



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 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!

HISTORIC

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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

Unity Mass

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Parish Council Chairperson
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we hear God deliver the ten commandments to Moses and the Chosen People. The commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences and recall times when we have failed to follow one of God’s commands and determine which commandments we find difficult to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God and those we’ve wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 400.

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*Parish Giving
February 25, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5356.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

For all those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of March.

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please join our Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00pm in the church. All are encouraged to take this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament as a part our Lenten spiritual journey.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection for Catholic Relief Services the weekend of March 9th – 10th. Please give generously to this fund.

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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)

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)

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

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

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

BEREAVEMENT/SOCIAL EVENT COMMITTEE

There will be an important meeting of the Bereavement/Social Event Committee on Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the Parish Hall immediately after the 9am Mass. Please plan to attend. *Vergie Williams, Chairperson

MATERNAL HEALTH FAIR

The Georgia Dept. of Human Services is encouraging Georgians with Medicaid and CHIP to renew their coverage as outlined in mail they receive from their state program. To help families, there is an opportunity for a face-to-face Medicaid redetermination on March 9th from 9am - 3pm at the Eckburg Auditorium, 5717 White Bluff Road. Flyers announcing the event are available at the front of the church.

**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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Thank you for all who have pledged and/or contributed to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal!

No gift is too small or too large and every gift is important. Thank you for your generosity.

UNITY MASS CELEBRATION

Please join us for our quarterly Unity Mass Reception today in the parish hall immediately following the 10:00am Mass.

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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly lunch for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, March 13th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on March 13th. Please contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you - Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

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.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus Burns with Zeal for His Father's House:

Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them safely through the Red Sea, and led them to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of living in moral goodness and holiness embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God also gave Moses instructions on how his people were to worship him in holiness and he instructed them to make a Tabernacle, which was also referred to as the "tent of meeting" where the people gathered to offer sacrifice and worship to God. The tent of meeting was later replaced by the construction of the temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament Scripture tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" - God's true Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do you thirst and hunger for God's holiness?

The Jewish authorities wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus spoke of himself as the true Temple which cleanses and makes us a holy people who can dwell with God.

The sign Jesus gave pointed to his sacrificial death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to was his own body. The "tent of his body" had to first be destroyed (that is, be put to death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins) in order to open the way for us to freely enter into the holy presence of God in his heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 10:19).

Through his death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has reconciled us with God and made us adopted sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, and he fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes us living temples of our God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16). Do you recognize the indwelling presence of God within you through the gift and working of his Holy Spirit? The Lord Jesus wants to renew our minds and purify our hearts so that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with a holy desire and burning zeal for his holiness and glory to grow in you and transform the way you think, act, and live as a son or daughter of God. (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week: "You shall not make my Father's house a house of trade" (John 2:16).

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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!

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