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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
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May 16, 2021
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Year B

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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

Today we celebrate a special day in the history of the Church. On the day Jesus ascended to heaven to remain with his Father, he commanded his disciples to carry on his ministry, proclaiming the good news to the whole world. Now we are that whole world. Now we are those disciples. May Christ, whom we encounter as we gather together and receive in the Eucharist on this holy day, strengthen our resolve to spread the good news in our world today.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 399
Responsorial Psalm: Page 400
Second Reading: Page 401
Gospel Acclamation: Page 402
Gospel: Page 402-403

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

18 Tue. Memorial of St. John I
20 Thu. Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena
21 Fri. Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions; World Day for Cultural Diversity
22 Sat. Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia

Parish Giving May 9, 2021

Offertory	\$5825.00
Deanery Schools	\$55.00
Parish Bus	\$25.00
Cath Home Missions	\$

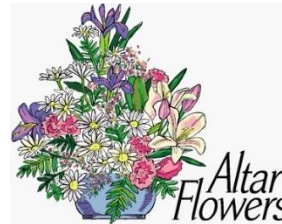
"Thank You for Your Generosity"

THANK YOU

Thank you to Father Romanus and the Knights of Columbus for the special gifts we received for Mother's Day. We are so appreciative of all of you!

- Mothers of St. Benedict the Moor

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, Dawud Patterson, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Lucille Singleton, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Jeanette Westley Margaret Weston, Deveira Wiggins, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra 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

Parish sympathy to Beverly and Cheryl Small on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Marie Small, who passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2021. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Catholic Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be a combined choir rehearsal for all choir members on Tuesday, May 18th at 6p.m. in the church. All are asked to attend. Thank you - Areatha Scott.

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.

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 Sharon Carson 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.**

PARISH CONDOLENCES

IT'S BACK!!!

CATHOLIC NIGHT at 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

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The Lord is with us as He promised:

Jesus came on earth to carry out His Father's eternal plan of salvation for all people. Having fulfilled His Father's will, He returned with His risen, glorified body to take His place of honor in heaven as God. However, prior to this, Christ solemnly commissioned His Apostles, and through them their successors, to bring the good news of what had been done for them to all peoples. It was expected that the Apostles would be frightened at the thought of such a difficult task, He promised to be with them always encouraging and confirming them.

Through the Apostles, we have received the Sacrament of Baptism, which He instituted on that Ascension Day, as the door which admits us to His family and makes us part of His Body – the Church. He left also with His Church which He founded, all the other aids necessary for our salvation, especially the gift of Himself in the Blessed Eucharist to be our spiritual food for the journey.

Our saving Lord did not only win salvation for us, but He put the means of salvation within the easy reach of all people of all time. During His Ascension on the Mount of Olives, when commissioning His Apostles, Christ had you and me before His eyes. "A thousand years in the Lord's sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night" (Psalm 90:4). For Him, everything is present to His infinite mind – He was thinking about you and me!

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives

to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of His Holy Spirit.

Your Pineapple for the week:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

May 15-16

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

May 22-23

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Adrienne Perry
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 Yvonne Williams
8:00am Torrance Garvin Sharon Carson
9:30am Dianne Williams Georgene Jones
11:00am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

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.