



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*

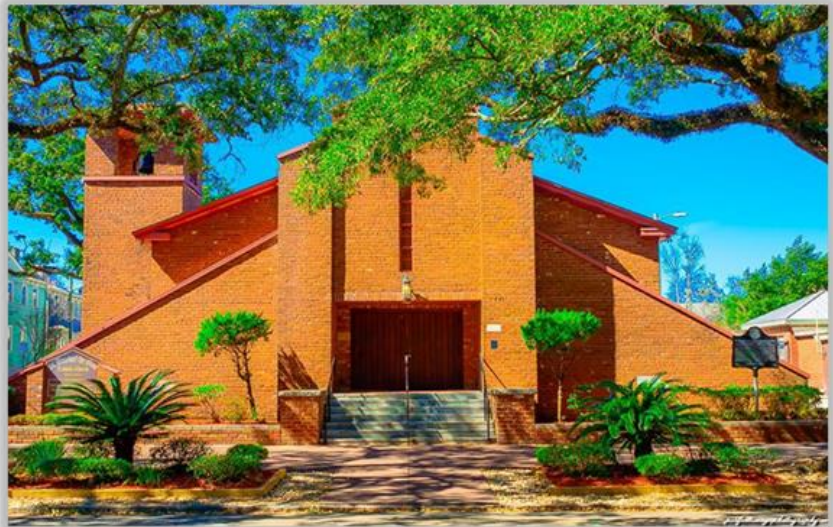
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September 12, 2021
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B



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

Often we hear what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. It's only human; even Saint Peter showed this tendency. When Jesus told his disciples that he would suffer and be killed, Peter immediately drew him aside and criticized him. Not only did Jesus rebuke him, but he also told the crowd that everyone who follows him must suffer as well, must willingly take up their cross. Let us pray for the courage to take up our crosses, comforted with the knowledge that God always accompanies us in our struggles.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 513.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September Calendar

12 Sun. Grandparents Day
 13 Mon. Memorial of St. John Chrysostom
 14 Tue. Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 15 Wed. Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
 16 Thu. Memorial of Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 17 Fri. Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine;
 Memorial of St. Hildegard of Bingen
 18 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Giving

September 5, 2021

Offertory	\$ 6525.00
Parish Bus	\$ 200.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 213.00
Second Collection	\$ 25.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

9:00am: God's blessing on Joan Cline.
 *Joan Cline.



"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.

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 11/12

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

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

September 11/12

5:30pm Rachael Hooper Sharon Carson
 9:00am Dianne Williams Torrance Garvin
 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"

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides funding for programs and ministries that serve the entire Diocese of Savannah and our community's most immediate needs. Please reflect upon your call to be Steadfast in Faith by considering a gift that will support the many ministries of our Diocese and enhance our call to share the Good News.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Atzmayah Bailey (Howard) and family on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Elishebah Davis BenLevi who passed away Saturday September 4, 2021.

Funeral Services for Ms. Elishebah Davis BenLevi was held Saturday, September 11, 2021, at St. Paul C.M.E. Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

ROSARY RALLY FOR THE UNBORN

- Every second Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. The next one is October 13, 2021
- The Savannah Medical Clinic: 120 E. 34th St.

Silent prayer and witness proclaiming
the sacredness of all human life.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Daffin Park along Victory Drive
Social distancing & masks required.

Life Chain



Sponsored by the Diocese of Savannah and the Knights of Columbus, Council 631



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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Augusta
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Friends of St. Benedict for their continued support of our Church and their annual contribution to the Educational Fund. They have just donated \$1000 to our Catholic Education Fund. As always, we appreciate their generous donations!
-Fr. Romanus.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, September 19, 2021, immediately following the 9:00 Mass. Registration will take place in the parish hall starting this date. To limit the number of individuals in the building, classes will meet bi-weekly as follows: First and third Sundays - Pre-K/K through 4th grades; Second and fourth Sundays - 5th grade - high school. Sacramental preparation classes (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) will meet weekly beginning September 19th. Youth Mass will take place on every third Sunday at 11:30 a.m. We look forward working with our children again. Contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) if you have questions.

There will be a meeting for all Faith Formation teachers and catechists on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please make every effort to attend.

LECTORS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all lectors on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Several items of importance will be discuss. Please make every effort to attend. Please contact Sharon Carson (656-0286) if you have questions. Thank you.

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.

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

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS:

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Who is Jesus for you - and what difference does he make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No human being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker.

Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One*, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36).

Why did Jesus command his disciples not to tell anyone that he is the anointed One - Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. St. Cyril of Alexandria explained the reason thus, "There were things yet unfulfilled which must also be included in their preaching about him. They must also proclaim the cross, the passion, and the death in the flesh. They must preach the resurrection of the dead, which obviously testifies that Christ is truly the Messiah and by nature the Son of God the Father.

Jesus told his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. God's ways and thoughts are entirely different from ours (cf. Isaiah 55:8). It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won us salvation.

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will crosses (does not align) with God's will, then his will must be done. We must accept the cross in this life before we can enjoy with him on the resurrection day. Who is Jesus for you? Do we follow Jesus because he is a miracle worker who alone can solve all our problems, or do you recognize in Jesus our redeemer who saved us from eternal death and gave us eternal life?

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15).