



#### 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.

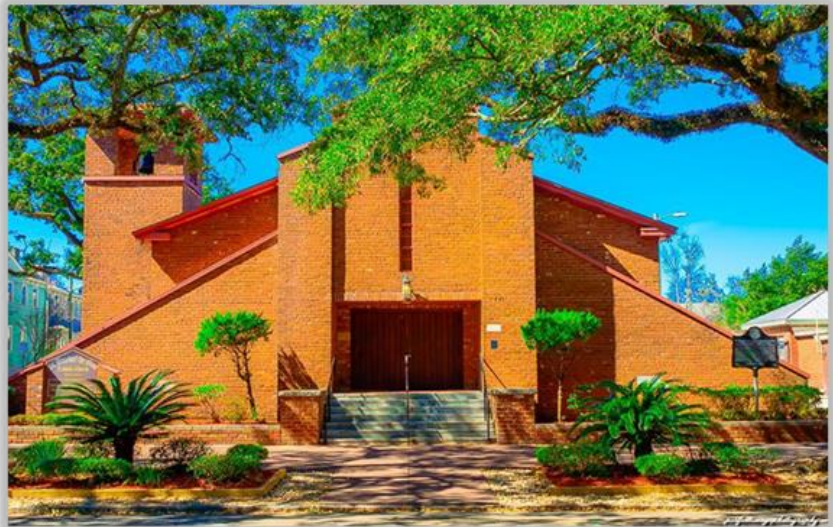
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.

#### 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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**September 19, 2021**  
**Twenty-fifth 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

This time of year is one of transition. The casual rhythms of the summer, often marked by leisure and vacation activities, give way to a new school year and a more rigorous schedule. The Gospel passages from last week and this week hint at a transition for Jesus and his disciples as well. Jesus tells them that soon he will be handed over to authorities who will kill him but that after three days he would rise. The days of traveling around Galilee—far from Jerusalem—are ending. As we anticipate the coming of fall, let us each resolve to carry our own cross through all life's rhythms, reassured by the promise of resurrection.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 515.

### FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### September Calendar

19 Sun. Catechetical Sunday  
23 Thu. Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina  
25 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Parish Giving September 12, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4176.00
Parish Bus	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 25.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

## MASS INTENTIONS:

### ALL MASSES:

Birthday blessings for Mrs. Allie Bell Jones 106<sup>th</sup> Heavenly birthday. \*The Garvin Family.

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing. \*Prince A. Jackson, III.

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

11:30am: Happy 24th anniversary to Torrance and Theresa Garvin (9-13). \*Torrance Garvin.

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For the repose of the soul of Catherine Washington on the anniversary of her birthday. \*Sharon Carson.



"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

18/19	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
Monesha Gallishaw	Joyce Jones	Faith Formation	
25/26	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
Emily Williams	Gregory Milton	Sharon Carson	

## SPECIAL COLLECTION: MISSION

### COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Next weekend, September 25/26 we have a very special second collection for our missions.

During these unprecedented times, we have all been affected by the challenges and frightening effects of this pandemic. Think of all the hardships, we faced this past year within our own communities, and between friends and family. Now, imagine how the mission lands must be coping and trying to survive this pandemic in addition to the extreme injustices and poverties they have been struggling with their whole lives. Your help is needed for this important ministry. Please be generous. Thank you!



## 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 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 Akio Brown Melanie White  
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Sharon Carson

**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.

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

Life Chain

Sunday, October 3, 2021

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Daffin Park along Victory Drive  
Social distancing & masks required.



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## MESSAGE OF THANKS

We the family of Edward "Mickey" Stephens, wish to thank our St. Benedict the Moor family for the numerous and immeasurable acts of kindness, generosity and support extended to us at our time of bereavement. We are eternally grateful to Fr. Romanus and each parish member for their unified efforts of prayer and care. It is hard to express in words how much your prayers, love, kindness, and caring thoughts have been a source of inspiration and strength to all of us. We pray that almighty God continue to bless and reward our parish abundantly. Unified in faith, The Family of Mickey Stephens.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of SAVANNAH  
REFLECT + *renew* + REJOICE

## **REFLECT, RENEW, REJOICE**

All parishioners are invited to attend a Listening Session with Bishop Stephen D.

Parkes as part of the Reflect, Renew, Rejoice planning initiative. These townhall-style meetings will give Bishop Parkes the opportunity to learn about the needs, expectations and hopes of the Faithful across the Diocese.

Facilitators will be provided to direct the evening so that the Bishop will be able to simply listen. Each Session will focus on three key questions: 1) As a Diocese, what are we doing well? 2) What are we doing that we could improve upon? 3) Where should we be focused over the next 3-5 years? (Please note that neither the Bishop nor the facilitators will be responding to questions during the Session.)

### **Listening Sessions for the Savannah Deanery**

Oct. 04 Sacred Heart, Savannah (Español)

Dec. 13 St. James, Savannah (English)

Dec. 14 St. Anne, Richmond Hill (English)

Please continue praying for this initiative and join us on this journey. If you are unable to participate in person, please complete the online questionnaire at <http://diosav.org/reflect>.

### **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. 34<sup>th</sup> St.

## 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.

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### ***PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS:***

#### **Where Jealousy and Selfish Ambition Exist, There Is Disorder:**

The whole of St. James Epistle is one of practical advice to his fellow Jewish converts on how to live their newly found Christian faith. This has some eminently practical points in today's lesson for all Christians of all races and ages. Christianity is synonymous with unselfishness; we are not individuals in opposition to one another, we are members of the one body cooperating for the good of that body. Between such members there can be no jealousy, no hatred, no fighting, no coveting. Each member will live in peace, in sincerity, in justice, in truthfulness, in active helpfulness with all the other members. This is the rule of life for true Christians.

The basic violation of the Christian code is selfishness – trying to exclude the fellow Christians and fellow human beings. The Christian who wants others to prosper will not be jealous when they prosper; but the

Christian whose first thought is for himself and his own welfare is moved by unchristian selfish ambition which makes him forget, and eventually despise his neighbor.

The book of Wisdom in today's first reading shows us the constant plots of the wicked to eliminate the righteous to have their evil ways. In the Gospel, we see the disciples in their selfish intents, struggling among themselves who would be the greatest.

Jealousy and selfishness are spiritual cancer, of which if not extinguished early enough would spread and breed other deadly vices, such as hatred, anger, gossip, character assassination, murder, slander, lies, robbery, etc. Just as cancer spreads and kills the body, so do jealousy and selfishness spread and kill the soul. St. James makes it clear that the cause of all wars and fighting is selfishness. "You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight" (James 4:2). What can you say about yourself in relation to jealousy and selfishness?

#### **Your Pineapple for the week:**

"By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them" (Matthew 7:16-20).

