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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 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

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he remains in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 390
Responsorial Psalm: Page 390-391
Second Reading: Page 391
Gospel Acclamation: Page 391-392
Gospel: Page 392

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

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

May Calendar

3 Mon. Feast of Ss. Philip and James
5 Wed. Cinco de Mayo
6 Thu. National Day of Prayer
7 Fri. First Friday

Parish Giving April 25, 2021

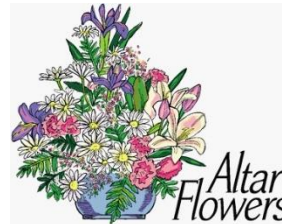
Offertory	\$ 3814.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 5.00
Parish Bus	\$ 6.00
Cath Home Missions	\$ 235.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

Mass Intentions:

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of James D. Carson on the anniversary of his birthday.
*Sharon Carson & 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.



the Mass.

-Fresh Altar flower arrangements have been graciously donated by the St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Council of Women for the month of May to glorify God and enhance the celebration of



"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 Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Michael Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, Carmen Broussard, William & Odessa Bryant, James Cain, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, 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., 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.

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.

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH – JOB OPENING

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an opening for an Information Technology Manager. This position is responsible for managing all organization technologies and providing technology support and training. Primary duties include analyzing systems and processes; maintaining workstations and networks and providing consulting services to parishes and schools. Specifically, the position manages and maintains Microsoft Windows applications, Microsoft Exchange, ADP Payroll and Serenity Financial systems, manages network operations, conducts technology briefing and training, and insures technology documentation/certificates, performs routine preventative maintenance on hardware and software, and develops and maintains technology policies, standards, and procedures manual.

The ideal candidate will have a degree in Information Technology and a minimum of two years' work experience; preference will be given to a candidate who is a practicing Catholic. The Diocese of Savannah offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefit package.

Interested candidates should send their resume, a minimum of three references and salary requirements to:

Director of Human Resources
601 E. Liberty St.
Savannah, GA 31401
Fax: 912-201-4101
E-mail: jagreen@diosav.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St Benedict the Moor Knights of Columbus are having a Boston Butt Sale. The cost is \$25. Pickup date is Saturday May 29th at Jones Red & White. Ticket required.

They are also selling tickets for their annual state raffle on May 15th. 1st Prize is \$5,000. 2nd Prize is \$2,500. 3rd Prize is \$1,000. See any Knight to purchase a ticket.

STEADFAST IN FAITH – ACA APPEAL

Please consider a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal and send in one of the ACA envelopes that are available. Currently, 24% of our parishioners have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, bringing us to 34% of our goal of \$30,839.00. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received. Please be generous in your sharing.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your personal faith and participate more fully in your church community? Additional Lectors and Ushers are needed for weekend Masses. Learn more by contacting Torrance Garvin or Mac Singleton or call the parish office at 912-232-7147.

Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, bless this our land and nation and may we be defended by justice, good laws, love amongst ourselves and good neighborliness.

Guide, Guard and **protect** us from fear, confusion, natural and man-made calamities and all wars, except the war of fighting the evil one.

Show Your wisdom and love to all our leaders including our president and other leaders in the government and also our statesmen, so that they may have good vision to steer us into a Peaceful, Loving, United and **Prosperous** nation.

God our creator, Make all the people of this land know that You created them and that You have a will that You would like everybody to fulfill while we are here on earth. Help us to **fathom**, discern and clearly know Your will, so that we can fulfill it and help all the other nations know Your will too.

We pray all these through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kanisha Mariah Bailey will be receiving a Masters of Public Health in Health Education and Health Promotion from the University of Alabama on Saturday May 1, 2021 at 7pm in Tuscaloosa Alabama. Again, Congratulations to Kanisha and may God continue to bless her. Kanisha is the daughter of Felisha Bailey & granddaughter of Marish Baily.

IT'S BACK!!!

CATHOLIC NIGHT @ BALLPARK

Catholic Night @ the Ball Park
\$18/ticket includes

All-you-can-eat concessions!
Children 3 and under are FREE!

<https://bananas.isportstix.com/order/group/savdiocese>

Go Bananas!

Tuesday, June 1

Grayson Stadium, Savannah

Gates open at 5:30pm

Benefitting the Social Apostolate of Savannah

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

May 8-9

5:30pm	Edna Mason Dominique Jackson
8:00am	Sharon Carson Georgene Jones
9:30am	Dianne Williams Torrance Garvin
11:00am	Juliette Tolbert Matthew Jenkins

May 15-16

5:30pm	Sharon Carson Adrienne Perry
8:00am	Robert Locke Edna Mason
8:30am	Joseph Carter Alicia Carter
11:00am	"Faith Formation"

May 22-23

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson Yvonne Williams
8:00am	Joseph Carter Alicia Carter
9:30am	Juliette Tolbert Melanie Jenkins-White
11:00am	Donald Perry Kathy Stewart

May 29-30

5:30pm	Edna Mason Georgene Jones
8:00am	Torrance Garvin Sharon Carson
9:30am	Dianne Williams Adrienne Perry
11:00am	Robert Locke Joyce Jones

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Be Rooted in the Lord:

In today's Gospel, Christ explains the intimate union that must exist between Him and His followers, using the image of a vine and its branches. His Father is the vinedresser who would prune the fruitful branches and cut off the useless ones.

When Jesus calls himself the true vine, He makes it clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless one is rooted in God and in His life-giving word. A branch cannot bear fruit on its own – for us to bear fruit, we must be rooted in the tree of life as described in the book of Revelation:

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations (22:1-2).

Christ is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully imbedded into the true "vineyard of the Lord". We have no power of our own to do the will of God. As branches, we will wither and die unless we remain attached, that is, united with the Lord – the Vine! Our good acts are done under the influence of Grace. When we are united with Christ, we gain the Grace that helps us to do good works and to grow in spirit.

Your Pineapple for the week:

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me". (John 15:4).