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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 27th/Eritrean's Sunday

9:30 am - Confessions

10:00 am - Mass

Mass Intentions: People of the Parish

Readings: IS 2:1-5; ROM 13:11-14; MT 24:37-44

PS 122: 1-9

Monday, November 28th

Rectory Office Closed

Daily Readings: IS 4:2-6; MT 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29th

Office Open: 10:00am-12:00pm

Daily Readings: IS 11:1-10; LK 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30th

Office Open: 10:00am-4:00pm

Readings: ROM 10:9-18; MT 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1st

Office Open: 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Readings: IS 26:1-6; MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2nd

Office Open: 10:00am-3:00pm

Readings: IS 29:17-24; MT 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3rd

3:30 pm - Confessions

4:00pm - Mass

Readings: IS 30:19, 21, 23-26; MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

Sunday, December 4th/Sodality Sunday

9:30 am - Confessions

10:00 am - Mass

Readings: IS 11:1-10; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12

PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

MASS SCHEDULE

Dear Parish Family our church is open. Our regular Mass schedule is Saturday, 4pm and Sunday 10am. All are welcome. For more information contact our office by calling (202)397-3896 or email office@sbmdc.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 19- **Adults:**

Sunday, November 20- **Adults: Children: Total:**

BULLETING GUIDELINES

Notices and announcements to be published in the parish bulletin are due by 10:00 am on the Wednesday prior to each week in writing, or e-mailed to the parish office at: office@sbmdc.org

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is available 30 minutes prior to the celebration of the Mass or by appointment. For confession appointment please contact Fr. Michal Sajnog at (202)397-3895 ext.2 or by email at pastor@sbmdc.org.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Please remember the deceased in your prayers. Mass intentions may be reserved for a specific date. Flowers for the church altar may be donated in honor of a loved one living or deceased. A Mass intention will also be said for the occasion.

POOR BOX

Your contribution go directly to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, SOME, and The Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations. For assistance, please call the hotline number: (202)397-1616 and leave a message, someone will return your call.

SHUT-INS AND HOMEBOUND

Please remember all the sick and shut-in of the parish in your thoughts and prayers, especially: Richard Austin, James Bell, Vernelle Brown, Sylvia Cephas, Juanita Dunbar, Joyce Fisher, Negisti Hagos, Yvonne Mosely, Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Donna Page, Patricia Perry, Dorothy Ridley, Jude & Josephine Ugochukwu, Anita Whitehurst, Edward Otis Williams, Nellie Williams. Please notify the parish at (202)397-3895 ext.1 or our pastor at ext. 2 when a parishioner has been hospitalized or confined at home due to sickness, age or infirmity and need the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact our pastor Fr. Michal Sajnog by calling our office at (202)397-3895 ext. 2 or by email pastor@sbmdc.org.

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WEEKLY WORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We can easily get caught up in the events of life. These moments may be as mundane as driving children to activities, or as serious as a health crisis. These matters can cut us off from the presence of God in our lives.

In today's readings, Isaiah, Paul and Matthew urges us to pay attention to the present moment and to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. When we pay attention to our experiences, we can start to see God's hand in everything. That will change the way we see ourselves and how we relate to the world around us. Our situation may not change, but our ability to move through the situation will change. We will live in a way that is different from the world around us, as Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew teach in the readings.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us pray for the grace to turn our thoughts constantly towards God. Whether we are sitting in traffic, or experiencing stress and crisis, every moment is an opportunity to connect with God and change our attitudes, values, and actions.

Living with Christ: Anthony Chezzi

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light (Roman 13:12B)

As we enter this Advent season, we are met not with the twinkling lights and the festive feel of the secular version of this season but with the hard truth and the ominous reminder of what it means to believe in a Savior who entered the world as a babe in a manger and died on a cross. We do not need the shiny armor of Joan as she charged into physical battle, but rather the armor of Christ, the sword and shield of a salvation won for us through his suffering.

Today we are challenged to throw off that darkness and turn toward the Light that will be the only armor we need to do what we were born to do.

Daily Reflection for Advent: Mary DeTurriss Poust

MASS INTENTIONS

- Kidane Mehret (Our Mother of Perpetual Help) requested by Lucia Haileselassie.
- For Sophia Hailemichael, requested by Sara Tsegaye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to: Lizette Christian, November 27, Valentine McFarlane, November 27, Yvonne Neal, November 28, Darnell Lambey, November 29, Dorothy Ridley, December 3.

