



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 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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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

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of repentance and penitence, we hear how Jesus responded to a man who was considered unclean, both physically and spiritually. Over the following forty days, we will approach our Lord as sinners, in need of forgiveness, in need of being "made clean." May Jesus' response to the leper in today's Gospel assure us of his love and mercy for us despite our failings, despite our sinfulness.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 469.

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*Parish Giving
February 4, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5619.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses: For the peaceful repose and in memory of Mrs. Ismay Bain on the anniversary of her passing. *The Persad and Naidoo Families

9:00 For God's continued guidance and blessings on Jayden Jones as he celebrates his 19th birthday (2/16). * Ruth and Kimberly Simmons

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THE SEASON OF LENT

It seems like we just rang in the new year, but Lent is fast approaching and now is the time to start preparing for it. Ash Wednesday is **February 14, 2024**. Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** and **6:00pm**. The Lenten season provides an opportunity for prayer, fasting, and reflection. People are seeking ways to connect with Jesus more deeply through encountering and learning more about God and our faith. With just a bit of planning ahead, anyone can have a successful and fruitful Lent filled with many graces.

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"Make a Joyful noi+se unto the Lord"

Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, February 17th @ 10:30am. All youth are strongly encouraged to attend. *Thank you – Kathy Stewart

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)

February 10 – 11, 2024

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

February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

8:00am Sharon Carson Yvonne Williams
6:00pm Edna Mason Beverly Blue

February 17 – 18, 2024

5:30pm Taylor Walden Edna Mason
9:00am Georgene Jones Deborah Ngo-Bakinde
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

February 10 – 11, 2024

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

February 17 – 18, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

February 10 – 11, 2024

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

February 17 – 18, 2024

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

USHER'S SCHEDULE

February 10 – 11, 2024

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

February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

8:00am NEED USHERS
6:00pm NEED USHERS

February 17 – 18, 2024

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

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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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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next Special Collection is for *Aid to Central and Eastern Europe* and will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Please be generous in giving to this fund.

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REMINDERS!

During the Lenten season, the Eucharistic Adoration will begin immediately following the Stations of the Cross which start 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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UNITY CELEBRATION

There will be a 1st quarter Unity Celebration meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00pm. January, February & March celebrants are asked to attend. Please reach out to your month's coordinators for input and further information. They are: January – Wilma Brown (912) 659-8941 & Emily Williams Fann (912) 713-1012; February - Rosetta Brown (912) 232-8921 & Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553; March - Edna Mason (912) 247-1671 & Brenda Kennedy (912) 660-3464.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Lord Jesus Can Make Me Clean:

Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as a grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because

they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others. *(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).*

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26).

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2024 STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday at 6:00pm
(Rosary begins at 5:30pm)

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

February 16 – Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

February 23 - Parish Council and Finance Council

March 1 – Extraordinary Ministers
Of the Holy Eucharist and
CCD Teachers

March 8 – AMSP, Lectors

March 15 – New Horizons of Women and Men,
Traveling Moors

March 22 – CCW and Friends of SBM

March 29 (Rosary at 2:30pm: Stations at 3:00pm)

Legion of Mary, Choirs and Youth

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Our ACA 2024 Parish Target is \$31,885. Our requested family offering remains at \$325. We can do this if, after thoughtful consideration, everyone gives according to our ability. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

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