



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.



“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 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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October 31, 2021

**Thirty-first 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

Ruth Simmons, Parish Council Chairperson

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Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Tomorrow we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints, when we recognize those many men and women who we believe have gained the eternal reward and are forever in the presence of God. Today we hear Jesus tell a scribe, "You are not far from the kingdom of God," suggesting that this anonymous functionary was close to being a saint. To be a saint should be our goal, so let us listen to the Gospel and pray that we take Jesus' words to heart and put them into action.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 530.

Parish Giving October 24, 2021

Offertory	\$ 3089.00
World Missions	\$ 275.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of **Norma J. Jacobs** on the anniversary of her birthday. *Ida Cruse.

9:00am: For the peaceful repose of all the faithful departed souls of the Legion of Mary. *The Legion of Mary.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October Calendar

31 Sun. Halloween

Nov. 1 Mon. Solemnity of All Saints (not a holy day of obligation this year)

2 Tue. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Election Day

3 Wed. Memorial of St. Martin de Porres

4 Thu. Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo

5 Fri. First Friday

6 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

7 Sun. Daylight Saving Time ends: Set clocks back 1 hour.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at the 11:30am Mass. Please contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) for information or to register your child. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints' Day for the year 2021 is celebrated/observed on Monday November 1, and then the day after Tuesday, November 2nd **All Souls Day** will also be observed with both Masses at 6:00pm. These two days represents a time to reflect and remember the saints, martyrs, and the faithful who have died.



ALL SOULS DAY - BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES
The annual Blessing of Graves will take place at the historic CATHOLIC Cemetery on Wheaton St. on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00pm. In commemoration of All Soul's Day, the names of those who have died during the last twelve months will be read, the rosary will be recited, and the graves will be blessed. Everyone is welcome to attend. (Participants who come to this annual service gather at the Priests' Lot in Magnolia Section).



Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Willie Allen, Jr., Markeshia Bailey, Joe Battle, Clarethia Bivins, 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, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK... Father, your only son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health. ~ Through Christ our Lord. ~Amen.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

November 7 begins National Vocation Awareness Week. The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will be celebrating a special Holy Hour on Sunday November 7, 2021 @ 3:00 PM at the Benedictine Priory Chapel, 6502 Seawright Drive, Savannah, GA 31406. Please join us in asking the Lord of the Harvest to send us many good and holy priests, deacons and religious to serve the people of God and the Life of the Church!

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.

LECTORS’ SCHEDULE

October 30/31

5:30pm	Rachel Hooper	Sharon Carson
9:00am	Joseph Carter	Alicia Carter
11:30am	Monesha Gallishaw	Deborah Bakinde

November 6/7

5:30pm	Taylor Walden	Sharon Carson
9:00am	Dianne Williams	Torrance Garvin
11:30am	Donald Perry	Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

October 30/31

5:30pm – Sharon Carson *
9:am – Gregory Milton
11:30am – Monisha Gallishaw

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11:30am – Aiden Mason-Harvey

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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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Greetings my beloved Parishioners,

Scammers have been preying on some of our Parishioners, pretending to be me, and asking you for financial favor through text messages and email. Please, do not respond to them or do whatever financial favor they ask you for I am not the one. I do not ask my Parishioners for personal financial favor, and even if I will do that, it will not be through text messages or email. The scammers did not hack my email or phone number – their email address and the phone number that they use in sending those messages are not mine. Please beware! I love you all. -Fr. Romanus.

FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:

The Foundation Of All The Commandments - Love of God and Neighbor:

The lesson which comes over loud and clear to every sincere Christian who listens to today's Gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. Jesus made it clear, "there is no other commandment greater than these". All other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice.

God is infinitely perfect; he needs nothing from us to be God. While infinite God has no needs that we can supply, he has claims on our service, on our respect, on our attitude – these basic claims demand that we would rather suffer persecutions, and even choose to die rather than deny or dishonor him. It was God who gave us existence; we have no life outside him, "For in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). It was God who gave us our talents and every gift that we have. It was God who redeemed us and made us his adopted children through the incarnation, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everything I am and have and hope to be, I owe to God's love and generosity; therefore, he has an unquestionable right to my gratitude, my reverence, my respect – these are the ways in which I can show my love for him. The keeping of God's commandments, the prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and petition which we offer daily, the attendance at Mass and other liturgical function, these are the means God gives us to show our love, our recognition of total dependence on him and our gratitude for all he has done and is still doing for us.

God does not need any of these signs of our submission and reverence and respect, but we absolutely need them, because they are the means God has given us to fulfill his purpose in creating us – to share his eternal glory with him. Therefore, to love God is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has prepared for us.

Loving our neighbor in the Christian principle means loving all people irrespective of color, race, or religion. This, according to our divine Lord, is another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1 John 4:20). Our merciful Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common-Father we will do all we can to help his other children.

If we observe these two commandments, we are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

Your Pineapple For The Week:

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me" (Matthew 25:40).