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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
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!

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*April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter, Year B
Divine Mercy Sunday*

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

Still basking in the glory of Easter, today we celebrate God’s unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all of us, Jesus died on the cross, atoning for our sins, past, present, and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of his eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see him, Jesus blesses them in their faith. This Easter season, let us rejoice, for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God’s divine mercy upon us.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 427.

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*Parish Giving
March 31, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$7523.00
Holy Places in Palestine	\$ 425.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 808.00
Easter Offering	\$1245.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Clarence John Bailey on the anniversary of his passing (4/8). *Mariah Bailey

For the repose of the souls of Sharon Qureshi on the anniversary of her birthday and Joe Murray Rivers, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing. *Vergie Williams

For Delores P. Robinson as she celebrates her birthday today. *The Family

For Gabriel E. Cooper as he celebrates his 10th birthday today. *Godmommy

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CONGRATULATIONS

Parish congratulations to Mr. Robert Kennedy, Sr. who received third place for Lord of the Year at the Area IV conference for Top Ladies of Distinction. He was in competition with 33 lords from 6 states. This award is for serving all mankind. We are proud of you!

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, 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)

April 7, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Edna Mason Shirley West

April 13/14, 2024
5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson*
9:00am Deborah Ngo-Bakinde Teresa Udowana
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw* Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

April 7, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Ruth Simmons

April 13/14, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Emily Fann
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

April 7, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Marvin Manning, Sr.

April 13/14, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Jabria Wesley
11:30am William Wright

USHER'S SCHEDULE

April 7, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Michael A. Chaney George Moultrie
 Robert Kennedy

April 13/14, 2024
5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am Rosetta Brown Michael A. Chaney
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

BUS MINISTRY

Anyone wishing for transportation to the 9:am Mass or 10am 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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly lunch for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, March April 17th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on April 17th. Please contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

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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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024	
Our Progress as of March 28, 2024	
TARGET	\$31,885.00
Pledged	\$13,515.00
Paid on Pledge	\$ 2,335.00
Pledge Balance	\$11,180.00
One-Time/Unpledged	\$ 6,877.50
Total Given (so far)	\$ 9,212.50
Percent of Target	28.89
Still Needed	\$22,672.50
We can do this together as One Family United in Christ!	

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USHERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for current and new ushers on Thursday, April 11th at 6pm in the parish hall. Please contact Michael A. Chaney at (912) 655-1856 for further information. Thank you.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Unless I See - I Will Not Believe:

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them, he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love, and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples, and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: *"Let us also go, that we may die with him"* (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his

presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Through the gift of faith, we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:29).

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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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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 can be found in this week's bulletin and will be available after each Mass on April 13th & 14th, 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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