



### 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](http://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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## January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

*“They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of Gold, frankincense, and myrrh”.*

*-Matthew 2:11.*

**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**

### Finance Council Members:

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## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Aware of the significance of the blessed star and drawn by its distinctive light, the magi traveled from distant lands to reach Bethlehem. They are the first people outside the immediate area to come and greet the newborn king. Today we gather thousands of miles from Bethlehem, not to mention over two thousand years from the holy event. Yet we too are drawn by our faith to this holy place to seek out the Son of God and do him homage. Let us in turn make Christ manifest to others wherever we go.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 568.

### Parish Giving December 26, 2021

Offertory	\$ 7249.00
Christmas Offer'g	\$ 1916.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 5.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll.: Dioc. Sch.	\$ 210.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 270.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00

**"Thank You for Your Generosity"**

**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.

## 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.

*"Humility and Love,  
there you have it.  
This is everything".  
-Saint Paisios-*



## 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, Clevon 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.

### Prayer for the Sick ...

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

### FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### January Calendar

2 Sun. National Migration Week begins  
3 Mon. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus  
4 Tue. Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
5 Wed. Memorial of St. John Neumann  
6 Thu. Memorial of St. André Bessette  
7 Fri. Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort  
Julian Calendar Christmas First Frida

### LECTORS' SCHEDULE

#### January 1/2

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

#### January 8/9

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

### ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE \*LECTOR ALSO

January 1/2  
5:30pm - Varies  
9:00am - Varies  
11:30am - Varies  
January 8/9  
5:30pm - Varies  
9:00am - Varies  
11:30am - Varies

Amen.

**PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Cynthia Howard and Family on the loss of her husband, Mr. Carlton Howard, who passed away Thursday December 23, 2021. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10am at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Mr. Howard is also the brother of Brenda Kennedy and Belinda Chaplin. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.



to all of the helping hands that decorated the inside and the outside of the church this Christmas... to all of our parishioners who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund, and to all of the ministries that helped to enhance our Masses. We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks for all of the generous Christmas gifts donated to our annual Youth ministry "Giving Tree" project. May the New Year bring peace and serenity to you and your families.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

Please support the Black and Native American Indian Mission Collection January 9, 2022 This mission exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

**ROSARY RALLY FOR THE UNBORN**

- Every second Wed. of the month at 8:30 a.m.
- The next one is: **January 12th**
- The Savannah Medical Clinic, 120 E. 34th St. Savannah, GA

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Jayne Stefanic @ 912.201.4068 or [jstefanic@diosav.org](mailto:jstefanic@diosav.org)

Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life | Diocese of Savannah

**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.



**OPEN HOUSE:**

Limited Spaces Available for 2022-2023  
Wednesday January 19, 2022  
5:30pm – 7:30pm  
ELC – Grade 8  
*By Appointment Only*  
912.355.3132  
8412 Whitefield Av  
[StJamesChargers.com](http://StJamesChargers.com)

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**CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**

The Associate Missionary Society of St. Paul (AMSP) would like to invite all parishioners and friends to attend the Conversion of St. Paul Feast Day. A Mass Celebration will take place on Tuesday January 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. followed by light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there to share with us as we celebrate our 12<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.  
- St. Benedict the Moor Associate Missionaries of St Paul (AMSP).

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*Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee  
Anniversary Mass*

*All couples celebrating their Silver or Gold  
(25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup>) 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.

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**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:**

**Seek the Lord and You Will Find Him:**

Human being, by nature is a religious being. Religion is human searching for God. The three wise men in today's Gospel were yearning for knowledge of God. They learned about the birth of Jesus, the Messiah and they were deliberately in search of where he was

born. They enthusiastically left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led by a star to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King, they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the three wise men from the East so they could come and worship Jesus, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We cannot find God on our own, we need the gift of faith, which God freely gives us. These three wise men, through the gift of faith, found Jesus. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves and enlightens hearts, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Like the three wise men, we cannot reach God on our own; we need the "star" – we need the Holy Spirit, and we need Jesus to lead us to the Father. Jesus made it clear, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one can come to the Father unless through me" (John 14:6). To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God.

Let us pray today that like the three wise men, all people will sincerely seek the Lord Jesus and find Him on their journey of life.

**Your Pineapple for the week:**

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13).