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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 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter, Year B*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Parish Council Chairperson
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

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 429.

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*Parish Giving
April 7, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4595.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ 30.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For Cameron Cooper as he celebrates his birthday (4/13). *Sharon Carson and Gabriel Cooper

9:00am For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Gertrude Tyson on the anniversary of her birth (4/17). *Marion Poole and Family

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Jeraldine Hamilton and family on the loss of her granddaughter, Ms. Toniya Young, who passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 6th at First Followers of Christ Baptist Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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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, 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

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.

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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.

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.

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.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

April 13/14, 2024

5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson*
9:00am Deborah Ngo-Bakinde Teresa Udowana
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw* Adrian Broxton

April 20/21, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson* Rachel Hooper
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

April 13/14, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Emily Fann
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw*

April 20/21, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

April 13/14, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Jabria Wesley
11:30am William Wright

April 20/21, 2024

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:30am Theresa Garvin

USHER'S SCHEDULE

April 13/14, 2024

5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am Rosetta Brown Michael A. Chaney
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

April 20/21, 2024

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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.

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly lunch for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, 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.

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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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YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 10:30am. Parents, please bring your children! Thank you – Kathy Stewart

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THANK YOU

Thanks to all who donated food to the Social Apostolate during our recent food drive. Because of your generosity, many families will be fed. God bless each of you.

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus Opened Their Minds to Understand the Scriptures:

Aren't we like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord, they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the Gospel to those around you?

St. Augustine of Hippo, (354-430 A.D)" would say, "We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life; we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue

may be silent, but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts." (Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48).

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

Individual tickets and tables of eight are still available for our 150th Church Anniversary Banquet to be held at the Savannah Civic Center Ballroom. Individual tickets per adult is \$150.00 and children ages 6 - 12 is \$75.00. A table of eight is \$1,000.00. The attire for the occasion is Semi-Formal. 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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EASTER BASKET RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to John Betz who is the winner of the Easter Basket Raffle held by the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor. Thank you to all who participated by buying tickets. *Friends of St. Benedict the Moor

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WOMENS'S DAY FUN AND GAMES EVENT

Come join the Traveling Moors for an afternoon of fun, excitement and prizes!! A donation of \$25 gets you into the St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church parish hall on Saturday, May 4th beginning at 1pm where there will be games, a delicious lunch, prizes and lots of fun!! See any Traveling Moors member for your ticket. See you there!!