan 19-20

5:30pm D. Jackson/K. Chappell-Stevens

9:30am R. Marshall/B. McGhee

11:30am "Faith Formation"

### Jan 26-27

5:30pm S. Carson/A. Perry

9:30am T. Garvin/M. Jenkins

11:30am J. Tolbert/J. Brown

February 3 Unity Mass

J. Jones/A. Broxton

## AMSP NEWS!



The Associate Missionaries of St Paul (AMSP) is inviting everyone on Friday January 25, 2019 to celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. Mass will begin at 6:00pm in the Church with refreshments following in the Parish

Hall.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

'Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.' – Robert Louis Stevenson

## 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](http://savannahcathedral.org) or the diocesan website at [diosav.org](http://diosav.org).

Click on the link that says "Livestream".

## JANUARY ROSARY FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION

The Diocese of Jefferson City will be leading a rosary with special intentions for the healing of survivors of abuse and the protection of minors. Please join in prayer on Thursday, January 17th at 2pm ET. The prayers will be live-streamed to the Diocese's social media feeds

(<https://www.facebook.com/diojeffcity/>), as well as the USCCB's.

The Diocesan Office of Family Life invites you to pray with us in a

Special Mass with Bishop Hartmayer for the  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

January 22, 2019

Noon

Chapel - Catholic Pastoral Center  
2170 E Victory Drive, Savannah

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



O God, hear our prayer  
And let our cry come unto You.  
Bless our Diocese of Savannah  
With many vocations to the Priesthood,  
Diaconate, and Religious Life.

Give the men and women You call  
The light to understand Your gift  
And the love to follow always  
In the footsteps of Your Priestly Son.  
Amen.