



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 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Lactare Sunday

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
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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

From the first days of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this Laetare ("Rejoice!") Sunday, we are reminded of God's unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 403.

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*Parish Giving
March 10, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5412.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses: For the peaceful repose of Solomon Myers, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday. *The Myers Family

9:00am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Bernitha Vaughn on her birthday and anniversary of her passing. *Mrs. Helen Odums

For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

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THANK YOU

The family of the late Anicia A. Howard sends thanks to Fr. Romanus and our church family for your love, concerns, prayers, and support during the loss of our loved one. May each of you be blessed as you have blessed us.

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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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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 9 - 10, 2024

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

March 16 - 17, 2024

5:30pm Taylor Walden Shirley West
9:00am Deborah Ngo-Bakinde Barbara McGhee
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

March 9 - 10, 2024

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

March 16 - 17, 2024

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

March 9 - 10, 2024

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

March 16 - 17, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Marvin Manning
11:30am Sharon Carson

USHER'S SCHEDULE

March 9 - 10, 2024

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

March 16 -17, 2024

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

BEREAVEMENT/SOCIAL EVENT COMMITTEE

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

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**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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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.

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsal for 9am choir will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00pm to prepare for Palm Sunday. Unity Mass choir rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00pm to prepare for Easter Sunday. Please come and join us as we prepare for the Resurrection of our Savior!

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150th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THEME NAMING CONTEST

Calling all parishioners! Would you like to win a complimentary ticket to the 150th Anniversary Banquet? Submit your entry for the Anniversary Theme Naming Contest before the April deadline. Contest forms will be issued after each Mass on April 7, 13 & 14, 2024. Submission deadline will be April 30th. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sandra Best or Dianne Williams.

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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.

Knights of Columbus #10274 fish fry on Fridays during Lent. Also, Annual Charity Raffle: Cost - 1 ticket \$5.00 or 5 tickets \$20.00.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The "lifting up" of the Son of Man:

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be "lifted up" to bring the power and authority of God's kingdom to bear on the earth. The title, "Son of Man," came from the prophet Daniel who describes a vision he received of the Anointed Messiah King who was sent from heaven to rule over the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Traditionally when kings began to reign, they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be recognized as the Anointed King when he is "lifted up" on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died for his claim to be the only begotten Son sent by the Father in heaven to redeem, heal, and reconcile his people with God.

Jesus points to a key prophetic sign that Moses performed in the wilderness right after the people of Israel were afflicted with poisonous serpents. Scripture tells us that many people died in the wilderness because of their sin of rebellion towards Moses and God. Through Moses' intervention, God showed mercy to the people and instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live"(Numbers 21:8). This miraculous sign was meant to foreshadow and point to the saving work which Jesus would perform to bring healing and salvation to the world.

The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, but he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us.

This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for every individual whom God has created. God is a loving

Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says that God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love. (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

For this week’s Lenten home study, please read John 3:16-21. Meditate, and pray with it.

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EASTER VIGIL REHEARSAL

There will be an important practice session for lectors who are scheduled to read and choir members who will sing the responsorial psalms – along with the musician – for the Easter Vigil Mass. The rehearsal will take place on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:00am. It is important that those involved attend this practice. Thank you.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

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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 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