



#### 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

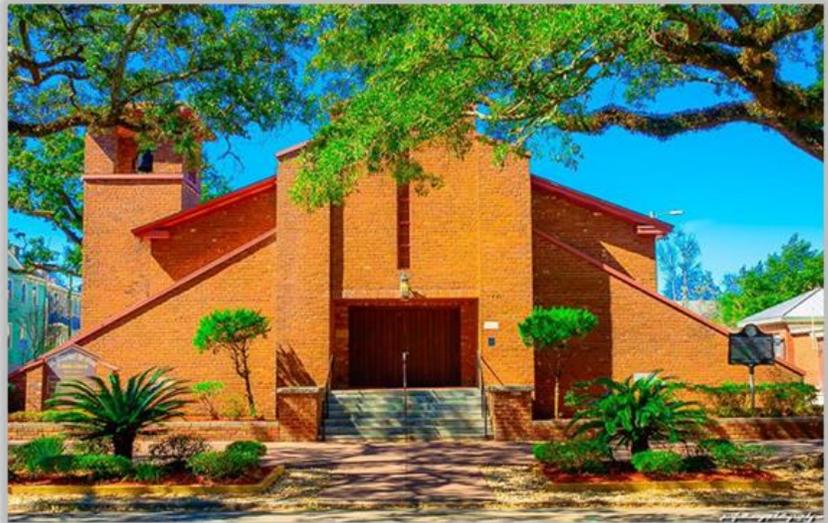
**Christian Initiation:**  
**Sacraments of Baptism,**  
**Confirmation and Holy Communion**  
Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass. Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

**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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**July 25, 2021**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B**



*I will gather the remnant of my flock  
and appoint shepherds for them ... First Reading  
Christ is our peace who made both one. ... Second Reading  
They were like sheep without a shepherd. ... Gospel Acclamation*

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

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts”, we hear from time to time, meaning that a collection of things put together can be greater than what would be expected when each is alone. Today we hear two accounts of times when a seemingly inadequate number of loaves of bread provided plenty for a huge crowd to eat. We hope to exemplify the same saying when we join together as Church. Separately, we may feel inadequate to carry on the mission of Jesus. But together we form the body of Christ, capable of building the kingdom of God here on earth. Joining together today to be nourished in the Eucharist, let us dream of how together we can change the world.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 496.

### FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### July Calendar

26 Mon. Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne  
 29 Thu. Memorial of St. Martha  
 30 Fri. Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus  
 31 Sat. Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

#### Parish Giving - July 18, 2021

Offertory	\$	6250.00
Deanery School	\$	45.00
Parish Bus	\$	20.00
Church in Africa	\$	375.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

### The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, July 25, 2021

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, beginning this year on July 25. Pope Francis emphasized in his message that the Lord is always with us and always calling us to play a role in spreading the Gospel no matter our age. “I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement”.

**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. 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

#### July 24-25

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Yvonne Williams  
 9:00am Dianne Williams Georgene Jones  
 11:30am Donald Perry Matthew Jenkins

#### July 31/August 1

5:30pm Rachael Hooper Sharon Carson  
 9:00am Torrance Garvin Robert Locke  
 11:30am Monesha Gallishaw Adrian Broxton

### ANNOUNCERS’ SCHEDULE

#### JULY/AUGUST 2021

24/25	5:30PM Emily Williams	9:00AM Edna Mason	11:30AM Theresa Garvin
31/August 1	5:30PM Sharon Carson	9:00AM Joyce Jones	11:30AM Aiden Mason-Harvey
7/8	5:30PM Edna Mason	9:00AM Theresa Garvin	11:30AM Emily Williams



### 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, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, 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.

## 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.

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's  
people live together in unity".  
-Psalm 133:*

### LET US COOK YOUR SUNDAY DINNER

St. Benedict the Moor Knights of Columbus Council 10274 will sell dinners on Sunday August 1, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the parish hall. Chicken or fish dinners are \$10. Rib dinners are \$12. See any member of the Knights of Columbus for tickets. Contact Fred Jones (912) 695-4371 for details.

### Rosary Rally for the Unborn

(From the Diocese Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life) Every Wednesday of the month at 8:30 AM. The next one is July 14th. Rally held at the Savannah Medical Clinic, 120 E. 34th St., Savannah, GA. Questions? Contact Jayne Stefanic at 912-201-4068 or jstefanic@diosav.org.

### 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. 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.

### INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at the 11:30am Mass. Please contact Theresa Garvin (5-7-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) for information or to register your child. Thank you.

**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](http://www.diosav.org/reflect-renew-rejoice)

### CAMP VILLA MARIE

Situated on picturesque Isle of Hope, the Villa Marie Center offers an ideal venue for your next party, reunion, wedding or corporate event. Reservations are now being accepted. Find more information at: <https://diosav.org/offices/event-rentals> For a personal tour or to reserve a date, please contact Joan Altmeyer, Events Manager [jbaltmeyer@diosav.org](mailto:jbaltmeyer@diosav.org) (912) 201-4074.

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### STEADFAST IN FAITH – ACA APPEAL

Annual Catholic Appeal Update Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God.



"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/1vU4Yk6>) and must be completed before they begin ministry.

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## ***PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS***

### **Jesus Is The True Bread Of Life:**

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, simply because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a large crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the *Bread of Life*, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger.

The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as the anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle that is repeated in all four Gospel accounts. What is the significance of this miracle that it is recorded in all the Gospels? The miraculous

feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership (Exodus 16). This daily provision of food in the barren wilderness foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table, we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Saint Ignatius of Antioch calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ". This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

When we approach the Table of the Lord, we expect to receive healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for our soul. The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask for or imagine. The primary fruit of receiving the Eucharist at the Lord's Table is for an intimate union with Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer and Savior. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

### **Your Pineapple for the week:**

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).