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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 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
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi), Year B**

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we offer simple gifts of bread and wine that become Christ's Body and Blood for all to share. These basic staples of food and drink that we bring to the table become the flesh and blood of our Savior. His Body and Blood nourish us as we carry out his mission. Most of us realize now how much we miss receiving the Eucharist for an extended period of time. Therefore, let us approach the table of the Lord today in joy and gratitude for God's abiding presence in this sacred meal.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 434
Responsorial Psalm: Page 434
Second Reading: Page 435
Sequence (Short Version) Page
Gospel Acclamation: Page 435
Gospel: Page 435-436

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

June Calendar

7 Mon. Tenth Week in Ordinary Time begins
9 Wed. Memorial of St. Ephrem
11 Fri. Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
12 Sat. Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Giving

May 23, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4454.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 5.00
Parish Bus	\$ 20.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"



MASS INTENTIONS

**9:30am: For the repose of the soul of
Mary H. Simmons. *Ruth Simmons and family.**

**11:00am: For God's continued healing on Allie Bell
Jones.**

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.



"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.

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULES:

Our original Mass times of 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass, and Sunday Masses at 9am & 11:30am will resume next week, June 13, 2021.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

June 5-6

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson	Sharon Carson
8:00am	Juliette Tolbert	Edna Mason
9:30am	Joseph Carter	Alicia Carter
11:00am	Donald Perry	Kathy Stewart

June 12-13

5:30pm	Edna Mason	Yvonne Williams
8:00am	Sharon Carson	Torrance Garvin
9:30am	Donald Perry	Kathy Stewart
11:00am	Juliette Tolbert	Robert Locke

June 19-20

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson	Georgene Jones
8:00am	Dianne Williams	Edna Mason
9:30am	Melanie Jenkins-White	Joyce Jones
11:00am	"Faith Formation"	



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, Norman Flojo, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Allie Bell Jones, Anne Lipsey, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Barbara McGhee, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Lucille Singleton, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Jeanette Westley, Margaret Weston,, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

- St. Angela of Foligno

STEADFAST IN FAITH – ACA APPEAL

Thank you for all who have pledged and/or contributed to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal! No gift is too small or too large and every gift is important. Thank you for your generosity.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Please contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) for additional information or to register your child. Thank you.

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.

Live the Gospel of *Life* | RESPECT LIFE MONTH

ROSARY RALLY FOR THE UNBORN

- Every second Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. The next one is June 9th
- The Savannah Medical Clinic: 120 E. 34th St.

Questions? Contact Jayne Stefanic @ 912-201-4068
Or jstefanic@diosav.org – Office of Marriage, Family & Respect/Diocese of Savannah.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Brothers and sisters, we hope and pray that you will consider joining us in entering God's presence in singing praises to God. Psalm 105:2 says, "Sing to Him, sing His praises, proclaim all His wondrous deeds". If you feel inspired, rehearsals are every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Church. You are welcomed and we hope to see you there.

– Yvonne Williams.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Jesus Gives Us His Body and Blood to Give Us Strength:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, popularly known as, "Corpus Christi". First of all, what is the purpose of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ? The purpose is: that this special feast is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for the salvation of many. This feast is also a remembrance of Jesus institution of the Holy Eucharist and His command that we should celebrate this (Luke 22:19-20).

When we say we "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7), we are referring to so many things Jesus is telling us that we do not understand, but we believe Him because He says so and we trust Him because He will never lead us astray or deceive us, for He is "The way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Those things that Jesus reveals to us that are beyond our human understanding, we call them "Mystery". Mystery means something that is beyond human understanding, but we believe it because God says so and we trust Him, for we walk by faith and not by sight.

There are, perhaps three fundamental mysteries of the Catholic faith. The first is Jesus Himself. God, who became man, and died for us. The second is the Most Holy Trinity that we celebrated last Sunday, and the third is the Eucharist; Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ that we celebrate today.

As we listen to today's gospel reading, "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them and said: "Take it; this is my body". Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many (Mark 14:22-24). Jesus commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, to eat His Body and to drink His Blood.

The problem is that many of us do not really believe that we are receiving truly, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus gives us his Body and Blood to strengthen us spiritually on our journey through life. We cannot bear good fruits without Him, for apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5). But if we do believe, why then do many of us who receive the Eucharist do not experience transformation? Maybe this story will throw more light on the question.

"A team of Russians and Americans were on a common expedition. Among their cabin foodstuff was Russian black bread. It was tasty but hard on the teeth. It happened during a meal that an American bit into a piece and snapped a tooth. He threw the bread overboard and rumbled, "Lousy Communist Bread". The Russian replied, "It's not a lousy communist, it is a rotten capitalist tooth".

If we do not experience the transforming power of the Eucharist, it is probably not on account of a lousy Eucharist but on account of our rotten faith. We pray to the Lord to grant us the Grace to trust Jesus in His words and to become what we eat.

Your Pineapple for the week:

"Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6:53).