



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-to-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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June 9, 2024
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
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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

Moved by the Holy Spirit, we gather today as a family—a parish family as well as children of God—to celebrate the Eucharist. It is appropriate to think of our family of faith, for in the Gospel today we hear Jesus tell the crowds that whoever does the will of God is a part of his family. We may not always be conscious of our closeness to the Lord, so let us pray that we may come to recognize the gift that allows us to be sisters and brothers of Jesus as we do our best to do God’s will.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 479.

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*Parish Giving
June 2, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$ 8182.00
Second Collection: Peter’s Pence	\$ 10.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am For Fr. Romanus and all AMSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord’s vineyard.
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FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 16th is the day we celebrate Father’s Day. In honor of this special day, the women of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church invite all of the men to enjoy a delicious breakfast in the parish hall immediately following the 9:00am Mass. We want to show how much you mean to us. Thank you and see you there!

P.S. Envelopes are available to show our love and appreciation to Father Romanus on Father’s Day.

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, June 12th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (June 11th) and with light cooking and deliveries on June 12th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to show love and support to our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters. Contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

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

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)

June 9, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson Domnique Jackson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Donald Perry Adrian Broxton

June 16, 2024
5:30pm Taylor Walden Shirley West
9:00am Dianne Williams Barbara McGhee
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

June 9, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Joyce Jones

June 16, 2024
5:30pm Edna Mason
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

June 9, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Milenthia Williams
11:30am William Wright

June 16, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Jabria Wesley
11:30am Theresa Garvin

USHER'S SCHEDULE

June 9, 2024
5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

June 16, 2024
5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Geroge Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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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TRI-PARISH REVIVAL NEWS

Come out and join the Tri-Parish Choir, as we prepare for the upcoming revival.

Tri-Parish Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Youth Rehearsal @ 6pm
Adult Rehearsal @ 7pm

Resurrection of Our Lord Church – June 11 & 14, 2024

Don't forget the Revival schedule: Monday, June 24th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Tuesday, June 25th at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church; and Wednesday, June 26th at Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church. Services begin each night at 6:30pm with Devotion/Praise and Worship; Mass begins at 7:00pm. Please come out and join us!

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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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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

What kind of spiritual danger or harm should we avoid at all costs?

Jesus' numerous exorcisms brought freedom to many who were troubled and oppressed by the work of evil spirits. Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battle with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry (Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1). He overcame the Evil One through his obedience to the will of his Father.

Some of the Jewish leaders reacted vehemently to Jesus' healings and exorcisms and they opposed him with malicious slander. How could Jesus get the power and authority to release individuals from Satan's influence and control? They assumed that he had to be in league with Satan. They attributed his power to Satan rather than to God. Jesus asserts that no kingdom divided against itself can survive for long.

We have witnessed enough civil wars in our own time to prove the destructive force at work here for the annihilation of whole peoples and their land. If Satan lends his power against his own forces, then he is finished. Cyril of Alexandria, a 5th century church father explains the force of Jesus' argument:

Kingdoms are established by the fidelity of subjects and the obedience of those under the royal scepter. Houses are established when those who belong to them in no way whatsoever thwart one another but, on the contrary, agree in will and deed. I suppose it would establish the kingdom too of Beelzebub, had he determined to abstain from everything contrary to himself. How then does Satan cast out Satan? It follows then that devils do not depart from people on their own accord but retire unwillingly. 'Satan,' he says, 'does not fight with himself.' He does not rebuke his own servants. He does not permit himself to injure his own armor-bearers. On the contrary, he helps his kingdom. 'It remains for you to understand that I crush Satan by divine power.' [Commentary on Luke, Homily 80]

What is the unforgivable sin which Jesus warns us to avoid? Jesus knows that his disciples will be tested and he assures them that the Holy Spirit will give them whatever grace and help they need in their time of adversity. He warns them, however, that it's possible to spurn the grace of God and to fall into apostasy (giving up the faith) out of cowardice or disbelief. Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit reprehensible? Blasphemy consists in uttering against God, inwardly or outwardly, words of hatred, reproach, or defiance. It's contrary to the respect due God and his holy name. Jesus speaks of blaspheming against the Holy Spirit as the unforgivable sin. Jesus spoke about this sin immediately after the scribes and Pharisees had attributed his miracles to the work of the devil instead of to God. A sin can only be unforgivable if repentance is impossible. If someone repeatedly closes their eyes to God, shuts their ears to his voice, and reject his word, they bring themselves to a point where they can no longer recognize God when he can be seen and heard. They become spiritually blind-sighted and speak of "evil as good and good as evil" (Isaiah 5:20). To fear such a state of sin and spiritual blindness, however, signals that one is not dead to God and is conscious of the need for God's grace, mercy, and help.

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand" (Mark 3:25).

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INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at the 11:30am Mass. Parents who want to have their children receive the sacrament should contact Theresa Garvin, (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson, (912) 656-0286 for more information. Thank you.

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YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 10:30am. All youth are encouraged to attend. Thank you – Kathy Stewart

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