



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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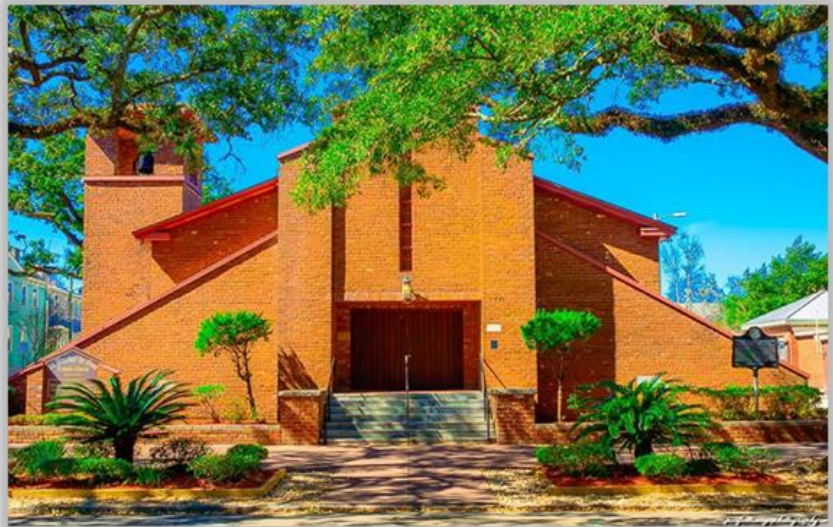
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August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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

Every so often a solemnity like the Assumption falls on a Sunday, giving more prominence to this special feast of Mary. At the end of her earthly life God drew Mary home, assuming her into heaven where she would reign as queen until the end of time. From the beginning of her life on earth, when she was immaculately conceived, until the end, the Blessed Virgin Mary conformed her life to God's will. Let us look to her as a model as we endeavor to discern God's will for us.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 815.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August Calendar

16 Mon. Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary;
Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time begins
19 Thu. Memorial of St. John Eudes; World
Humanitarian Day
20 Fri. Memorial of St. Bernard
21 Sat. Memorial of St. Pius X

Parish Giving August 8, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5259.00
Deanery School	\$ 90.00
Parish Bus	\$ 86.00
Second Collection	\$ 256.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Felix Walden, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday (08/19).
*Rosemary & Taylor Walden.

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus as he celebrates his birthday (08/14). *Ruth Simmons & Family.

May God abundantly bless Fr. Romanus as he celebrates his birthday. *The Gospel Choir.

In loving memory & the repose of the soul of James Holmes on the 1st year anniversary of his passing (08/17/20). *Yvonne Holmes & family.

11:30am: For the repose of the soul Linda Gayle Rountree on the anniversary of her birthday (08/17).
*Sharon Carson & family.

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.



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, Clevon 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.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

August 14/15

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

August 21/22

5:30pm Edna Mason Taylor Walden
9:00am Teresa Udowana Joyce Jones
11:30am "Faith Formation"

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2021

14/15	Edna Mason	Gregory Milton	Faith Formation
21/22	Emily Williams	Joyce Jones	Monesha Gallishaw



“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.

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.**

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.

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

The Church is everywhere represented as one. It is one body, one family, one-fold, one kingdom.

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 (912) 201-4074.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Diocese of Savannah invites you to commemorate the Year of St. Joseph by participating in nine weeks of prayer and pilgrimage from August 15 to October 9, 2021.

How can you participate?

- Visit one of the parishes that will host our Traveling St. Joseph*
- Attending a special Mass that will be celebrated by Bishop, Most Reverend Stephen Parkes, on October 9, 2021, at 10am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

*In Savannah, Sacred Heart will host the Traveling St. Joseph during the weekend of August 14 – 15.

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.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

“My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord:”

Today, with the universal Church, we affirm our belief that Mary, the Mother of God is the perfect model of Christian life; who was preserved from the corruption of the grave and who is the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

On this Solemnity, we are also reminded that our destiny lies beyond the grave and each day we are being called to eternity. For this reason, our today's Opening Prayer implores: "...grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of Mary's glory".

We cannot *assume* that we will go to heaven. We must strive daily to cooperate with the Lord's grace so that we may be prepared on the day He calls us to Himself. Mary shows us the way: Like her, we must, "proclaim the goodness of the Lord, not only by words, but also by the way we live our lives. Like her, let us humble ourselves before the Lord and place ourselves at the service of others.

After receiving the news from the Archangel Gabriel about God's plan for her to be the mother of the Son of God, Mary, in her humility goes up into the hill country to care for her cousin Elizabeth. Like Mary, we must with profound trust say daily: "Let it be done to me according to your word". The message

of the Archangel was confusing to Mary, but just because God says so, Mary trusted and resigned her will to the will of God - she simply allowed God to have his way in her life.

Today we remember the final journey taken by Mary, the model pilgrim, the journey from this earth into the halls of heaven. She was taken up by God, body and soul, into the fullness of life everlasting, to her eternal rest. On this Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, our hope is restored, because where our Mother has gone, we long to follow.

How blessed are we that from the Cross, Jesus gave Mary to us as our Mother (cf. John 19:26-27) to guide us on our earthly journey and to the ultimate goal for which we long. Just yesterday we celebrated the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe who offered us this sound advice: "*We should let ourselves be guided by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us; provide for us; answer our needs of body and spirit and dissolve all our difficulties and worries*" Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us today and always. Amen.

Your Pineapple for the week:

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).



Thank you Fr. Romanus for bringing out the best in us with your messages of love, prosperity, and righteousness. As you celebrate your birthday, may God's blessings, grace, favor, and guidance continue to be with you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ROMANUS!