



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
EUCHARISTIC 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 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 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent
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 continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 398.

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*Parish Giving
February 18, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5370.00
Special Collection: Aid to Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 413.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mr. Clarence John Bailey, Sr. on the anniversary of his birthday (February 27th). *Mrs. Mariah Bailey

For Norrisa Tre'niece Brown as she celebrates her birthday today. *Emily, Keilen, Marion & Kaitlen Brown

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to the family of Ms. Faye Howard in the loss of her daughter, Ms. Anicia A. Howard, who passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 in Kent, WA. Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:00am. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the St. Benedict the Moor Council of Catholic Women for their generous donation of \$500 to the parish. We appreciate all that you do for the wellbeing of the parish. May you continue to be blessed as you bless others.

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, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Hilda Johnson, Joyce Jones, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Ellen Roberts, Delores Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Cornelius St. Mark, Catherine Spann, 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 24 - 25, 2024

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Shirley West
9:00am Melanie White Barbara McGhee
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Joyce Jones

March 3, 2024 Unity Mass

10:00am Donald Perry Beverly Blue

March 9 -10, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Adriene Perry
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

February 24 - 25, 2024

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

March 3, 2024 Unity Mass

10:00am Gregory Milton

March 9 - 10, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Joyce Jones

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

February 24 - 25, 2024

5:30 pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Jabria Westley
11:30am Juliette Tolbert

March 3, 2024 Unity Mass

10:00am Gloria Stephens

March 9 - 10, 2024

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Milenthia Williams
11:30am William Wright

USHER'S SCHEDULE

February 24 - 25, 2024

5:30pm Robert Kennedy Anthony DeShay
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Latisha Bailey

March 3, 2024 Unity Mass

10:00am Rosetta Brown Karen Polk Brenda Kennedy

March 9 - 10, 2024

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

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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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great blessings that come from God. Please be generous in your sharing.

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UNITY MASS CHOIR

Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6pm. Please be in attendance. Thank you.

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UNITY MASS CELEBRATION

Please join us for our quarterly Unity Mass Reception on Sunday, March 3, 2024. The event will take place in the parish hall immediately following the 10:00am Mass.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE

"All Proceeds go to Charity". The 2024 Annual Charity Raffle has started. Council #10274 sold the 2nd and 3rd prize tickets last year. Drawing to be held at the state convention May 18, 2024. Cost: 1 ticket \$5.00 or 5 tickets \$20.00. Please see any Knight by May 15th to purchase your tickets. Thank you.

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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.

Don't forget your donation of non-perishable food to the Social Apostolate. Food drive ends March 3, 2024.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Lord Wants to Share His Glory with Each of Us:

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory and presence in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith, Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2).

God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2,3).

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his Son because he obeyed. The cloud that overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8). Jesus is the True Temple come down from heaven who reveals the glory of God to us (John 1:14 and John 2:19, Matthew 12:6), and who opens the way for us to worship the living God in spirit and truth (John 4:21-26).

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the glory and blessings of my Father's kingdom - your names will be written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

Jesus succeeded in his mission because he willingly went to Calvary (where he offered up his life for us

on the cross) so that Paradise (our true dwelling place with God) would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us. If we hope to share fully in his glory, we, too, must follow him on the way to the cross - by dying to sin and embracing his will for our lives. This is the only true path that leads to everlasting peace and joy with God (Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

+++++ 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!

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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“WALK FOR THE MISSIONS”

Join the *Missionary Society of St. Paul* and the Associate Missionaries of **St. Paul (AMSP)** for the **13th Annual “Walk 4 the Missions”** at Tom Bass Park on Saturday, **April 13, 2024**. We will be located at **Pavilion 4** off the Cullen Street entrance. Walk the mile(s) to empower weak and disadvantaged young people through education. **Registration begins at 8:00am; Walk begins at 9:00am.** Registration forms are available from any AMSP member or online at www.mspfathers.org. This is a **great opportunity to earn service hours for graduation, school, confirmation, etc.** and fun for the entire family! Registration Fee: - \$20.00 – Adult; \$10.00 – Child. **Register by April 1st to be guaranteed an official T-Shirt! For registration and more information please contact: Mr. Torrance Garvin @ 912-272-9766.**