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**Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church**

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**March 28, 2021**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord , Year B**

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**Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary**  
**Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education**  
**Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson**  
**Carl Hayes, Finance Chairperson**  
**Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance**

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**Please remember to follow our Parish Covid-19 safety guidelines:**

- 1. Please read carefully the Covid-19 information provided at the entrance of the church.**
- 2. For your protection and for the safety of others, masks are highly recommended at Mass.**
- 3. Sanitizer is available for use at the entrance of the church. Please use it before coming into the church. There is also a sanitizer bottle in each pew.**
- 4. There is social distancing seating arrangement. Please it is critical that you follow the directions of the Ushers.**
- 5. Please observe social distancing also when leaving the church. Please do not socialize outside the church. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people. Do not gather in groups.**

## Introduction to the Blessing of Branches

Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

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### Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

(from your personal Sunday Missal – Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2021)

The Procession Gospel : Page 249

Gospel: Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16

Antiphon

First Reading: Page 258

Responsorial Psalm: Page 258 and 259

Second Reading: Page 259

Gospel Acclamation: Page 260

Christ's Passion begins: Page 261

### Order of Mass (Pages 10 to 77):

Act of Contrition (I confess...): Page 12

Profession of Faith (The Nicene Creed: Page 18

The Lord's Prayer: Page 72

Lamb of God: Page: 74

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### Mass Intentions:

**9:30am:** For the repose of the soul of my sister, Mildred Francis on the anniversary of her passing (03/20/13. \*Barbara & Bill McGhee.

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### *Parish Giving* March 21, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5446.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 10.00
Parish Bus	\$ 10.00
Easter Offering	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 17.00

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

**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.

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### **FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

#### **March Calendar**

29 Sun. - Monday of Holy Week

30 Tue. - Tuesday of Holy Week

31 Thu. - Wednesday of Holy Week

#### **April Calendar**

1 Thur. Holy Thursday; Lent ends at sundown. The Paschal Triduum of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of the Lord; Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**2 Fri. Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

3 Sat. Holy Saturday: The Paschal Sabbath Preparatory rites for Baptism

Vigil of Easter: Nightwatch of the Resurrection of the Lord

**4 Sun. Easter Sunday**



### **Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound**

Michael Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, Carmen Broussard, William & Odessa Bryant, James Cain, Shawn Chaney, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Margaret Jones, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Margie McNeal, Dawud Patterson, Adriene Perry, Sr., Adriene Perry, Jr., Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Lucille Singleton, Marie Small, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Jeanette Westley Margaret Weston, Deveira Wiggins, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Yvonne Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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### **2021 STATIONS of the CROSS**

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

**Friday @3:00pm**

**April 2 – Legion of Mary and Choirs**

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**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel, and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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#### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAM:**

##### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Wednesday of Lent  
In the Church from 5PM – 6PM

##### **Holy Thursday (April 1, 2021)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6PM  
(\*No washing of the feet)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass  
until 12 mid-night

##### **Good Friday (April 2, 2021)**

Stations of the Cross: 3:00PM  
Good Friday Ceremonies: 6:00PM

##### **Holy Saturday (April 3, 2021)**

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00PM

##### **Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021)**

Easter Sunday Masses: 9:30AM & 11:30AM

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#### **RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAYS**

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – 4:00-5:00 PM  
Resurrection of Our Lord – 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Sacred Heart – 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
St. Anne, Richmond Hill – 6:00-6:45 PM  
St. Benedict the Moor – 5:00-6:00 PM  
St. Boniface, Springfield – 5:30-6:30 PM  
St. James – 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
St. Michael's, Tybee Island – 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
Blessed Sacrament 4:00-5:00 PM.

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"A **VIRTUS** class training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>) and must be completed before they begin ministry.

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***\*PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL  
PHONES!  
Thank you.***

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#### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Jerome Grayson and Family on the loss of his father, Mr. James Henry Carswell who passed away Saturday March 19, 2021. Graveside services were held Thursday March 25, 2021 in Clyo, Georgia. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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#### **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.**

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#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

The next Baptism will be held Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please contact Sharon Carson at 656-0286 or Theresa Garvin at 507-7553.

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#### **VIRTUS CLASSES ON ZOOM**

This training is required for all who provide either paid or volunteer ministry in our diocese who in the course of their ministry come into contact with minors. To register for VIRTUS training, go to [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org) and look for instructions under the "How Do I ..." drop down menu. For questions or more information, contact Joan Altmeyer at [jbaltmeyer@diosav.org](mailto:jbaltmeyer@diosav.org) or 201-4074.

### **EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Each year on Easter Sunday, a special collection is taken up to benefit the Retirement Fund for the priests of Savannah. This collection provides a very important contribution to the pension fund for our diocesan priests. Your contribution to this important collection will help our retired priests take care of themselves in their later years. We thank you for your generosity and gratitude for the service of the priests of the diocese.

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### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & MASS INTENTIONS:**

To submit any news for the parish bulletin, please send your email to: [stbenedict@bellsouth.net](mailto:stbenedict@bellsouth.net) or call the Parish office (232-7147) by 12 noon on Wednesday. Please note that we reserve the right to edit for space. Thank you!

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### **2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it soon. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Please be generous in your sharing. -Thank you.

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a drive-through fish fry on the evening of Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 5:45 and 6:30 - 7:15 in front of the St Benedict the Moor Parish Hall. No need to get out of your car. Just drive up to the entrance on Gordon Street and we will bring your dinners to your car. Dinners are \$5 each.

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### **SOCIAL APOSTOLATE**

#### **March Food Drive**

The need for assistance has never been greater at this time with so many are struggling to provide food for their family. We can help the Social Apostolate right here in Savannah. They bring hope and provides support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. March is the month for the Cathedral to "stock the pantry" at the Social Apostolate. The needed items are: Tuna, Salmon, Canned Ham, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast foods, Hearty Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Jams/Jellies and Canned Vegetables and Fruit. Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Church entry. Please check expiration dates and no industrial sizes. Thank you from the Christian Service Committee and the Social Apostolate!

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### **“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”:**

Jesus humbly went to Jerusalem knowing that betrayal, rejection, suffering, and death awaited him there. A donkey is a sign of humility and peace. A warrior would ride on a horse signifying strength and power, but Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords rides on a borrowed donkey into Jerusalem to suffer and to die for our sake. Hardly did He enter Jerusalem than the crowd who praising Him turned against Him. The crowd who was shouting Hosanna to the King was the same crowd shouting “Crucify Him, Crucify Him!” We all sing this hymn, “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”? We all thank Veronica for wiping the face of Jesus. But the fact remains that the suffering of Christ is not a thing of the past that has nothing to do with us. Jesus is still suffering in the world today; Jesus is still suffering in those who are persecuted; He is suffering in those who have nothing to eat in this world of abundance; He is still bleeding because of our sin. You have a character to play in the Passion of Christ. You can choose to be the “Veronica” who wiped the face of Jesus by doing what is pleasing to Him. You can be the man who allowed Jesus to borrow his donkey. You can be Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus to carry His Cross. We all were there when they crucified Him, because we still play the characters of those who were present when they crucified Jesus. Are you for Jesus or against Him?

### **Your Pineapple for the week:**

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters" (Matthew 12:30).