



### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm  
SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am  
Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**UNITY MASS @ 10AM**

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesday from 6-7 pm  
Healing Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm and by appointment.

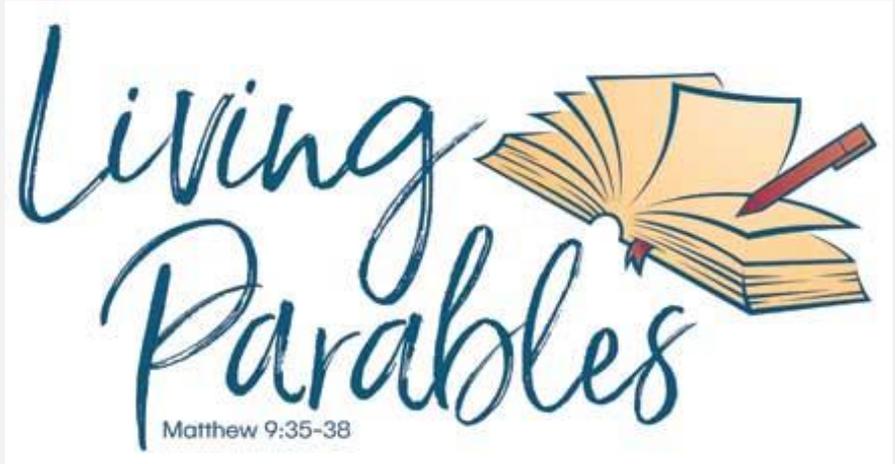
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.



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."

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*September 23, 2018*  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,*  
*Year B*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education  
Zachary Bailey, Parish Council Chairperson  
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson  
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary  
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary  
Bobbie McIver, Bldg / Maint. Mgr.  
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**Office Hours:**  
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

"Look out for Number One!" the saying goes. Society often encourages us to take care of ourselves first. This easily leads to a sense of selfishness, feelings of jealousy, and actions of greed. As Christians, we know that these attitudes are antithetical to the model of Jesus, who emptied himself to become flesh and offered himself as the ultimate sacrifice. Let us pray that we are able to avoid the temptations of jealousy and envy in our lives.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 515.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?

The greatest in God's kingdom is the one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child. Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature. How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The craving for glory and greatness seems to be engrained in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Well, Jesus has shown us the way to greatness. Unfortunately, the way he has shown us is not our human way, but God's own way. It is the reverse of the human way - it is the way of the Beatitude which is exactly the opposite of our human way! Am I fighting to be the greatest in God's own way or in the worldly way?

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:32)



September 15/16, 2018 Unity Mass

Offertory	\$ 5632.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 27.00
Parish Bus	\$ 76.00

"Thank you for your generosity"

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September Calendar

26 Wed. Memorial of Ss. Cosmas and Damian  
27 Thu. Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul  
28 Fri. Memorial of St. Wenceslaus; Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions  
29 Sat. Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael



ALL MASSES:

In praise and thanksgiving to God for my retirement.

\*Teresa Udowana.

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing.

\*Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Josephine Robinson Evans who passed away on September 9, 2018.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.

Readings This Weekend:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Let us condemn him to a shameful death. Psalm 54 "The Lord upholds my life." James 3:16-4:3 The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Mark 9:30-37 The Son of man is to be handed over. Whoever wishes to be first will be the servant of all.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Numbers 11:25-29 Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Psalm 19 "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." James 5:1-6 Your wealth has rotted away. Mark 9:38-43, Whoever is not against us is for us. 45, 47-48 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The St. Benedict the Moor BAA Committee would like to remind everyone to please contribute towards our 2018 Campaign. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. It is the request of Fr. Romanus that we use these envelopes to submit your donations here at the Church. This will ensure that St. Benedict the Moor of Savannah is properly credited for their donations. Let's continue to strive toward success and thank you for your support.

"Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor."

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, M. Marie Blue, Ida Branch, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Susie Ingram, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Richard Mack, Margie McNeal, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Albertha Smith, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Michael Allen, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia Williams.

**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. Since weekly offertory envelopes are the primary means of determining if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask you to place your envelope in the collection basket each Sunday even if you cannot make a monetary contribution to show your attendance. 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.



Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates take place on Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and/or are seeking full reception into the Catholic Church are invited to attend. Sessions will take place in the old school building located next to the rectory. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of faith. \*RCIA Team.



### UNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for October 7<sup>th</sup> Unity Mass will take place on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm and Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am in the Church. -Areatha Scott.



### UPCOMING VIRTUS CLASSES:

09/30/18 – St. Boniface Church (Springfield)  
Per Diocesan standards, no volunteer should begin ministry until VIRTUS training, Background Check and Code of Conduct are completed. New employees should be allotted a 60-day window to obtain the training.

