



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm

SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

**Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am
Wednesday-Friday in the Church**

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Most Sacred Heart Devotion
@ 6:00pm

**Christian Initiation:
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Holy Communion**
Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass. Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.

Parish Covid-19 safety guidelines:

1. For your protection and for the safety of others, masks are highly recommended at Mass.
2. Sanitizer is available for use at the entrance of the church. There is also a sanitizer bottle in each pew.
3. There is social distancing seating arrangement. Please it is critical that you follow the directions of the Ushers.

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June 20, 2021
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Carl Hayes, Finance Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus calm the raging sea as his disciples cling to the storm-tossed boat. The disciples were terrified that they would die, but Jesus suggests that their faith should have reassured them. Many of us can probably recall a time when our father came to our rescue, protecting or supporting us, making everything all right. Today, we honor our dads, our grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and all who have acted as fathers in our lives. May their protection and constancy be a model of God's care for us.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 450

Responsorial Psalm: Page 450-451

Second Reading: Page 451

Gospel Acclamation: Page 451

Gospel: Page 452

(from the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book)

First Reading: Page 484

Responsorial Psalm: Page 484

Second Reading: Page 485

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

June Calendar

20 Sun. Father's Day; World Refugee Day; Summer begins

21 Mon. Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

22 Tue. Memorial of St. Paulinus of Nola; Memorial of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

24 Thu. Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

26 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Giving

June 13, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4552.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 65.00
Parish Bus	\$ 50.00

"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 Prince A. Jackson, Sr., Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Roland Glover, Edward White, and William Newton on Father's Day.

*Prince A. Jackson, III.

For the repose of the soul of Leroy Simmons, Sr.

*Ruth Simmons & Family.

In memory of Felix Walden, Jr. on Father's Day.

*Rosemary & Taylor Walden.

For the repose of the soul of Matthew Felix Walden on the anniversary of his birthday (06/21).

*Rosemary & Taylor Walden.

9:00am:

In memory of my brother-in-law, Fred D. Foster on the anniversary of his birthday (06/21).

*Frances B. Calvert.

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.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Jeannie & Marion Rivers and their family on the loss of her sister Mrs. Jackie Simmons Scott who passed away Saturday June 12, 2021. Arrangements are incomplete. Our thoughts and prayer are with the family.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

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"

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

JUNE 2021

19-20

Edna Mason Kathy Stewart Faith Formation

26-27

Monesha Gallishaw Emily Williams Rick Lugo



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, Denise Johnson, Allie Bell Jones, Juanita Larry, Gloria Stephens, 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.



The Social Apostolate is working on a strategic plan that will help establish its goals and priorities for the next 3-5 years. 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/SocialApostolat e2021>

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

Have you considered becoming a priest or religious sister or brother?

"Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God."

--THOMAS MERTON

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.**

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.



Protect Our Youth

Over the last year, many parish ministries were “inactive” due to the pandemic. If you are now returning to volunteer in a ministry, you must ensure you are up to date on your Safe Environment Compliance. Please call the church office to ensure your status. Protecting Our Youth: Effective June 28, 2012*, Diocesan policy requires ALL employees and volunteers (age 18 and up) to be Safe Environment Compliant. This means receiving VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children for Adults training, undergoing a background check, and reading and acknowledging a Code of Conduct in advance of employment or volunteering ministry. A five-year training refresher is required for all active volunteers/employees, and certain roles require monthly training bulletins.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Carson or Joan Altmeyer, Director Safe Environment (912) 201-4074. You can also find many answers at <https://diosav.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection>
*<https://diosav.org/cyp/mandated-reporting>

FATHER’S DAY PRAYER

God our Father,

In Your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen
“HAPPY FATHER’S DAY” TO ALL THE MEN

OF OUR CHURCH

&



THANK YOU FR. ROMANUS!

PASTOR’S REFLECTIONS

Why Are You Afraid?

The disciples in today’s gospel were in the Sea of Galilee when dangerous storm threatened their lives but Jesus was with them and sound slept. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They woke Jesus up wondering if He was not concerned about their situation. Jesus reprimanded for their lack of faith. We may wonder how the disciples could be afraid when the Lord Jesus was with them in the boat. Jesus Himself wondered why? The reality is that Jesus was not with them more than He is with us in every situation of our lives. “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20).

The Lord Jesus is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Do you recognize that the Lord is with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? When a trial comes we may be tempted to say, “God doesn’t care about me”, or to think other negative thoughts. But God is always faithful and never abandons us and doesn’t cause our suffering. Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: “It is I, do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27).

Your Pineapple for the week:

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).