



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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September 26, 2021
Twenty-sixth 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

We gather together today to listen to God's word and to share in the Eucharist. In today's first reading we hear the story of two of Moses's friends, Eldad and Medad, who missed the gathering when the LORD bestowed the spirit of prophesy on all the elders. Yet the spirit of the Lord came to rest on them as well. Let us keep in mind all those who are not with us today, for whatever reason, and pray that the Holy Spirit may bear fruit in them as well as all of us.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 517.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September Calendar

27 Mon. Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul
28 Tue. Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz
29 Wed. Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
30 Thu. Memorial of St. Jerome
October 1 Fri. Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday
2 Sat. Mem. of the Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

Parish Giving

September 19, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4559.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

(* indicates offered by)

5:30pm: God's blessings for Jean Latham as she celebrates her birthday. *Karen Polk.

Happy Birthday to Robert Kennedy, Sr. as he celebrates his birthday (09/27). *Brenda Kennedy & family.

For the repose of the soul of Clementine Thurman on the anniversary of her birthday. *Karen Polk.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Ronald William Feuring. *Sara Josephson.

11:30am: God's comfort & peace for the family of Ronald W. Feuring. *Sara Josephson.

For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Wilhelmina Butler Chisholm on the anniversary of her birthday. *Torrance Garvin & Family.



"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

25/26	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
Emily Williams	Gregory Milton	Sharon Carson	
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SPECIAL COLLECTION: MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

This weekend 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, Sharon & Larry Wingster, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

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.



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

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.



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>.

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.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS:

Love Does Not Envy:

In the first reading, Joshua urged Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying since they were not with the group of those that the spirit was bestowed upon. But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

Likewise in the Gospel, Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4,6).

Envy and jealousy are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice - namely, our neighbor's good deeds. The reason we may grieve over our neighbor's good deeds is that somehow we see those good deeds as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbor's good - love rejoices in our neighbor's good while envy grieves over it.

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good. The love that God places in our hearts seeks the highest good of our neighbor. God's love purifies and frees us from all envy and jealousy - and it compels us to give

generously, especially to those who lack what they need.

If we allow the Spirit of God to take possession of life, the Spirit will transform us. Gregory of Nyssa, an early church father wrote: "God never asks his servants to do what is impossible. The love and goodness of his Godhead is revealed as richly available. It is poured out like water upon all. God furnishes to each person according to his will the ability to do something good. None of those seeking to be saved will be lacking in this ability. Will you allow yourself to be possessed by the Spirit of God?"

Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

If we possess the Spirit of God, we will rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. We will put ourselves in the peoples' situations and feel their pains. We will reach out to help them. In this way, we will be helping Jesus himself. Kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples, we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Are you grateful for God's mercy and kindness towards you and are you ready to show that same kindness and generosity towards your neighbor?

Your Pineapple for the week:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Cor. 13:4-7).



Special Collection for Franciscan Works- Liberia Mission

Franciscan Works is a Catholic missionary organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for children and families through material and spiritual support and a Catholic education.

Franciscan Works currently operates Liberia Mission in West Africa. Founded in 2003, just as the civil war was ending, Liberia Mission began with six orphaned children. Today it is a vibrant, life-saving community of love, learning, work and prayer, with 35 residents. Nearly 450 youth from surrounding villages attend St. Anthony of Padua Mission Grade School or are funded to attend local high schools. These are young people who would not otherwise have access to education, medical care, adequate food and shelter, faith formation, and the sacraments. St. Michael the Archangel Church, located on the Mission, serves the students and the community. A student-run farm and piggery are part of the vocational education the students receive.

These children are learning to become future leaders in their families, communities and country. **Much prayer, joy and hope** is evident at Liberia Mission, even with the sorrow and hardships associated with the Ebola outbreak of 2014, the ongoing pandemic, and the political and economic strife there. Many challenges remain.

Your help is needed for this important ministry. Please be generous. Thank you!