



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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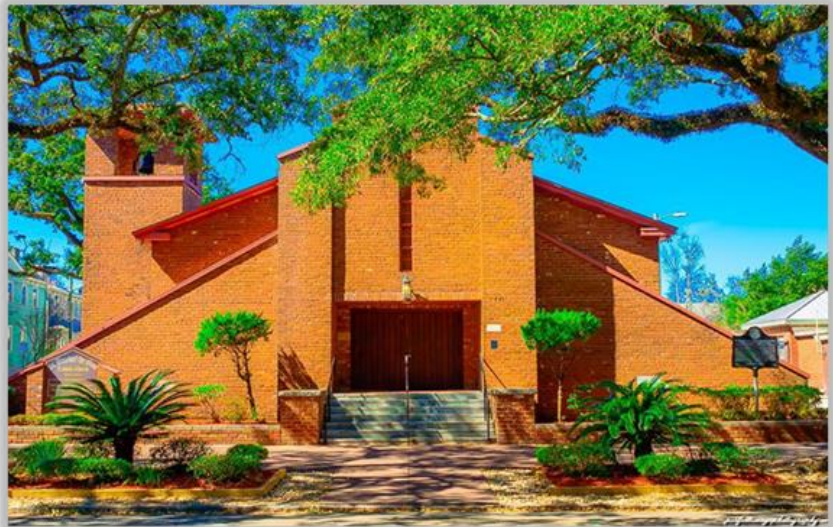
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September 5, 2021
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B



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

On this Labor Day weekend, let us take a welcome rest from our labors—be they in a factory or field, store or office, school or home—and appreciate the time we take with the One who promised that his yoke was easy and his burden light. Today let us pray especially for those whose own burden is difficult: those who need to work more than one job to support their families, those who do not receive the gratitude and compensation they deserve for their work, and those who are unemployed or underemployed.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 510.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September Calendar

6 Mon. Labor Day (U.S. and Canada)
 7 Tue. Rosh Hashanah 5782
 8 Wed. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9 Thu. Memorial of St. Peter Claver
 11 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Patriot Day

Parish Giving August 29, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4329.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 15.00
Parish Bus	\$ 15.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 4/5

Edna Mason Gregory Milton Theresa Garvin

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, 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.

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	Sharon Carson	Georgene Jones
9:00am	Torrance Garvin	Alicia Carter
11:30am	Donald Perry	Juliette Tolbert

September 18/19

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“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.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to the family & friends of:

Mrs. Mildred Loman who passed away Saturday August 14, 2021. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday September 11, 2021 (10:00am) at St. Benedict the Moor. Mrs. Loman was the mother of Henry "Dickey" Jones, Richard Jones, James Jones, and Elijah Loman.

Mrs. Norma J. Jacobs who passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021, in El Paso, Texas. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.FunerariaDelAngelMartin.com for the Jacobs family. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Anthony Hall, who passed away Saturday August 28, 2021. A funeral Mass was held Saturday September 4, 2021, at St. Benedict the Moor. Family and friends are welcome to leave their condolences on Bonaventure Funeral Home's Memorial page and share them with the family. Mr. Hall is the father of Nicole, Antoinette, and

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

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.**

USHERS MEETING

Ushers meeting Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6 pm in Parish Hall. All those interested in becoming an usher may attend.

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.

You're not alone.

SEPTEMBER IS
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

If you or someone you know needs help, please text the
Crisis Text Line at 741741
or call the
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
at
1-800-273-TALK (8255)



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.



A program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.

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October 8-10, 2021
Augusta, GA
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bit.ly/RetrouvailleAugusta

Questions?
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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The transforming power of kindness and compassion:

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers onlookers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears, and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command, the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors, and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

Your Pineapple for the week:

“Freely you have received; freely give”
(Matthew 10:8)

National Day of Remembrance
for
Aborted Children



Saturday, September 18
9:00 am Mass
Martha-Mary Chapel
St. Anne Catholic Church
10550 Ford Ave, Richmond Hill

 The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah
The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life

Live the Gospel of *Life* | RESPECT LIFE MONTH

ROSARY RALLY FOR THE UNBORN

- Every second Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. The next one is September 8, 2021
- The Savannah Medical Clinic: 120 E. 34th St.

Questions? Contact Jayne Stefanic @ 912-201-4068
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