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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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May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B
Unity Mass

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

We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of our Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way the risen Lord is with us here today as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in his Body and Blood we receive. Once more, let us pledge to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to his love.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 436.

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*Parish Giving
April 28, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4595.00
Second Collection: Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$ 575.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ruby Ardell Wright on the anniversary of her passing. *Robert Wright

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THANK YOU

We wish to thank our St. Benedict parishioners for all of their calls and messages of sympathy for the passing of our Father, George. We especially would like to thank Father Romanus for going out of his way to come to New Jersey and participate in the funeral mass. Dad always enjoyed coming to St. Benedict's when he was in town and how welcoming you all were to him. With our sincere thanks – Greg, Tracey and the whole Maloof family.

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Louise Allen and family on the loss of her son, Mr. Willie Allen, Jr., who passed away Wednesday, May 1st. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Bea Betsworth, 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, Clevon 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)

May 5, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Georgene Jones Barbara McGhee

May 12, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson Taylor Walden
9:00am Dianne Williams Teresa Udowana
11:30am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

May 5, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Emily Fann

May 12, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

May 5, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am William Wright

May 12, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:30am Marvin Manning, Sr.

USHER'S SCHEDULE

May 5, 2024 Unity Mass
10:00am Rosetta Brown Karen Polk Brenda Kennedy

May 12, 2024
5:30pm Thomas Dickerson Franklin Hagey
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
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.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is not just information or a historical book. It is not just for quick inspiration. One of the most important ways the Holy Spirit reaches us is through scripture. If we neglect His voice in that place where He speaks, we are shutting off a crucial part of our relationship with Him.

Bible Study...Try it!
 Every Wednesday evening at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

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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CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with great joy and thankfulness to our God that we announce the diaconate ordination of one of our own – Mr. Torrance Garvin, Sr. The ordination will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 10:00am in the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist (222 E Harris Street, Savannah, GA). This is another moment in the history of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Please join us in witnessing this occasion. Shuttle service will be provided from the parish hall to the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist beginning at 9am. Please sign up for this service.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024	
Our Progress as of April 25, 2024	
TARGET	\$31,885.00
Pledged	\$14,265.00
Paid on Pledge	\$ 3,427.50
Pledge Balance	\$10,837.50
One-Time/Unpledged	\$ 8,862.50
Total Given (so far)	\$ 12,290.00
Percent of Target	38.54 (#14 of 14 Parishes)
Still Needed	\$19,595.00
We can do this together as One Family United in Christ!	

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

God is the source and origin of love - divine and human:

What is the greatest act of love one can give for the sake of another? Jesus defines friendship—the mutual bond of trust and affection that people choose to have for one another—as the willingness to give totally of oneself—even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

Scripture tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange, the Father gives up his Son to death on the cross to give us abundant everlasting life and adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

It is for this reason that we can take hold of a hope that does not fade and a joy that does not diminish because God has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5:5). God's love is not limited or subject to changing circumstances. It is an enduring love that has the power to change and transform us to be like him - merciful, gracious, kind, forgiving, and steadfast in showing love not only for our friends but for our enemies as well. God's love is boundless because he is the source of abundant life, perfect peace, and immeasurable joy for all who open their hearts to him. That is why Jesus came to give us abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment - a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love was wholly directed toward the good of others. He loves them for their sake and for their welfare. That is why he willingly laid down his own life for us to free us from sin, death, fear, and everything that

could separate us from the love of God. Our love for God and our willingness to lay down our life for others is a response to the exceeding love God has given us in Christ. Paul the Apostle states,

Paul the Apostle, in his writings, reaffirms the unbreakable bond between God's love and humanity. He states, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35,38-39). This powerful statement underscores the eternal nature of God's love and its unwavering presence in our lives.

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love” (John 15:9).

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, May 15th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before and with the cooking and deliveries on May 15th. Please contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

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DIACONATE ORDINATION RECEPTION

A reception in honor of Torrance Garvin on the occasion of his diaconate ordination will take place on Sunday, June 2nd immediately following the Unity Mass. Everyone is invited to attend but is asked to sign up at the church entrance. Thank you.

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