



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
ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*
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August 29, 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
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

The greatest gift each of us has ever received was the gift of life itself. That gift was given to us most directly by our parents, whose life in turn was given to them by their parents, and so on. But ultimately the author of all life, the giver of every great gift, is God. We come together today in thanksgiving for that precious gift, which led to the gift of eternal life, promised by God's Son to all who follow him.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 508.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August Calendar

Sep. 1 Wed. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
3 Fri. Memorial of St. Gregory the Great
First Friday
4 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Saturday

Parish Giving

August 22, 2021

Offertory

\$ 3642.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

ALL MASSES:

For the repose of the soul of Wilhelmina Butler-Chisholm on the 35th year of her passing (08/28). *From Garvin- Chisholm Family.

11:30am:

In loving memory of Joseph Brown on the anniversary of his passing.

*Wilma Brown & family.

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ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2021

08/28/29	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
Sharon Carson	Gregory Milton	Theresa Garvin	
September 4/5			
Edna Mason	Gregory Milton	Theresa Garvin	
September 11/12			
Sharon Carson	Torrance Garvin	Emily Williams	
September 18/19			
Monesha Gallishaw	Joyce Jones	Faith Formation	
September 25/26			
Emily Williams	Gregory Milton	Sharon Carson	

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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, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.



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LECTORS' SCHEDULE

September 4/5

5:30pm	Adriene Perry	Yvonne Williams
9:00am	Melanie White	Teresa Udowana
11:30am	Joyce Jones	Adrian Broxton

September 11/12

5:30pm	Rachael Hooper	Sharon Carson
9:00am	Dianne Williams	Robert Locke
11:30am	Donald Perry	Deborah Ngo-Bakinde

September 18/19

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson	Monesha Gallishaw
9:00am	Teresa Udowana	Joyce Jones
11:30am	Faith Formation	

September 25/26

5:30pm	Taylor Walden	Georgene Jones
9:00am	Torrance Garvin	Robert Locke
11:30am	Juliette Tolbert	Sharon Carson

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

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. 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.

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.



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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.

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 program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.

Join us.

October 8-10, 2021
Augusta, GA
Click here to register:
bit.ly/RetrouvailleAugusta

Questions?
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RETROUVAILLE AUGUSTA
ALL INFORMATION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL

August
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean heart?

The Scribes and Pharisees were disappointed with Jesus for allowing his disciples to break the law of their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Jesus explains to them that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. He accuses them specifically of two things:

First, they are hypocrites, who like actors on a show; they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They formulate clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the

prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people and claiming to be holy.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

Jesus tells us today that religious practices are meant to lead us to spiritual growth and holiness. Any religion that ends in rituals is of no use. In other words, religious practices open the door for spiritual growth. It leads us to listening to God and doing his will. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with the person and the person with me" (Revelation 3:20).

When we let God into our lives, we will never be the same again! Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil.

Your Pineapple for the week:

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth". (John 4:24).