



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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August 1, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B



WE ARE CHURCH

We take great pride in the quality and spirit of our liturgy, which is achieved through careful planning as well as a high level of active and enthusiastic participation on the part of each and every person. While acknowledging our individual and communal needs, we are primarily here to give thanks and praise to God, who continues to accomplish great things in our lives!

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

When we come together today, as we do each Sunday, we receive the Lord—the Bread of Life—in the Eucharist. He satisfies our hunger, be it material or spiritual. When we receive the Lord, in the Eucharist and into our hearts, he brings fullness, mission, God’s grace, and the promise of everlasting life into our poor, imperfect, and needy human lives. He enables us to “put away the old self” and “put on the new self”. Joined together with our brothers and sisters in faith, let us celebrate the generosity of our Lord.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 498.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August Calendar

2 Mon. Memorial of St. Eusebius of Vercelli
Memorial of St. Peter Julian Eymard
4 Wed. Memorial of St. John Vianney
5 Thu. Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
6 Fri. Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord First Friday
7 Sat. Memorial of St. Sixtus II and Companions
Memorial of St. Cajetan
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Saturday

Parish Giving

July 25, 2021

Offertory	\$ 3952.00
Deanery School	\$ 45.00
Parish Bus	\$ 10.00
	\$ 75.00

“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.”



ALTAR FLOWERS

in Honor of
Ms. Bernice Rivers 95th Birthday
on August 1.

MASS INTENTIONS:

ALL MASSES: Thanking God & giving Him the glory for all the blessing He has bestowed on me as I celebrate my 95th birthday (08/01/26), may God continue to bless me. *Bernice Rivers.

***9:00am:** God’s continued blessings on Ruth Simmons as she celebrates her birthday (08/03). *Kimberly Simmons & Jayden Jones.

***11:30am:** For the repose of the soul of Earl L. Luke on the 5th anniversary of his passing.

*Dorothy W. Luke.

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.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at the 11:30am Mass. Please contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) 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

*Church Family:
A circle of strength and love,
founded on faith ...
fined by love ...
kept by God.*

LECTORS & ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE

L = Lector A= Announcer

July 31/August 1

5:30pm

Rachael Hooper/Sharon Carson (L)
Sharon Carson (A)

9:00am

Torrance Garvin/ Robert Locke (L)
Joyce Jones (A)

11:30am

Monesha Gallishaw/Adrian Broadnax (L)
Aiden Mason-Harvey (A)

August 7/8

5:30pm

E. Mason/ A. Perry/ (L)
Edna Mason (A)

9:00am

Joyce Jones/A. Carter (L)
Theresa Garvin (A)

11:30am

Juliette Tolbert/Donald Perry (L)
Emily Williams (A)

August 14/15

5:30pm

Sharon Carson/Yvonne Williams (L)
Edna Mason (A)

9:00am

Melanie White/Teresa Udowana (L)
Gregory Milton (A)

11:30am

"Faith Formation" (L & A)

Thank you for your invaluable service to our Church family!

THANK YOU

The family of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones would like to thank Fr. Romanus and our St. Benedict church family for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We also like to thank the different church organizations for preparing delicious foods on different days during this time of bereavement. May the good Lord continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

The Johnson, Garvin, Chisholm, and Peterson family.

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.



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.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be a rehearsal on Saturday August 14, 2021, at 12:00 noon for all children and young adults who are in or wish to join SBM Youth Choir. Please contact Kathy Stewart if you have any question The rehearsal will take place in the church.

"The One Who Sings Prays Twice"

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.

The Four Groups of Parishioners

****Those who make things happen***

****Those who watch things happen***

****Those who do not know what is happening***

****Those whose words and actions hinder anything good that is happening***

Where Do You Belong?

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve . You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love." — Martin Luther King Jr.

STEADFAST IN FAITH – ACA APPEAL

Annual Catholic Appeal Update Just a reminder! If you haven't made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal yet, 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.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Jesus, Our Bread of Life!

After the miraculous multiplication of the loaves, our Lord sent the Apostles across the lake to Capernaum. He himself disappeared from the crowd as he knew they were planning to proclaim him king. It was a worldly kingship which he did not want. Later, when the crowd could not see him, they went in search of him by boat across the lake. They found him in Capernaum and asked him why he had come there. He told them very plainly that the free bread he had given them was their principal reason for seeking him and not his teaching or his miracles as they should be understood. Jesus told them how wrong their attitude to life was. They were concentrating all their thoughts and efforts on the things of this life;

they should rather have given thought to the future life.

Instead of looking for earthly bread which had only transitory value, they should have looked for the bread which would bring them eternal life – “the food which endures”. He could give them this; they had God’s guarantee and seal for it – God sent Jesus on earth so that we would accept him and believe in his message. They demanded further proofs; and referred to the manna given to their fathers in the desert. Jesus responded to this by telling them that the manna given to their fathers in the desert was not heavenly bread, it was earthly food which preserved earthly life, but God was now giving the true bread from heaven – Jesus Christ himself. He had come down from heaven to give them eternal life, if only they would believe in him. In today’s gospel, we hear of the lack of faith of those Galileans, of their utter worldliness and lack of interest in their future life. We may be inclined to judge them severely, but are we different from them? We often allow ourselves to get immersed in worldly affairs – forgetting that this world is not our home; that we are only passing through. We call ourselves “followers of Christ”, but we are not really following him; many of us have chosen the path of worldliness and earthly interest which will lead to a dead end. Let us have an honest, sincere look at our own Christianity today. Our eternity, the unending ages that come after our death, will depend on how we spend our fleeting years on this earth.

Your “Pineapple for the week”

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh”.