



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
Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
@ 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
ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - *Since 1874*

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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent,
Year C

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
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
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Carl Hayes	Chairman	912-655-7153
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, whom we portray as a precious infant in a simple manger at the end of this season. But there are two more arrivals of our Lord to contemplate during this season of preparation and they tend to be overlooked. One day Jesus Christ will come again in glory as the world ends and he delivers his final judgment. He gives a glimpse of this to his disciples in today's Gospel. But let us also consider his third appearance—to each of us personally, into our hearts and into our lives as we embrace him as his disciples. As we celebrate today, let us consider how we can welcome him ever more intimately into our lives.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 539.

Parish Giving November 21, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4512.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 322.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

Mass Intentions (* = offered by):

5:30pm: For the repose of the souls of: Lucille Striggles, Robert Slocum, Sr., Kenneth Jackson, and Michael Jackson, on the anniversary of their passing.

*Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Foxhall A. Parker.

*Sara P. Josephson.

For God's touch in the life of Inez Manigault.

*Inez Manigault.

11:30am: For the repose of Foxhall A. Parker.

*Sara P. Josephson.



Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Willie Allen, Jr., Markeshia Bailey, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, Carmen Broussard, William & Odessa Bryant, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Mackenzie Jenkins, 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.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

December 4/5

5:30pm Adriene Perry Dominique Jackson
9:00am Torrance Garvin Teresa Udowana
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw Adrian Broxton

December 11/12

5:30pm Rachael Hooper Sharon Carson
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

December 18/19

5:30p Edna Mason Shirley West
9:00am Teresa Udowana Joyce Jones
11:30am “Faith Formation”

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

December 4/5

5:30pm – Edna Mason
9:00am – Torrance Garvin*
11:30am – Monesha Gallishaw*

December 11/12

5:30pm – Sharon Carson*
9:00am – Gregory Milton
11:30am – Theresa Garvin*

December 18/19

5:30pm – Edna Mason*
9:00am – Joyce Jones*
11:30am – “Faith Formation”

Congratulations

2021 GARTLAND AWARDS RECIPIENTS

St. Benedict the Moor is proud to announce the recipients of the 2021 Gartland Service Award, Mrs. Areatha Scott, and Mrs. Rosetta Brown.

The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes will confer the Gartland Service Award on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 10:00am in the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, Georgia.

Congratulations to our recipients who are so richly deserving of this award!

“THE GIVING TREE”

The Giving Tree is Coming!

The Youth of the Parish will once again host the annual Giving Tree project. Once the tree is set up with paper tags, please take a tag, purchase the gift noted, and return it **NO LATER THAN December 10th**. (Please do not turn in gifts after this date because they will not be delivered). If you would like to get a tag earlier, please contact Sharon Carson @ 912-656-0286. Thank you for support in making this Christmas brighter for the for the less fortunate. - Youth Ministry.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November Calendar

28 Sun. Begin Year C of the Sunday Lect. for Mass

29 Mon. Hanukkah begins

30 Tue. Feast of St. Andrew

December Calendar

Fri. Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

First Friday

4 Sat. Memorial of St. John Damascene

First Saturday

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. As we prepare ourselves to embark on the liturgical season of Advent, we ask that you please take time to fulfill your pledge in support of our parish goal. Thank you for your generosity and faith! Annual Catholic Appeal Committee.

St. Benedict the Moor Mass Schedules for Christmas Season:

Wednesday, December 8:

Immaculate Conception – Mass at 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 15:

Advent Penance Service – at 6:00pm

Friday, December 24:

Christmas Eve – Masses at 6:00pm &
10:00pm

(Note: Christmas Carols begins at 9:30pm)

Saturday, December 25:

Christmas Day – Mass at 10:00am

No Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25

Sunday, December 26

Masses at 9:00am & 11:30am

December 31:

No New Year Eve Mass

Saturday, January 1:

New Year's Day – Mass at 10:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany – Masses at 9:00am & 11:30am

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.

Appreciation:

My beloved Parishioners,
Peace be with you!

I cannot find words to express my heartfelt appreciation to you for the surprised Priesthood Appreciation that I received upon my return from my vacation. Thank you for the wonderful prayer. Thank you for the gifts from individuals, Ministries, and Organizations.

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. I am eternally grateful! I love you all,
Fr. Romanus.

FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:

Prepare Your Heart For The Coming Of The Lord:

Last week, we came to the end of the Church's liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The Church's liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and ends with Christ the King. Today is the first Sunday of Advent which reminds us that Christmas is coming up soon.

Advent is the period of four weeks or four Sundays before Christmas. The term, "Advent" came from the Latin word "Adventus", which means, "coming; arrival". Advent – "coming" has three meanings for us Christians: The first coming took place about 2000 years ago when the Messiah, Jesus came into the world in our human flesh and as a baby to suffer and to die to save us. The second coming is happening now as Jesus wants to come into our lives. And the third coming will happen in the future when Jesus will come back to the world as King and Judge on the last day or at the end of the world.

Jesus was rejected by many in his first coming. He did not meet up with the people's expectations of who the Messiah would be and how he would come. The Messiah was with them, but they could not recognize him. They tortured him and killed him, but he resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

However, he did not ascend into heaven to distance himself from us – on the contrary, he ascended into heaven with the assurance of coming back to make his home with us as members of his Body, the Church. He promised to dwell in us, to be with us and to journey with us always until the end (cf. Matt. 28:20); remaining with us perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion, even to the end of the age!

As I have already said, the second coming is happening now! Jesus wants to come into your life. He wants to dwell in you and to make his home with you. He is no longer going to be born again in Bethlehem of Judea – he is coming to be born in your heart. Are you ready and willing to receive him into your life? "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20). Are you willing to open your heart and welcome Jesus into your life?

Advent is a period of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, not in Bethlehem of Judea, but in our hearts. It is a moment of cleaning of our hearts to make fit for Christ's dwelling. If we welcome Jesus into our lives, he will fill us with his graces and the Holy Spirit to guide us and to lead us to the right path. He will not only accompany us on our way through life, but he will also give us the strength for the journey. He will help us to unite ourselves with him so that he can be in us and we in him.

If we are united with Jesus, we have no fear of his third coming, when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. On the contrary, we will be longing for his coming in glory when we shall see him as he really is – when he shall take us to himself to be with him in all eternity. We pray for the grace to allow Jesus to be born in our hearts at this special Season and always.

Your Pineapple For The Week:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

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