



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 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Parish Council Chairperson
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Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to your parish. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbenedict-sav.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 462.

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Parish Giving
January 14, 2024

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4590.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 538.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Lt. Col. Hester M. Jackson on the anniversary of her passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *Offered by the AMSP

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THANK YOU SBTM CHURCH FAMILY

I would like to take the time to say "Thank You" to Father Romanus and all of my St. Benedict the Moor family for your prayers, calls, text messages, and visits. My family and I are deeply grateful for the love and support that you all have shown during a very challenging time. The power of your prayers to the Lord made a tremendous difference during my journey. As a community of Believers, please continue to assist one another in everyone's time of need as it doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart.

Your brother in Christ,
Torrance & the Garvin family

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, Clevon 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 20 - 21, 2024

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Dominique Jackson
9:00am Deborah Ngo Bakinde Barbara McGhee
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

January 27 - 28, 2024

5:30pm Edna Mason Adriene Perry
9:00am Georgene Jones Melanie White
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Beverly Blue

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

January 20 - 21, 2024

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

January 27 - 28, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

January 20 - 21, 2024

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

January 27 - 28, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Milenthia Williams
11:30am William Wright

USHER'S SCHEDULE

January 20 - 21, 2024

5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

January 27 - 28, 2024

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Latisha Bailey

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.

150th Church Anniversary Banquet: October 5, 2024

Installment payments for the 150th Anniversary Banquet are now being accepted. The cost per person is \$150.00 and children ages 6 - 12 is \$75.00. One time payments are also being accepted. All payments are due on or before July 7, 2024. Please contact the church office should you have any questions. Thank you for being a part of this Grand occasion.

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REMINDER!

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

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Ms. Allison Glover and family on the loss of her father, Mr. Leroy Wilson, who passed away on Wednesday, January 17th. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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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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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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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Kingdom of God Is at Hand:

The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. The Scriptures tell us that God's throne is in heaven and his rule is over all (Psalm 103:19). His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendor (Psalm 145:11-13).

The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message. As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that *the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*. Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to *believe in the gospel - the good news he has come to deliver*. What is the good news which Jesus delivers? It is the good news of peace (restoration of relationship with God - Ephesians 6:15), of hope (the hope of heaven and everlasting life - Colossians 1:23), of truth (God's word is true and reliable - Colossians 1:5), of promise (he rewards those who seek him - Ephesians 3:6), of immortality (God gives everlasting life - 2 Timothy 1:10), and the good news of salvation (liberty from sin and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God - Ephesians 1:13).

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and

Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Lord Jesus gives us grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what is good and in accord with his will. His grace brings pardon and help for turning away from everything that would keep us from his love and truth.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe that the gospel - the good news of Jesus - has power to free you from bondage to sin and fear? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15)"

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UNITY MASS CHOIR NEWS

You are invited to join the Unity Mass Choir rehearsals that will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd and 30th at 6pm. All are welcome. - Kathy Stewart

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UNITY MASS CELEBRATION MEETING

On Sunday, February 4th, there will be a short meeting to plan for the first quarter Unity Mass Celebration (03/03/24). All those with birthdays and/or anniversaries in January, February or March are asked to attend. Your input is greatly needed. We will meet in the parish hall after Mass. Thank you.

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