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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

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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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love just as he remains in his Father's love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first lasting bond we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted as mothers in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ's love.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 394-395

Responsorial Psalm: Page 395-396

Second Reading: Page 396

Gospel Acclamation: Page 396

Gospel: Page 397

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

9 Sun. Mother's Day

10 Mon. Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster

12 Wed. Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus,
Memorial of St. Pancras

13 Thu. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
(Holy day of obligation in some dioceses),
Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

14 Fri. Feast of St. Matthias

15 Sat. Memorial of St. Isidore Armed Forces
Day International Day of Families

Mass Intentions:

5:30pm: For the repose of the souls of
Marilyn Jackson, Julia Jackson, Lucille Striggles,
Mattie Glover, and Helen White on Mother's Day.
*offered by Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:30am: For Fr. Romanus and all of the MSP
Priests as they continue their work in the Lord's
vineyard.

*offered by the AMSP.

*Happy Mother's Day to all our moms!
At all our Masses, we will remember our
moms living and deceased.*

Mothers:

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she
can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with
wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her
tongue. She watches over the affairs of her
household and does not eat the bread of
idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her"*

Proverbs 31:24-28

*The month of May is also dedicated to our
Blessed Mother.*



-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 the Mass.



"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.

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.**



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, Irene Kalu, Anne Lipsey, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Dawud Patterson, Adriene Perry, Sr., Adriene Perry, Jr., Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Lucille Singleton, Marie Small, Cornelius St. Mark, 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.

Parish Giving May 2, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5901.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 205.00
Parish Bus	\$ 140.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

PRAYER & ACTION

Prayer and Action is a summer Catholic mission experience hosted by the Diocese of Savannah that offers high school students a mission experience in their own diocese. This low-cost mission trip experience offers students an opportunity to dive deeper into their relationship with Christ while serving people in their own community and growing deeper in faith with peers from around the Diocese of Savannah and beyond.

The program was named after a quote about Mary from Pope Saint John Paul II that emphasized Mary's dedication to both prayer *and* action.

Prayer and Action is open to all high school students, including those entering 9th grade in the Fall and to any current seniors who will be graduating in the Spring. If bringing a parish group, we require one adult chaperone (21 years or older) for every seven youth. If you bring both boys and girls, you must bring both male and female chaperones. Adult chaperones must be Safe Environment Compliant in their own diocese and be Diocesan approved.

June 20-25 – St. Peter the Apostle, Savannah

June 27-July 2 – Aquinas High School, Augusta

Find out more at:

<https://diosav.org/youth/events/prayer-and-action-mission-high-school>

Register at dioreg.org/register

For questions, email cebberwein@diosav.org

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jayden Jones who was crowned King of the Mister/Miss SSU Tiger Students of Today and Tomorrow Fundraiser on April 25, 2021. The participants will receive a percentage of the funds they raised for a future enrollment. A special thanks to Mrs. Barbara McGhee who served as one of the co-chairs. Thanks to Mrs. Clareth Bivens and everyone who supported him.

Congratulations again to Jayden Jones on receiving the Student Leadership Program's Student Excellence Award for 2020-2021! Jayden is the grandson of Ruth Simmons!

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.

IT'S BACK!!!

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE 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 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

Love One Another as I Have Loved You:

St. John tells us that "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:8). This is the very reason God created us – to share in the love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He created us to share in the Trinitarian perfect love and unity. God has no flesh, yet He said, "Let us make man in our own

image and likeness" (Genesis 1:26). What then is the image and likeness of God? St. John tells us that for us to be in His image and likeness, we must love one another for God is Love. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that He was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up His life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange - the Father giving up His Son to death on the cross in order to give us abundant everlasting life and adopt us as His beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

Jesus asked His disciples as He asks all of us today to remain in His love. He made it clear that to remain in His love is to keep His commandment of love – "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). This means we must love one another before we can resemble God, of whose image is love.

Is it a coincidence that Jesus is asking us to remain in His love on Mother's Day? Just as a good mother pleads with her child to remain in her love and stay out of trouble, so is Jesus asking us to remain in His love and be saved. No matter how one loves the mother, but hates the siblings, a mother will not cherish such a love if the siblings are not included. A mother's joy is full when she sees all her children live in love, peace, and unity. In the same way, St. John tells us that "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar" (1 John 4:20). We are one family of God and God is pleased when we love our brothers and sisters.

Your pineapple for the week:

"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1 John 4:20).