



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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February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
Unity Mass

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

We gather on this midwinter day, as we do each Sunday, to celebrate the meal that Jesus left us so that we could be nourished by him as we continue our journey to the kingdom. We give praise and thanks to God for this opportunity, even as we acknowledge our failings, our sinfulness, and our need for God's mercy. Let us lift our voices in song and prayer to our God.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 467.

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*Parish Giving
January 28, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$3847.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am In joyful celebration for Tristan Garvin on his 13th birthday (February 1st). *Torrance & Theresa Garvin

In loving memory of Patricia L. Hamilton. *Love – the Garvin and Hamilton Families

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Areatha Scott and family on the loss of her husband, Mr. Irvin Scott, Sr. who passed away on Thursday, January 25th. Funeral service was held Saturday, February 3rd at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church.

Parish sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Chikako Bryan who passed away on Thursday, January 25th. Graveside service was held on Saturday, February 3rd at the Catholic Cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

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THANK YOU

The Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) extend their appreciation to everyone who attended the Conversion of St. Paul Mass and reception on January 25th. We thank you for your support and especially your prayers.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Willie Allen, Jr., Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Bea Betworth, 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)

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter

February 10 – 11, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Sharon Carson
9:00am Dianne Williams Teresa Udowana
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am Emily Fann

February 10 – 11, 2024

5:30pm Edna Mason
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Joyce Jones

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am Marvin Manning, Sr.

February 10 – 11, 2024

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:30am Juliette Tolbert

USHER'S SCHEDULE

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am George Moultrie Robert Kennedy
Richard Baker

February 10 – 11, 2024

5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am Rosetta Brown Karen Polk
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

THANK YOU

An enormous thank you from the family of Benjamin Lewis Moultrie, III to Father Romanus and the St. Benedict the Moor Church family. The calls, cards, prayers and other acts of kindness deeply touched our hearts. Words cannot express our gratitude during this difficult time. May God bless you all. George Moultrie and family.

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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PARISH CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sklyar Scott, a junior at Savannah Arts Academy, who was inducted into the Renaissance Chapter of the National Honor Society on January 11, 2024. Sklyar is the daughter of Tarangula and Irvin Scott, Jr and the granddaughter of Areatha and the late Irvin Scott, Sr. and Queen Barnes. Your St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church family is very proud of you, Sklyar.

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MASS FOR ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

The Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend a Mass in memory of St. Josephine Bakhita on Thursday, February 8th at 9:00am at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. There will be light refreshments afterwards. Come and celebrate this courageous woman of faith.

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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

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SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

St. Benedict the Moor Parish is asked to help the Social Apostolate with securing groceries during the month of February. Your donations of packaged or canned meat, canned vegetables & fruits, breakfast cereal, healthy snacks and other non-perishable food items will aid the Social Apostolate in their outreach to the poor. Please place all items in the container provided. Thank you for your generosity.

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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.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Importance of Prayer:

Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness that they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator (c. 347-420), reflects on this passage:

"Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (Cf. John 1:26) 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (Mark 1:15). Faith beholds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears. Our repentance is the perfume of the Savior. See how costly is the compassion of the Savior."

Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in your personal life, family, and community? Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you?

One of the Early Church Fathers, Origen of Alexandria (185-254 AD), emphasized the habit of prayer, thus:

"Jesus prayed and did not pray in vain, since he received what he asked for in prayer when he might have done so without prayer. If so, who among us would neglect to pray? Mark says that 'in the morning, a great while before day, he rose

and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed' (Mark 1:35). And Luke says, 'He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray,"' (Luke 11:1) and elsewhere, 'And all night he continued in prayer to God' (Luke 6:12). And John records his prayer, saying, 'When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you"' (John 17:1). The same Evangelist writes that the Lord said that he knew 'you hear me always' (John 11:42). All this shows that the one who prays always is always heard." (excerpt from ON PRAYER 13.1), *"Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations"*.

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

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UNITY MASS CELEBRATION MEETING

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 today after the Unity Mass. Thank you.

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REMINDERS!

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

Parish Bible Study is held Wednesdays at 6pm in the parish hall. Please come and let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God.

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GEORGIA MARTYRS DOCUMENTARY

On February 5th at 5:30pm, EWTN will air *For the Sake of the Gospel*, a Diocese-produced documentary about our very own Georgia Martyrs! Following the premiere, the documentary will be available on-demand at:

ondemand.ewtn.com

diosav.org

thegeorgiamartyrs.org

youtube.com/DioceseSavannah

Rated TV-14. Visit thegeorgiamartyrs.org for more information.