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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Shirley West, Admin Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Carl Hayes, Finance Chairperson
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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

“Lord, have mercy,” we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. Today we celebrate that divine mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always be able to receive that tender mercy.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 376

Responsorial Psalm: Page 376 and 377

Second Reading: Page 377

Gospel Acclamation: Page 378

Gospel: Page 378 & 379

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

Sign of Peace: Page 73

Lamb of God: Page: 74

Invitation to Communion: Page 75

Divine Mercy Prayer

Lord our God,
in this great sacrament we come into the presence
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our
salvation.

May we who declare our faith in this fountain of
love and mercy

drink from it the water of everlasting life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

Mass Intentions:

9:30am: In loving memory of our brother, Freddie Johnson, on the anniversary of his passing.

*Sharon Wingster, Rosetta Brown, Ida Cruse.

11:30am: In honor of Brylen Jones.

*Ronald Martin.

Parish Giving

April 1 thru April 4, 2021

Offertory	\$ 8788.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 155.00
Parish Bus	\$ 130.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 227.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 520.00
Holy Places Palestine	\$ 191.00

“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 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, Bobbie McIver, 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, Christine Wiggins, 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 -

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, located in Savannah, Georgia, is seeking an energetic, exemplary, and passionate **middle school math teacher**. Must be a self-driven, visionary thinker who desires to make a meaningful difference for our students as thinkers and learners of mathematics. Certification and/or degree required. Exemplary instructors should apply to Lynn Brown, Principal at lbrown@bss-savannah.org.

Blessed Sacrament School - seeking a teacher who is passionate about both **middle school math and science**. This is a split position instructing life science and mathematics instruction in middle school. Exemplary instructors should apply to Lynn Brown, Principal at lbrown@bss-savannah.org.

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.

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:

*Mr. & Mrs. Marian Rockwood
Ida Cruse Delores Robinson
Virginia Richardson Clarence Williams*

In Memory of :

*Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel (Bernice) Howard, Sr.
Louise Kennedy Curry Sheila B. Howard
Leroy Boles Venzula P. Walker
Isabelle & Warner Waters Kelvin Lee
Clementine Thurman Ollie Mae Polk
Clarence H. Davis Addie Davis
Thomas Sanders Harriett Sanders
Lester B. Johnson, Jr. Anne Antol
Roní Clark Lil Terry
Clifford Perry, Jr. Georgetta Brown
Leroy W. Simmons James J. Holmes*

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

*James Grant Zachary Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. Suresh Persad
Margaret Betz Clareatha Bivins
Joyce Jones*



"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 ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES!**
Thank you.

Fr. Romanus would like to thank all the ministries, parish council, staff, volunteers, and of course our parishioners who help to make our Lenten and Easter services such a joyful celebration.

“Rejoice! He is Risen!”

PASTOR’S REFLECTIONS

“We have seen the Lord”:

Jesus told His disciples shortly before His Passion that “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee” (Matthew 26:31-32). In today’s gospel, the Lord fulfils His promise; He meets His disciples in Galilee as He promised. Though the disciples abandoned their Master during His Passion as Jesus foretold, He still looked for them after His resurrection. For “If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself” (2 Timothy 2:13).

Jesus did something which only love, and trust can do. He commissioned His weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. He sent them out, just as the Father has sent Him, regardless the fact that they abandoned Him, and even denied Him. The Lord Jesus is not so much interested in our past as He is interested in what He will make of us if we are willing to allow Him to use us as His instrument. He called His first disciples and He now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as He gave His first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so He breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The disciples were together and locked themselves inside the house for the fear of the Jews when Jesus appeared to them. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of isolating himself from the other disciples. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow disciples. Thomas was not there with the others, and Jesus did not appear to him as an individual. The Lord is always present whenever we gather in His name. “For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20). He wants us to be united and to work together as His body. If Thomas had not joined the disciples later, he would not have experienced the risen Lord.

My dear people of God let us make it our responsibility to encourage our brothers and sisters who do not come to Church to join the Community of believers – the Church, for the Lord is always with us in a very special way when we gather in His name. Thomas was able to join the disciples because the other disciples told him that the Lord appeared to them and encouraged him to join them. Let us do the same to our brothers and sisters who do not come to Church. We are called to share our experience of the Lord with our brothers and sisters just as the disciples told Thomas that they have seen the Lord.

Your Pineapple for the week:

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit- fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you” (John 15:16).