



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.

WELCOME TO HISTORIC
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June 27, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B

***Jesus said to the synagogue official,
“Do not be afraid, just have faith”.***
Mark 5:36

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

Today's opening antiphon invites us to clap our hands and shout with joy, for our God is a God of life. God brought life into the world at creation, making us in the divine image. Jesus brought new life to the world, redeeming us and preparing us for eternal life with the Lord. We come together here today, as we do each Sunday, to hear the word of God, to be nourished in the Eucharist, and to give praise and glory to God. May our lives, energized by the Holy Spirit, witness to the wonderful generosity of our God, our God of life.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 486.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass: (from your personal Sunday Missal – Prayerbook and Hymnal: Readings begin on Page

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

28 Mon. Memorial of St. Irenaeus
29 Tue. Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul
30 Wed. Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Jul. 1 Thu. Memorial of St. Junípero Serra
2 Fri. First Friday
3 Sat. Feast of St. Thomas; First Saturday

Parish Giving

June 20, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5646.00
Parish Bus	\$ 15.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"



"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.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm: Special blessings for Marjorie Sapp as she celebrates her birthday (06/27).

*offered with love from Quelin & Antoinette Hagins.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Johnnie Mae Rivers on the 26th anniversary of her passing.

*offered by Onizine Rivers.

For God's continued blessings & guidance as the New Horizon of Women & Men celebrate their 16th anniversary. * The New Horizons.

In memory of the deceased members of the New Horizons:

Ida Branch, Jackie Cain, Beautine Grayson, Charles Lutten, Ella Maxwell, Georgetta Simmons and Gloria Vinson. *The New Horizons.

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.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

June 26-27

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson	Adriene Perry
9:00am	Robert Locke	Juliette Tolbert
11:30am	Donald Perry	Kathy Stewart

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

JUNE 2021

26-27	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
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, Ida Cruse, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, NormAnthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Allie Bell Jones, Juanita Larry, 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.

A CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Calling all 4th-12th graders who want to become an Altar Server at St. Benedict the Moor Masses! The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than priests, deacons, and the sacristan, no one else is allowed to so closely play a part in the preparation of the Eucharist. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve the priests and deacons, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ. Please contact William Wright for further information.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There are all sorts of Ministry opportunities available. Additional choir members are needed at all 3 Masses. There is also a great need for additional Ushers, especially at the 11:30am Mass, and Announcers are needed for all of the Masses as well. Are you looking for an opportunity to participate more fully in your church community? Your Church needs you!!! Learn more by contacting Yvonne Williams, Sharon Carson, Mac Singleton or Edna Mason. There is so much joy to be found in serving!

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.

SUMMER VACATION ---

Let's enjoy summer but not forget:
Sunday Mass every week
Daily prayer
Consistently use our contribution envelopes to support the parish, even while we are on vacation.
Online giving really helps the consistency of our weekly offertory.

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH— Reflect, Renew and Rejoice Bishop Parkes issued a pastoral letter on Pentecost Sunday introducing the planning process designed to help the Diocese. Reflect, Renew and Rejoice can be found by going to the Diocesan website: www.diosav.org/reflect-renew-rejoice

THANK YOU

A big thanks to the Council of Catholic Women, The Friends of St. Benedict, The New Horizons, and the Traveling Moors for their financial support in The Father's Day gifts that were offered to the men of St. Benedict the Moor.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Melissa Christine Day on her promotion to Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force. She has served our country for 15 years. Melissa is the daughter of Debra & Todd Day (Atlanta, Ga) and granddaughter of Joseph & Reatta Robinson. We pray that God continue to bless & keep Melissa safe on her life's journey!

Note: The Parish office will be closed on Monday July 5 in observance of Independence Day! Please have a safe 4th of July holiday!

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families. In your name, we pray. Amen.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

God created us to live forever with Him:

Our today's first reading tells that "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living" (Wisdom 1:13). For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him" (Wisdom 2:23). Can you take a moment and think about this? Severally, God has always made it clear that He does not desire us to die or to perish. Through the Prophet, Ezekiel, God addressed the people of Israel and all of us who believe in Him, "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil

ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:11). God did not create us to perish, no, He created us to live forever with Him. The devil lured Adam and Eve into sin against God that led to human death. "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12).

However, God did not leave us to die in our sins, "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:16-17). The second reading tells us "That though Jesus was rich, for our sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). "Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people" (Romans 5:18). Thus, Jesus came to take away our sins and to restore to that original state of eternity with God that was stolen and destroyed by the devil. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

Jesus demonstrates His passion and desire for the restoration of our human life in today's Gospel. He restored the health of the woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. He raised the dead daughter of Jairus, one of the synagogue officials. Yes, He came to give us. If we remain in Him, we shall have an everlasting life with God!

Your Pineapple for the week:

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10).