



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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October 3, 2021
Twenty-seventh 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 Holy Spirit draws us each Sunday to this holy place. We gather together as the body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. We pray that we may be made worthy of the call we received in baptism to witness to God's saving power in what we say and what we do. As we hear from the author of Hebrews today, we have been consecrated in the Lord, and in fact have been made the Lord's brothers and sisters. Let us raise our voices in song and prayer as sisters and brothers of our Savior.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 520.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October Calendar

3 Sun. Respect Life Sunday
 4 Mon. Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
 5 Tue. Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska; Memorial of Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
 6 Wed. Memorial of St. Bruno; Memorial of Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
 7 Thu. Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
 9 Sat. Memorial of St. Denis and Companions; Memorial of St. John Leonardi; Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Giving September 26, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4292.00
Mission Co-op	\$ 1056.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of our sister, Sarah J. McIver on the 1st anniversary of her passing (10/04). *Bobbie McIver & family.

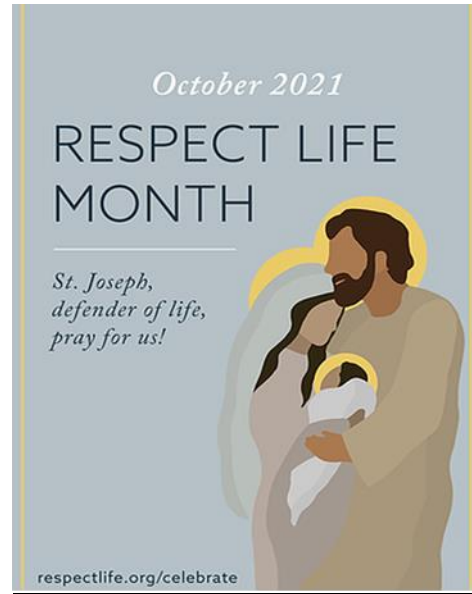
For the peaceful repose of the soul of Felix Walden, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing (10/05). *Rosemary & Taylor Walden.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of the soul of our sister, Sarah J. McIver on the 1st anniversary of her passing (10/04). *Bobbie McIver & family.

For the peaceful repose of the souls of Edward "Mickey" Stephens and Anthony Hall. *Knights of Columbus – Council 20734. God's continued blessings 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.



Although we must cherish, protect, and defend human life year-round, the Catholic Church in the United States sets aside each October as Respect Life Month.

Dearest St. Joseph,
 at the word of an angel,
 you lovingly took Mary into your home.
 As God's humble servant, you guided
 the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
 welcomed Jesus as your own son
 in the shelter of a manger,
 and fled far from your homeland
 for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
 you never hesitated to sacrifice
 for those entrusted to you.
 May your example inspire us also
 to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
 God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
 to the service and defense of human life
 —especially where it is
 vulnerable or threatened.
 Obtain for us the grace
 to do the will of God in all things.
 Amen.



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, 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.

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.

Dedication and Blessing of the Monument... to the Five Friars of Georgia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 2 P.M.
NATIVITY OF OUR LADY CHURCH
1000 North Way, Darien, GA 31305

Join the Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, at the blessing and dedication of the Five Friars monument in memory of Franciscan Friar Pedro de Corpa and his companion friars Blas, Miguel, Antonio and Francisco.

In observance of safety protocols, the blessing will be outdoors. The dedication is open the public and all are welcome to attend.

The monument was created by internationally acclaimed sculptor Timothy P. Schmalz. Learn more about the Five Friars of Georgia: <http://bit.ly/gamartyrstor>



Year of Saint Joseph

The Diocese of Savannah invites you to participate in the

Closing Mass

of the Nine Weeks of prayer and pilgrimage of St. Joseph celebrated by

Bishop Stephen D. Parkes

Saturday October 9, 2021 at 10:00 am .

Location: Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist

222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Ga.

The Mass will be celebrated in Spanish with written translation to English.

Masks are strongly recommended



ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Joining our voices together to pray for a return to holiness through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary,

Catholics across the country will join simultaneously in prayer for healing and unity in our country for the defense of the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

October 10, 2021 @ 4p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Church, Savannah

Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life
Director: Jayne Stefanic/912.201.4068
Diocese of Savannah



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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.

Listening Sessions for the Savannah Deanery

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:

“Therefore What God Has Joined Together, Let No One Separate:”

Trinitarian relationship is the foundation on which marriage is established; the perfect union between the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father is not God the Son, and God the Son is not God the Holy Spirit. There are three distinct persons in One God. The union between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is undivided, equal in Majesty.

When God created Adam; He intended Adam to share in this Trinitarian bond – He wanted him to share in this inseparable love of the Holy Trinity. God breathed His spirit into Adam’s nostrils and Adam became a living being (Genesis 2:7). Though Adam was made of dust, he possesses the spirit of God – to live eternally like God, to love unconditionally like God, and to form an inseparable bond like God.

However, Adam needed someone to share this love and to form the bond of relationship. God decided to give Adam someone to share the bond of love and relationship. To form a couple, God made Adam to fall into a deep

sleep and took one of his ribs to create Eve (Genesis 2:22). When Adam woke up, he saw himself in Eve – he knew that Eve was part of him! For this reason, he exclaimed, “At last, this is the bone of my bone and the flesh of my flesh; she shall be called “woman” for she was taken out of man” (Genesis 2:23). Though physically Adam and Eve are two distinct persons, they are one because Eve was created with Adam’s rib. So, whatever Eve does to Adam, she is doing it to herself, and whatever Adam does to Eve, he is doing it to himself.

When God blessed them and asked them to multiply (Genesis 1:28), he made children come through the union of the couple – through their blood. Eve is part of Adam, and the offspring are the blood of Adam and Eve. This is how God in His divine wisdom created our human family to be the replica of the Trinitarian family of God. In our human family, we have the father, the mother, and the children; though three distinct people, they are one!

This explains why divorce is not an option before God. When a couple is joined in marriage, they cannot separate from each other, just as Adam could not separate from Eve because Eve is part of him. Even when God chased them out of Paradise, Adam did not tell Eve to take west while he takes north because he accused Eve to be responsible for their downfall. They went together because Adam could not “divorce” Eve since Eve was part of him.

This is how it was in the beginning and that is how it is still today, no matter how we hate to hear about it.

Your Pineapple For The Week:

“Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery” (Mark 10:11-12).