



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM

EVERY FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
@ 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.



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah and must be completed before they begin their ministry.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required online. Registration instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration.

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!

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January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Last Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives, for, as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." May our encounter with the Lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 460.

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*Parish Giving
January 7, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$6841.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary H. Simmons on the anniversary of her birth. *Ruth Simmons & Family

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mr. Fletcher Cross and family on the loss of his wife, Mrs. Delores Cross, who passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as of bulletin printing.

Parish sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. George Moultrie on the loss of his father, Mr. Benjamin Lewis Moultrie, III, who passed away on Wednesday, January 10th. Funeral services will be held 11am Saturday, January 20th in the Adams Chapel. Visitation with the family will be held 4pm – 6pm Friday, January 19th in the Adams Chapel.

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Wilma Brown on the loss of her sister, Ms. Gina Grayson, who passed away on Tuesday, January 9th. Funeral will be held 11am Saturday, January 20th at First Friendship Baptist Church, 506 Hamilton Ct., Savannah, GA.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Willie Allen, Jr., Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Bea Betsworth, Henry Blount, Odessa Bryant, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Jessica Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Joyce Jones, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Ellen Roberts, Delores Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Crystal Williams, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<p>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.</p>

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<p>PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI</p> <p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.</p> <p>O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.</p> <p>For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.</p>

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

January 13 – 14, 2024

5:30pm Taylor Walden Shirley West
9:00am Dianne Williams Melanie White
11:30am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

January 20 – 21, 2024

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Sharon Carson*
9:00am Deborah Ngo Bakinde Barbara McGhee
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

January 13 – 14, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Emily Fann

January 20 – 21, 2024

5:30pm Edna Mason
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCARIST SCHEDULE**

January 13 – 14, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:30am Juliette Tolbert

January 20 – 21, 2024

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Jabria Wesley
11:30am Theresa Garvin

USHER'S SCHEDULE

January 13 – 14, 2024

5:30pm Robert Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am George Moultrie Rickard Baker
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

January 20 – 21, 2024

5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

BUS MINISTRY

Anyone wishing for transportation to the 9:00am or 10:00am Unity Mass should call either Dr. Earl Berksteiner at (912) 713-0414 or Mr. James Warren at (912) 655-8717 on or before Friday to schedule pickup. Thank you.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our Parish Website URL address is no longer www.stbenedictmcc.org

The new URL address is "www.stbenedict-sav.org

Our new Website Manager is Elizabeth Hickman in Houston, Texas.

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Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Watch for our youth in the parade!

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REMINDER!

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays at 6pm.

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INFANT BAPTISM

The next Infant Baptism will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Parents wishing to have their children receive the Sacrament should contact Theresa Garvin (912-507-7553) or Sharon Carson (912-656-0286). Thank you.

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PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Think you know your Bible? *"... lean not on your own understanding .."* (Proverbs 3:5). You can never stop learning or growing in your faith. Our Parish Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The teaching of our Catholic doctrines is blended into our bible study to enable us to have a better understanding of the faith that we profess. Please come, let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God. *Fr. Romanus.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection will be for Black and Indian Missions on January 14th. Please give generously to this fund.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus Is The Lamb of God:

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood that he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to Christ (means Anointed One and Messiah). He did not

hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead, he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose of your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to Himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us. (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

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Our monthly lunch for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, January 17th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before and with the cooking and deliveries on January 17th. Please contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

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CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Mass for the Conversion of St. Paul will be held on Thursday, January 25th at 6pm in the church. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is invited.

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WALKING THROUGH GRIEF

A support program to cope with grief & loss at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Youth Center, Thursdays at 6:30pm. The 9 week program begins Thursday, February 8th. For more information or to sign up to participate contact: Diane Farthing dgfarthing@aol.com 770-309-2019