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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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June 13, 2021
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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
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One day a tiny seed of faith was planted in you. Perhaps your parents planted it when you were just a baby. Perhaps a friend planted it during a traumatic time in your life. Perhaps it was a priest or sister or layperson who witnessed to their faith at just the right time for it to resonate within you. Every day brings an opportunity for that faith to grow. As we pray with our faith community, listen to God's word, receive the Lord in the Eucharist, and go forth energized for the Christian mission, may our faith be increased, exercised, and strengthened for our life's journey.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 446
Responsorial Psalm: Page 446
Second Reading: Page 447
Gospel Acclamation: Page 447
Gospel: Page 447-448

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

(from the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book)

First Reading: Page 671
Responsorial Psalm: Page 671
Second Reading: Page 672
Gospel Acclamation: Page 672
Gospel: Page 672

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

June Calendar

14 Mon. Flag Day
19 Sat. Memorial of St. Romuald; Memorial of the Blessed Virgin
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	\$ 4974.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 235.00
Parish Bus	\$ 200.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"



MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm:

Special blessings for Faye Howard as she celebrates her 62nd birthday (06/19).

*offered with love by Brenda & Robert Kennedy, Sr. and the Howard Family.

For the repose of the souls of Margie Jackson Soeltner and Otto Soeltner on the anniversary of their passing.

*offered by Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:00am:

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

*offered by the AMSP.

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.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

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"	



The Social Apostolate is working on a strategic plan that will help establish its goals and priorities for the next 3-5 years. As a stakeholder in our work, we

appreciate your support and request your participation in our needs assessment survey. Your insight will be most valuable as we develop our strategic plan. The survey is anonymous, and all responses are confidential. The link to the online version of the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SocialApostolate2021>

The survey will remain open until June 22. Thank you in advance for your participation. – Latacia Avila, Director.

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

JUNE 2021

12-13

5:30PM 9:00AM 11:30AM

Edna Mason Kathy Stewart Theresa Garvin

19-20

Edna Mason Kathy Stewart Faith Formation

26-27

Monesha Gallishaw Emily Williams Rick Lugo

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.



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, Tambra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The rewards of good stewardship are eternal. A sign-up sheet has been placed at the entrance of the church for the Outreach Ministry. Please give consideration to becoming a part of this 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.**

"There can be no stewardship without stewards." - John Jay Jackson, Jr.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There is a great need for additional Ushers, especially at the 11:30am Mass. Are you looking for an opportunity to participate more fully in your church community? Additional Lectors and Announcers are also needed for weekend Masses. Your Church needs you!!! Learn more by contacting Sharon Carson, Mac Singleton or Edna Mason.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Called to Grow:

Mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds. But when planted in good soil, it germinates and grows into a large tree. The birds of the air make their nests on its branches because they love the little black mustard seed it produces. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of His Holy Spirit. Through the grace of baptism, God planted in us the "seed" of the Holy Spirit. It is our responsibility to nurture to maturity the seed of the Holy Spirit which God has planted in us. "For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which you received when I laid my hands on you. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:6).

God has sown the seed in us; He has given us the gifts of the Holy Spirit and nourishes us with His Grace. God did not create us to be passive; we have our own role to play. St.

Augustine tells us that "God who created us without our cooperation will not save us without our cooperation". We can only grow into a "mustard plant" if we are rooted in Christ. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" (Colossians 2:6-7). "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).

When we are rooted in Christ, we grow in the spirit and produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit ... "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). When we produce these fruits, our lives attract others to come and serve the God that we serve! We draw others to God when we produce spiritual fruits, and God's kingdom continues to grow! Jesus planted the tiny seed of the spirit in His twelve disciples, and the seed grew into largest of all plants that the "birds of the air make their nests. Through the seed of the spirit planted on the twelve disciples, the Church continues to grow and today, Christianity has become the world's largest religion with 2.382 billion Christians. How am I growing in the spirit and what kinds of fruit do I bear? Do I bring people to God, or is my life turning others away from God?

Your Pineapple for the week:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).