SOME Volunteer Needed: The second Monday of each month St. Benedict the Moor goes to SOME to prepare and feed about three to four hundred people. The menu is eggs, sausage, grits. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kevin Beasley or contact Rebecca Flaherty, email: rflaherty@some.org or call (202)235-1583. The number of volunteers is six(6).

Parish Hall Use: To all church organizations, if you are planning an event and need to use the Imperial Hall or the Quander Room Hall please check with the Church Office to see if the place and times are available. Our Office contact number is: (202)397-3895, Ext. 10.

Share Food Program: The next Share pick-up date is Saturday, December 17, 2022. For more information, please call Cheryl Hamlin-Williams on (301) 996-6711.

Food Bank: The next Food Bank is Monday, December 19, 2022 Time 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers needed Sunday, December 18, 2022, after mass in the Imperial Room to help set-up.

Volunteers Needed: St. Benedict is in need of someone to takeover the Food Bank Ministry. You must be committed and dependable. Training and assistance will be provided by the current leader who is retiring. If this is something you would like to takeover as your ministry, please let Sherlene Duckett know by email at smduckett@aol.com or by contacting our office.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 8, 2022 Immaculate Conception

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Vigil

Mass 9:00pm

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas

Mass 10:00am

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

November 2022

Sunday, November 27-**NO CLASSES**

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WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR

75 YEARS

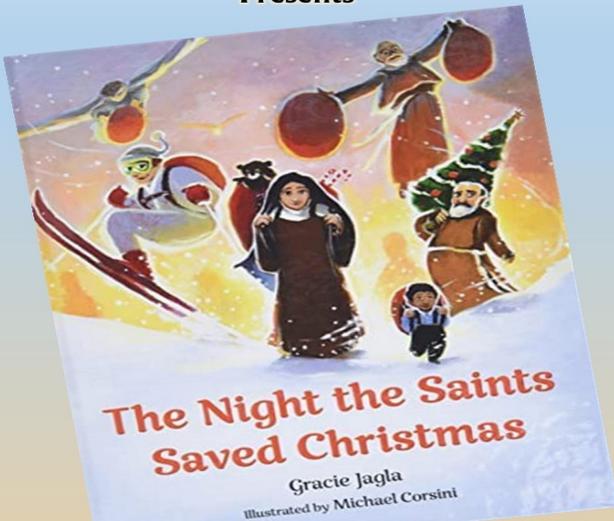
St. Benedict the Moor 75+ years of Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher in our Faith in God and our Community. You may still visit our website if you could not participate in the final celebration. There you may view the previous pastors' tributes to St. Benedict the Moor, and from our elders from days past, and various pictures.

<https://sbmdc.org/75-anniversary>

God bless you for many more years to come!

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The St. Benedict the Moor Faith Formation
Presents



Sunday, December 11, 2022

12:00pm

The SBM Imperial Room

Followed by Community Sunday

We would like to welcome all visitors to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, please feel free to come again, and make this your home church.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

Pastor:	Fr. Michal Sajnog
President:	Michelle-Lee Mitchiner
Vice-President:	Bill Reed
Secretary:	Kimberly O'Neal McKinley
Maintenance:	Martha Barksdale
Golden Age:	Valoria Baylor
Liturgy:	Sherlene Duckett
Health Ministry:	Cheryl Hamlin Williams
Hospitality:	Mary Mays
Sodality:	Shelia Parker
Ladies of Charity:	Cynthia McFarlane
Art & Choir:	Yvonne Neal
Holy Name Society:	Bill Reed
Kidane Mehret:	Zekarias Tekle

For more information on our parish council members, parish council minutes, and more, please go to <https://sbmdc.org/staff> or call our office at (202)397-3895 Ext. 1 or email at office@sbmdc.org.

Parish Council: The Pastoral Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month, next meeting, November 21, 2022, 6:30pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2nd grade, and Confirmation in 8th grade. For more information please contact Kimberly O'Neal McKinley at cff@sbmdc.org.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

November 19 & November 20, 2022: \$.00

Thank you for your generosity!

NEW OR MOVING?

New to the Parish or changing your address: Please notify the rectory at (202)397-3895, ext. 1 Wednesday through Friday so we can keep our records updated. Please stay in touch and updated via our website at sbmdc.org and our weekly bulletin. God bless you!

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are dedicated to keeping our church building clean and sanitized. The weekly cleanup includes: sanitizing each pew, carpet cleaning, wiping down statues, etc. Therefore, the church is safe for your return. Masks are optional. We miss you and are waiting for your return.