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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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*May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday, Year B*

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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

On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world to stay with us always. Three months ago we began our journey from Lent to Easter, from winter to spring, from darkness to light, from death to new life. It is a journey of conversion and transformation, not only for those who were baptized, confirmed, or received their first communion during this time, but for all of us. The arrival of the Holy Spirit fulfills Jesus' promise to his disciples and blesses us as we live our new lives in the Risen Lord.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 444 (Vigil Mass) and on Page 447 (Mass during the Day).

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*Parish Giving
May 12, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5498.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses: For our Faith Formation students who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

9am: For God's healing of Joe Coleman and Elyce McCutchen who are struggling with their health.

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Mariah Bailey and family on the loss of her great-granddaughter, Ms. Malaysia Williams, who passed away Sunday, May 12, 2024. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of the bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the men of St. Benedict the Moor for the wonderful Mother's Day breakfast. Also, thank you to Father Romanus for the beautiful Mother's Day gifts. All of you made us feel like queens!!

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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, 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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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

<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. 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.</p>

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

May 18 - 19, 2024

5:30pm Edna Mason* Shirley West
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

May 25 - 26, 2024

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Melanie White Teresa Udowana
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Matthew Jenkins

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

May 18 - 19, 2024

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

May 25 - 26, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Emily Fann
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

May 18 - 19, 2024

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Milenthia Williams
11:30am Sharon Carson

May 25 - 26, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Juliette Tolbert

USHER'S SCHEDULE

May 18 - 19, 2024

5:30pm Robert Kennedy Anthony DeShay
9:00am Michael A. Chaney Karen Polk
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

May 25 - 26, 2024

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Michael A. Chaney Rosetta Brown
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Latisha Bailey

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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COME HOLY SPIRIT

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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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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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Receive The Holy Spirit!

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven gifts the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - is made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection, Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, the gift of the Holy Spirit imparts "new life" to his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want the power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit

to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditation*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so, I send you" (John 20:21).

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Please give generously to this fund.

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INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Parents who want to have their children receive the sacrament should contact Theresa Garvin (912-5607-7553) or Sharon Carson (912-656-0286) for more information. Thank you.

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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.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dorothy Harris and Madison Johnson who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Youth Mass. We are so proud of these young ladies!

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CONFIRMATION

Three of our youth – Xavier Broadnax, Kaitlen Brown, and Elizabeth Johnson – will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 1st at 5:30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Mass in support of these young people and to greet Bishop Stephen Parkes who will administer the Sacrament. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. Thank you.