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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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*March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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

We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down God’s blessing upon the symbol that today’s feast is named for: the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem. “Hosanna!” the crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. “Hosanna!” the residents called out, eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the year, the week when we recall Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 408.

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*Parish Giving
March 17, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4126.00
Holy Places in Palestine	\$ 20.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Willie V. Coleman on the 10th anniversary of his passing, March 23rd. *Sharon Carson and Family

9:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Juanita M. Chaney on the anniversary of her passing, March 24th. *Michaela Chaney

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PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences are extended to the family of parishioner Mrs. Ellen Roberts who passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as of bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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THANK YOU!

Mr. Michael Chaney sends thanks to his St. Benedict the Moor Church family for your prayers, cards, calls, and concerns during his hospitalization. God bless each of you for your support and expressions of love.

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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, Jacqueline Bailey-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 23 – 24, 2024 Palm Sunday
5:30pm Edna Mason Sharon Carson
9:00am Deborah Ngo-Bakinde Melanie White
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Donald Perry

March 28, 2024 Holy Thursday Mass
7:00pm Georgene Jones Rachel Hooper

March 29, 2024 Friday of the Passion of the Lord
6:00pm Dominique Jackson Donald Perry

March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm
1st Reading Taylor Walden
2nd Reading Dominique Jackson
3rd Reading Edna Mason
4th Reading Sharon Carson
5th Reading Joyce Jones
Epistle Donald Perry

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Mass
10:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

March 23 – 24, 2024 Palm Sunday
5:30pm Dominique Williams
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil Mass
8:30pm Edna Mason

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Mass
10:00am Emily Fann

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

March 23 – 24, 2024 Palm Sunday
5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Jabria Wesley
11:30am William Wright

March 28, 2024 Holy Thursday Mass
7:00pm Milenthia Williams

March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil Mass
8:30pm Sharon Carson

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Mass
10:00am Theresa Garvin

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Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday, March 30th and Monday, April 1st in observance of the Easter holiday. Be safe and blessed as we remember the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

USHER'S SCHEDULE

March 23 – 24, 2024 Palm Sunday
5:30pm Franklin Hagey Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Richard Baker George Moultrie
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Latisha Bailey

March 28, 2024 Holy Thursday Mass
7:00pm Ushers Needed

March 29, 2024 Friday of the Passion of the Lord
6:00pm Ushers Needed

March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil Mass
8:30pm Anthony DeShay Thomas Dickerson

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday
10:00am Rosetta Brown Karen Polk

**150th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
 OCTOBER 5, 2024
 SAVANNAH CIVIC CENTER BALLROOM**

Installment payments for the 150th Anniversary Banquet are now being accepted until July 7, 2024. A table of eight is being offered for a reduced price of \$1,000.00. Individual tickets are also being accepted. Please contact the church office should you have any questions. Thank you for being a part of this Grand occasion. *The 150th Anniversary Planning Committee

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CHOIR REHEARSAL

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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UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Please give generously to the following special collections during the month: March 29th – Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land; March 31st – Priests' Retirement. Thank you.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord:

Does the King of Glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th-century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus, he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, and leads into the kingdom of heaven those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through

whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4). (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:29).

Our Lenten Home Study:

Read, meditate, and pray with James 4:6-17

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GETTING OUR FINAL AFFAIRS IN ORDER:

As life would have it, we fail to realize that it is never too soon to put our final affairs in order. And although we are sure to include immediate family and friends in our estate planning, please remember your church, St. Benedict the Moor, in your bequests.

You can make a difference: your legacy matters to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. When you leave an estate gift, like a house, land, or a monetary gift to your church family, you are leaving your mark for the future of this Parish that you love and cherish. For instance, over the years, our children have benefitted from the Carolyn G. Mitchell Trust Fund. This Trust helps our Parish with subsidies for our children in Catholic elementary schools in our deanery.

As you get your affairs in order, for your family and loved ones, please remember that St. Benedict is part of your family. The future of this Parish depends on us. As Terry Tempest Williams would say, “The eyes of the future are looking back at us, and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time”. It is our prayer that you consider leaving your legacy by bequeathing your gift for the future of your Church family.

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2024 STATIONS of the CROSS

March 29 (Rosary at 2:30pm: Stations at 3:00pm) - Legion of Mary, Choirs and Youth