



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.



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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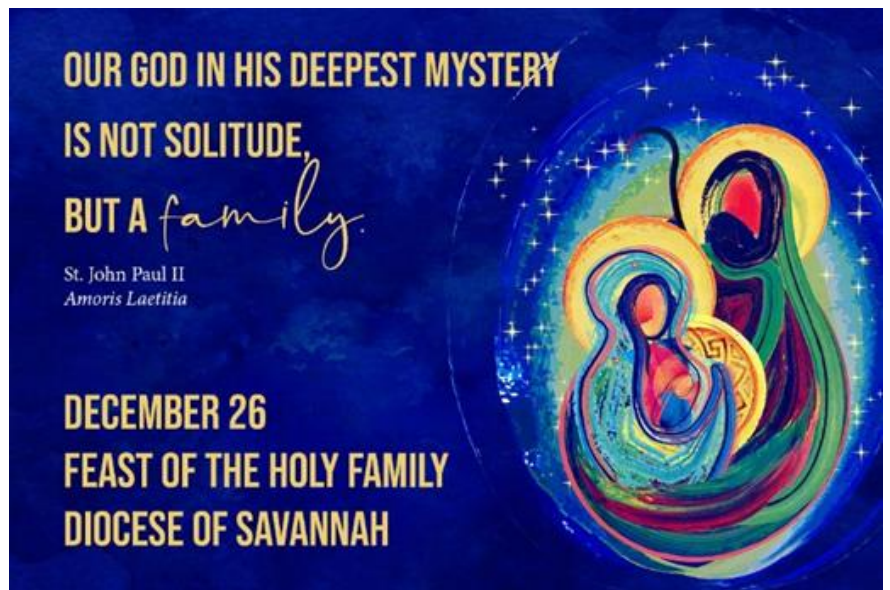
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December 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Year C

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
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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Carl Hayes	Chairman	912-655-7153
Melanie White	Secretary	912-439-1488
Clarence Davis	Member	912-308-4677
Frank Williams	Member	912-233-2817

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Just yesterday we came to this holy place to celebrate our Lord's birth. Today we return to expand that celebration to his immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising him in the religious traditions of their faith. In this loving environment, Luke says, "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man". Let us pray today that our families may provide fertile ground for our children to grow similarly.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 559.

Parish Giving December 19, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5299.00
Parish Bus	\$ 19.00
Christmas Offer'g	\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 220.00
Immac. Conception	\$ 30.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

Mass Intentions:

9:00am: We give thanks to God for our Aunt Vergie Williams as she celebrates her birthday (12/23). *Joseph & Michele Roberts.

11:30am: For the repose of the soul of George F. Washington and Venzula P. Walker on the anniversaries of their birthdays. *Sharon Carson & Family.

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.



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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December Calendar

27 Mon. Feast of St. John
 28 Tue. Feast of the Holy Innocents
 29 Wed. Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Memorial of St. Thomas Becket*
 30 Thu. Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 31 Fri. Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Memorial of St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
 Jan. 1 Sat. Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation this year); World Day of Peace; New Year's Day; First Saturday

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

December 25/26

5:30pm Sharon Carson Taylor Walden
 9:00am Melanie White Akio Brown
 11:30am Juliette Tolbert Donald Perry

January 01/02

5:30pm Sharon Carson Adriene Perry
 9:00am Georgene Jones Teresa Udowana
 11:30am Monesha Gallishaw Adrian Broxton

January 8/9

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Rachael Hooper
 9:00am Joseph Carter Alicia Carter
 11:30am Juliette Tolbert Donald Perry

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

December 25/26

5:30pm – Edna Mason
 9:00am – Theresa Garvin
 11:30am – Emily Williams

2021



CHRISTMAS FLOWER IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF...

In Memory of ...

**Clarence Bailey*
**Howard K. Bailey*
**Dennis C. Bailey*
**Patricia Hamilton*
**Jackie Cain*
**Sadie Chaney*
**John Kenneth Golden*
**Michael Allen*
**Frances Golden Reid*
**Willie Allen Sr.*
**Louise Golden Allen*
**The Johnson Family*
**The Williams Family*
**Corey Hayes*
**Gilbert Jordan, Sr.*
**Maude L. Jordan*
**Gilbert Jordan, Jr.*
**Roosevelt Jordan*

**Rosa Lee Stewart*
**Dorothy Wright*
**Ruby Wright*
**Charlesetta Wright*
**Thomas Wright*
**Charlie Mae Green Williams*
**Thelma Green*
**Samuel Wright*
**Nicholas K. Wright*
**William H. Samuel*
**Willie Odums*
**Freddie Johnson*
**Janie A. Johnson*
**Beautine Grayson*
**Nonnie Mae Carswell*
**James H. Carswell*
**Venzula P. Walker*
**Deceased Members of the Rountree Family*

**Deceased Members of the Carson Family*
**Deceased Members of the Coleman Family*
**Deceased Members of the Washington Family*

In Honor of ...

**Edna Robinson Mason Family*
**Delores Robinson Family*
**Mariah K. Bailey*
**William and Barbara McGhee*
**Frank and Milenthia Williams*

*[Isaiah 9:6](#): For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given, and the
government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful*

Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

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.

LIGHT A PRAYER CANDLE



Lighting a votive candle is a long and
sacred tradition. They create precious,
intimate moments with our Lord and
those we present to Him with our
prayers.

St. Benedict the Moor Mass Schedules for Christmas Season:

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

Thank You...

*For all of your hard work those of you gave of
their time to help decorate the church so
beautifully and to those who so generously
made donations that allowed us to make
Christmas so special. Thank you and God bless
you all!*

FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:

Holy Family: A model to Our Human Families:

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family – the
family of Mary, Jesus, and Joseph. This family
was holy because God's will was first in their
lives. There are many instances in the Gospels
where Mary and Joseph always did what God
wanted of them, whether through the message of
an angel or by their fidelity to commandments.
For example, today's Gospel tells us that holy
family would go to the Temple every year to
celebrate the feast of Passover. From Galilee to
Jerusalem was a trip of about 70 miles, and since
many people then traveled on foot because they
had no means of transportation, it would have
taken some days. They could have met robbers
or wild animals on the road.

This willingness to do what God wants, brings
with it the development of many values such as
honesty, fidelity, responsibility, and virtues as
St. Paul mentioned in today's second reading:
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, patience, forgiving one another,
putting up with one another, and above all, love
which binds them all together and makes them
perfect. These values and virtues help people
have good relationships.

On this feast of the Holy Family, the church
wants all Christian families to try to model their
lives on this Holy Family of Mary, Jesus, and
Joseph. No family can ever hope to be as perfect
as this family, but every family must strive to
imitate it.

Your Pineapple for the week:

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving

thanks to God the Father through him”
(Colossians 3:17).