Online registration PRIOR to attendance is strongly encouraged and can be completed by going to the session listing on the Upcoming Events Calendar at [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org).

### “PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS”



The gifts of bread and wine are brought from the far end of the church *through* the assembly to indicate these are gifts from the people. Most importantly, this indicates the people are making a gift of themselves to be transformed with the bread and wine.

Symbolically, that’s us on the altar, offering ourselves to God. In the eucharistic prayer, we will ask God to send the Spirit to change the gifts and change us as well.

The gift of ourselves is never easy, and the church, knowing that, treats our offerings with great care. The priest places them in a dignified place on the altar, incenses them reverently, and asks God to receive them to himself.

“Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice” – not only bread and wine, but what they symbolize: our work, struggles, joys, money, our very lives – “may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.”

**What an honor it is to be asked to take the “gifts” up to the Altar!**

### OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Exciting News! A New Approach to our Parish weekly

#### **Bible Study!**



**We are now using** “Lectio Divina” method in our weekly bible study. **Lectio Divina** (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats scripture as the Living Word. In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Sunday Liturgy, we are studying the readings for the coming Sundays – we read the Sunday scriptural passages, meditate, pray and share the Word. Please join us at Bible Study every Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Hall! – Fr. Romanus.



Knights of Columbus Council 10274 will be holding the annual **"LET US COOK FOR YOU"** Variety Dinner on Sunday September 30, 2018. Dinner tickets can be purchased from any Brother Knight. A portion of the proceeds will go to Deacon Peter for continued support in his studies. Please help us & thank you!



**KOC GIANT YARD SALE!**

The Knights of Columbus Council 10274 & the Ladies Auxiliary are having a Garage Sale on Saturday October 13, 2018. In the Old School Yard. Proceeds will benefit the Church, the Knights & the Ladies Auxiliary. Donations will be accepted. Please see any member of the Knights of Columbus.



**Rosary Coast to Coast  
Sunday: October 7, 2018**

Join Catholics in more than 700 sites from the Atlantic to the Pacific who will pray the Rosary simultaneously across the U.S. (4 pm ET; 3 pm CT; 2 pm MT; 1 pm PT) for Healing for our Nation and for our Church; and to return us to Holiness through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary.

**Diocese of Savannah sites:**

- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – Savannah 4:00 pm
- St. John the Evangelist Church – Valdosta 4:00 pm
- St. Joseph Church – Macon 4:00 pm



Please come & join us in asking the Virgin Mary's help as we pray the Rosary before each Mass. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

**Lectors**

**SCHEDULE...**

<b>22-23</b>		
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>S. Carson</b>	<b>E. Mason</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>J. Carter</b>	<b>A. Carter</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>R. Locke</b>	<b>J. Brown</b>
<b>29-30</b>		
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>D. Jackson</b>	<b>Y. Williams</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>B. McGee</b>	<b>R. Marshall</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>S. Ingram</b>	<b>A. Broxton</b>

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

All parishioners who are celebrating their birthdays for October & January will be meeting on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Contacts are Antoinette Hagans (912-234-4278), Alicia Carter (912-398-8995), or Wilma Brown (912-355-7634).

**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Saturday, October 6, from 8AM to 2PM in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 3113 E Victory Dr. in Thunderbolt. Furniture, appliances, housewares, clothes, toys, books, and many great bargains.

**WHITE MASS**

Please save the date of Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00pm for the White Mass at St. Mary's Chapel. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. Please encourage all men and women, religious and laypersons, that you know serving in any healthcare profession to attend this special Mass for recognition and blessings.



**MSP 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER**



Please save the date for the annual appreciation luncheon of the Missionary Society of Paul coming up on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

Mass of thanksgiving will begin at 10:00am at St. Peter the Apostle Church; 6220 La Salette St., Houston TX 77021. The Mass will be presided by the Most Reverend Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Luncheon and Silent Auction will follow immediately after the Mass at the school gym.

For more information on reservation or how to support the Missionaries of St. Paul, please contact The Mission Development Office at 713-747-1722 or [usamp@yahoo.com](mailto:usamp@yahoo.com)



St. Frances Cabrini in Savannah, GA is celebrating its 50th Golden Jubilee. Part of the celebration is a "Coming Home" as the parish honor parishioners who shared in Cabrini's "roots of faith" and

helped grow the parish. The parish is looking for original members and their families to join in a Homecoming Mass on November 11, 2018, at 2:00 PM where the families will be honored - a reception will follow. If you remember St. Frances Cabrini, 11500 Middleground Road in Savannah, GA as part of your family's spiritual roots, please call at 912-925-4725 or send an email to [sfcc.office@cabrini-sav.org](mailto:sfcc.office@cabrini-sav.org) so an invitation can be sent to you.