



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 3rd Wednesday

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

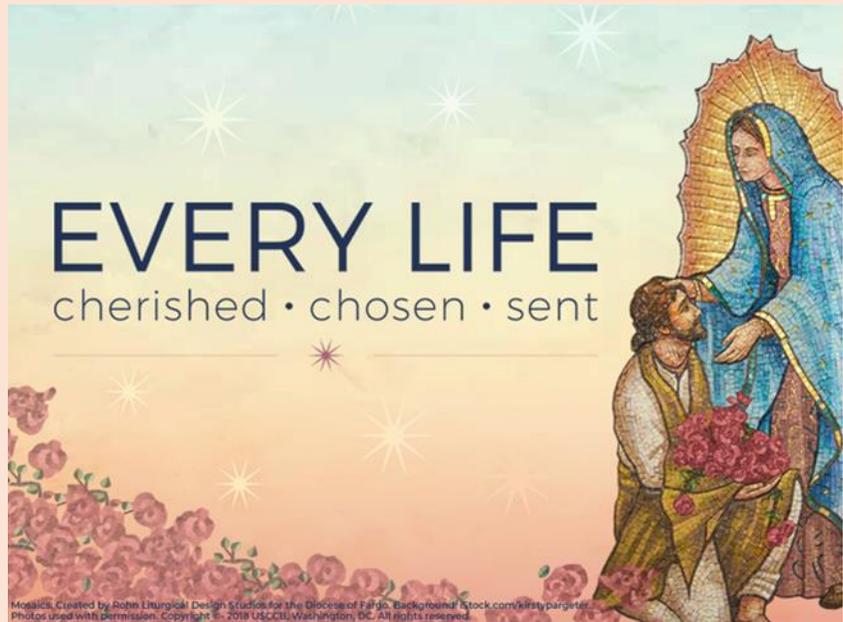
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.



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, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar."

WELCOME TO HISTORIC
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Respect Life Sunday

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh 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
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



“If we love one another, God remains in us,” we sing before the Gospel reading

today. How appropriate on this Respect Life Sunday. All life, everyone’s life, is a gift from God, a gift given out of love by our Creator. Therefore, all life is precious in God’s eyes. If all life is precious, all life is worthy of our love. With that attitude and with God remaining in us, we can sing the second half of the Gospel acclamation, “and God’s love is brought to perfection in us.”

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 520.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today’s Reflection

What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single?

Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a concession in view of a lost ideal. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life.

Your “Pineapple” of the week:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).



Parish Giving

September 29/30, 2018 Unity Mass

Offertory	\$ 4579.00
Parish Bus	\$ 20.00

“Thank you for your generosity”

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October Calendar

7 Sun. Respect Life Sunday

8 Mon. Columbus Day

9 Tue. Mem. of St. Denis and Companions; Mem. of St. John Leonardi

11 Thu. Memorial of St. John XXIII

13 Sat. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*For the repose of the soul of Eloy Lugo on the anniversary of his passing. *Mariela Lugo.*

For the repose of the souls of Phillip & Dora Lee Luke on the anniversaries of their passing.

**Johnny Luke & Family.*

*For the repose of the soul of my sister Carolyn Hayes Russell who passed away (09/30). *Carl Hayes & Family.*

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:18–24 *The two of them become one flesh.* Psalm 128 *“May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.”* Hebrews 2:9–11 *He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.* Mark 10:2–16 *Therefore what God has joined together, or 10:2–12 let no human being separate.*

Readings for Next Weekend:

Wisdom 7:7–11 *I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom.* Psalm 90 *“Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!”* Hebrews 4:12–13 *The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart.* Mark 10:17–30 *Sell what you have and follow me. or 10:17–27*



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.



PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Carl (Jean) Hayes on the loss of his sister, Mrs. Carolyn Hayes Russell who passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018. (Adams Funeral Services). Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

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.”

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.



Per Diocesan standards, no volunteer should begin ministry until VIRTUS training, Background Check and Code of Conduct are completed.

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.

Why Catholics Do That †

The Truth of the Catholic Church One Post at a Time

Why does the priest mean when he says “The Lord be with you”?

By greeting the people with the words “The Lord be with you,” the priest expresses his desire that the dynamic activity of God’s spirit be given to the people of God, enabling them to do the work of transforming the world that God has entrusted to them.

What do the people mean when they respond, “and with your spirit”?

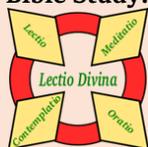
In their response, the people assure the priest of the same divine assistance of God’s spirit and, more specifically, help for the priest to use the charismatic gifts given to him in ordination and in so doing to fulfill his prophetic function in the Church.

Lectors

Oct 7 Sunday Unity Mass	
B. McGee & R. Marshall	
Oct 13-14	
5:30pm	A. Perry & Y. Williams
9:00am	J. Carter & A. Carter
11:30am	M. Jenkins & J. Brown
Oct 20-21	
5:30pm	D. Jackson & Y. Williams
9:00am	M. White & T. Udowana
11:30am	“Faith Formation”
Oct 27-28	
5:30pm	S. Carson & E. Mason
9:00am	R. Marshall & B. McGee
11:30am	R. Locke & A. Broxton

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.



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL ALUMNI: 1960-1969

All former students of St. Benedict the Moor School from 1960-1969 are asked to join us at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Contact Michael Chaney at 912-655-1856 for more information.

KOC GIANT YARD SALE!



The Knights of Columbus & the Ladies Auxiliary are having a Garage Sale on Saturday October 13, 2018 starting at 8am until 1:00pm in the Old School Yard. Proceeds will benefit the Church, the Knights & the Ladies Auxiliary. Donations are now being accepted and can be dropped off at the Parish Hall. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Tracey Maloof at 912-663-3413.

HALLOWEEN FUN FEST



The annual youth Halloween Fun Fest will take place on Tuesday, October 30th from 6 - 7:30 p.m. There will be food, games, lots of fun and of course the Trunk or Treat!! If you would like to fill your trunk with goodies to pass out to the children, please contact Sharon Carson (656-0286) or Sharonda Battle (441-4066) to reserve a space. Come out and have a BOO-TIFUL fun time. *Parish Youth.



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.

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.



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 so an invitation can be sent to you.



Offering Envelopes



If you are not using your numbered OFFERING envelopes for your Church contributions, please make sure that you write your envelope number on all your donations. This is very important in order for you to receive credit. Simply putting your name on the "Welcome" envelopes will not be sufficient! Please do your part!

DISCOVER THE INNER PATH: A GATHERING OF WOMEN

Take time to get in touch with God, yourself and other women. Spend Saturday October 27, 9-3PM at *Inner Path: A Gathering of Women* at beautiful Villa Marie Center on the Isle of Hope at 6 Dolan Drive. Sr. Gilda Marie Bell, SBS will facilitate the day, "God's Masterpieces - The Spiritual Giftedness of Women". Donation \$20. Bring a bag lunch and a mug. Beverages and snacks provided. Seating is limited. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call/e-mail Sr. Donna Loeper at (912) 484-7860 or donna_loeper@comcast.net for registration form and details.



