



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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL
This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry and must be completed before they begin ministry. Seating is limited, and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.

Welcome to St. Benedict the Moor
Catholic Church
Our hope is that your presence here in the celebration of the Mass with us will remind you of the wonder that is God's sustaining grace; that it

encourages you in your walk and will motivate you to pass on His amazing grace to others.

WELCOME TO HISTORIC
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December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent,
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Second Sunday of Advent...We light the second purple candle. The "Bethlehem Candle" reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We pray for the virtue of Faith.

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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912-233-2817

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Quite likely you have a long checklist of things that you need to do before Christmas, which is now only three weeks away. But is “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” on that list? It ought to be, for this is exactly what John the Baptist called for in preparation for the Lord’s coming. Gathered here today to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, let us repent of the wrongs we have done or failed to do and seek forgiveness for our sins so as to properly prepare a place for our Lord to be born into our lives.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 541.

Parish Giving November 28, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4181.00
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“Thank You for Your Generosity”

Mass Intentions:

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Matthew Felix Walden on the anniversary of his passing (12/08). *Taylor & Rosemary Walden.

9:00am: For the Knights of Columbus Council 10274. *KOC.



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, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December Calendar

6 Mon. Memorial of St. Nicholas Hanukkah ends

7 Tue. Memorial of St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

8 Wed. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

9 Thu. Memorial of St. Juan Diego
Cuauhtlatoatzin

10 Fri. Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

11 Sat. Memorial of St. Damasus

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

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11:30am – “Faith Formation”

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.

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.

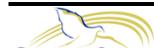
“THE GIVING TREE”

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.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 10274 is restarting our winter coat drive in memory of Georgetta Blair who started the St. Benedict coat drive. We will be collecting coats for children as well as adults and you will find a box in the back of the church for your donations. Thank you.



GRACE SCHOLARS Register now for your 2022 Georgia state tax credit that benefits Catholic education. GRACE Scholars provides scholarships to children from families with financial need in grades PreK-12 for use at participating schools located in the State of Georgia. You receive a 100% state of Georgia tax

credit for your donation. This gift helps deserving students in Georgia receive an excellent Catholic education at no cost to you! Visit gracescholars.org for more details or contact Kathy Fialkowski at 912-356-6987 or kfialkowski@bss-savannah.org.

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

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Parents: All members of the Youth Choir are asked to attend rehearsal on Saturday December 18th at 12 noon. New songs will be taught and rehearsed especially for our upcoming Christmas liturgical masses. Looking forward to a great rehearsal. -Kathy Stewart.

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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.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass

**All couples celebrating their Silver or Gold
(25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversary in 2022
are invited to join
The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes,**

Bishop of Savannah for a special Mass and light
reception on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at 3:30pm
at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Those wishing to attend should register online at
www.diosavorg/gold-and-silver by December 31,
2021, in order to receive the formal invitation with
Please call the Diocesan Office at Marriage, Family,
and Respect Life at 912-201-4068 with questions.

FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:

Preparations and Joyful Expectation for the Coming of the Lord:

Our first reading from Baruch states unequivocally: A grieving and disheartened Jerusalem and people will have every reason to celebrate because God is about to intervene to bring those people home. The God of compassion will not leave his people scattered in exile. God was about to bring back the children of Jerusalem who were taken into captivity and restore them in their homeland.

This is what Advent is all about – a call to come back by our compassionate and merciful God! It evokes hope and expectation in the hearts of those of us who wait for the coming of Jesus, those of us who sometimes feel we are in exile in a strange land following a crooked path.

Baruch told the people of the Old Testament in the first reading; precisely what John the Baptist is telling us today to do in preparation for the coming of the Lord. We must not remain passive but actively engage ourselves in

preparation with enthusiasm, for the Lord is coming to visit his people! Both Baruch and John the Baptist outlined practical steps we should take in getting ourselves reading for this the coming of the Lord.

In Baruch's own testimony, "For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God" (Baruch 5:7). On the same note, John the Baptist asserts, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Luke 3:4-6).

Baruch and John the Baptist stressed that "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low". What are they talking about? "Valley" is a symbol of "Lack, absence, deficiency". It points to the sin of "omission, oversight" – the good deeds that we neglect or fail to do; make up for that – do them! "Mountains and hills" symbolize "excess, overflow, flood, torrent". This points to the sin of "commission" – the evil things we do that we need, not only to stop, but to eliminate – be removed so that we may come to the level that God wants us to be as his children. Acts or sins of omission and commission are, respectively, the good things we have failed to do, and the evil things we have done.

St. John concludes that "...all flesh shall see the salvation of God". May God grant us the grace to prepare ourselves so that Christ may be born in our hearts and in the world.

Your Pineapple For The Week:

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2).
