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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday, Year B
Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord
The Mass of Easter

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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 Liturgy of the Day

Alleluia! Our Lord has risen from the tomb. He has conquered death. He has redeemed us from our sins. Nearly two thousand years later, we celebrate it as if it is happening today. For it is happening today. Jesus Christ is risen, death is defeated, redemption is here. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his supreme sacrifice, let us praise God for the promise of eternal life, let us sing out in joy, for our Lord is risen today.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

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The Blessing of the Fire & Preparation of the Candle: - Page 320

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April Calendar

4 Sun. Passover ends Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

5 Mon. Solemnity of Monday within the Octave of Easter

6 Tue. Solemnity of Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7 Wed. Solemnity of Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8 Thu. Solemnity of Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9 Fri. Solemnity of Friday within the Octave of Easter

10 Sat. Solemnity of Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Mass Intentions:

8:00pm: In honor of Delores Robinson.

*The Robinson Family.

9:30am: In honor of Jessika Cabel.

*Ronald Martin.

In honor of Delores Robinson.

*The Robinson family.

In loving memory of Zeline Foster on the anniversary of her birthday.

*Frances B. Calvert.

In loving memory of Clarence John Bailey, Sr. on the anniversary of his passing (04/08).

*Mariah Bailey & family.

11:30am: In honor of Delores Robinson.

*The Robinson family.

In loving memory of Zeline Foster.

*Frances B. Calvert.

In loving memory of my parents; Isabelle Dowse Waters (04/04) & Warner W. Waters (4/22).

*Anne Lipsey.

In loving memory of Uncle Isaac Dowse(4/10).

*Anne Lipsey.

Parish Giving March 28, 2021

Offertory	\$4056.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 5.00
Parish Bus	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 50.00
	\$

"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.

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



**Please Pray for our Sick &
Homebound**

Michael Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, Carmen Broussard, Sylvester Brown, William & Odessa Bryant, James Cain, Shawn Chaney, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Ida Cruse, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Margaret Jones, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Margie McNeal, Dawud Patterson, Adriene Perry, Sr., Adriene Perry, Jr., Evelyn Porter, 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, Sharon Wingster, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL - Seeking a School Custodian Interacts with people in a friendly and professional manner, following school policies. Keeps assigned work areas clean both in the building and outside. Moves furniture, equipment and materials as needed (include setting up and taking down tables & chairs for events.) Schedule: 8-hour day (some weekends and occasional nights) Salary: \$13 to \$15.00 per hour Comprehensive Benefits Package Available: Healthcare, Dental, 401k, Vacation To apply please call 912-356-6987 or email Alex Swanger at aswanger@bss-savannah.org

INFANT BAPTISM

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

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.

Easter Flower Offering



In Honor of Ida Cruse

In Honor of Delores Robinson

*In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel
(Bernice) Howard, Sr.*

In Memory of Louise Kennedy Curry

In Memory of Sheila B. Howard

In Memory of Leroy Boles

*In Memory of the deceased members of the
Carson, Rountree, Coleman, Washington,
Henderson & Hillery families.*

In Memory of Venzula P. Walker

In Memory of Isabelle & Warner Waters

**"Happy Easter"
The Parish office will be closed Monday
April 5, 2021 and reopen on Tuesday.
Have a Blessed Easter!!!**



"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.

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

THANK YOU

Jerome Grayson and family would like to thank Fr. Romanus and everyone for all the acts of love, the prayers and calls or any act of sympathy shown at the time of the loss of my father, Mr. James H. Carswell. May God continue to bless you and St. Benedict the Moor.

Readings for the Week Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

He is Risen!

The disciples thought that the death of Jesus was the end of the story. They were saddened and disappointed. In their frustration, they went back to their old profession, fishing – for they were fishermen. Unlike the disciples, those dedicated women who followed Jesus throughout His Passion did not give up. They loved Jesus deeply and even without any of the disciples accompanying them to the tomb, they took it upon themselves to visit the tomb of Jesus first thing on Sunday morning. It was then that the Angel announced to them that the Lord is risen as He said! Come to think about it, if those women did not visit the tomb, the story would have been different. Our Lord

reveals Himself for those who seek Him with all their heart. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). "I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me" (Proverbs 8:17). "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). The women sought the Lord and they found Him!

Furthermore, those faithful women went out to testify what they saw. They went in search of the disciples to share with them what the Angel had told them – the Lord is risen, and the tomb is empty! Based on the testimony of those women, the disciples came to experience the resurrection of the Lord.

My dear people of God, one of our greatest shortcomings as Catholics is that we do not share our personal story with our friends and families. The women shared their personal experience of the resurrection and through their sharing, we all came to believe. The experience of those women who witnessed the resurrection of the Lord has become our own experience, and we are called upon to testify to the whole world that the Lord is risen, both by our words and our deeds. Talk to people about Jesus; invite people like those women to "come and see" (John 1:39). Invite people to attend Mass and Parish spiritual events. Testify that the Lord is risen – talk about the risen Christ to your family, friends and neighbors; invite them to come and witness the resurrection in Church worships and spiritual events. Like those women, let us spread the Good News! Let us share our personal story with our brothers and sisters – we cannot go to heaven alone; we must bring some people with us!

Your Pineapple for the week:

The Lord is risen, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).