



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!

HISTORIC

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June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Father's Day

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

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

Today's readings are especially timely at this point of the year. Two of the passages concern nature, specifically the growth of large trees and plants. As we head into summer, we can appreciate the shade from an expansive, leafy tree. On this Father's Day, a sturdy tree that provides shelter and comfort may remind us of our own father or fathers we know. Like trees and plants during the summer, like fathers who love us and care for us, the seeds we sow and nurture grow slowly and steadily, producing fruit that builds the kingdom of God in our midst.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 481.

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*Parish Giving
June 9, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$ 4918.00
Second Collection: Peter's Pence	\$

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the repose of the souls of: Prince A. Jackson, Sr., Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Roland Glover, Edward White, and William Newton on Father's Day. *Prince A. Jackson, III

9:00am In memory of Leroy W. Simmons on Father's Day; for the peaceful repose of the soul of Kenneth B. Simmons on the anniversary of his passing (06/17). *Ruth Simmons and family

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FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Today 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 and to our parish. 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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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, Sr. Barbara Shimkus, 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)

June 15 - 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 15 - 16, 2024

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

June 15 - 16, 2024

5:30pm	Sharon Carson
9:00am	Jabria Wesley
11:30am	Theresa Garvin

USHER'S SCHEDULE

June 15 - 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.

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REMINDER

The deadline to submit final installment payments for the 150th Anniversary Gala is July 7, 2024. Please make every effort to complete your payments by this date. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us or call the church office. Thank you!

*Dianne Williams and Sandra Best

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Blessings on Father's Day!

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:
Resurrection of Our Lord Church – Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Youth Rehearsal @ 6pm
Adult Rehearsal @ 7pm

Tri-Parish Revival Schedule: 6/24 – 26,2024

Beginning at 6:30pm each night
Revivalist – Father Carl Gales, SVD
Monday – Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Tuesday – St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
Wednesday – Resurrection of our Lord Catholic Church
Come out and join us for spiritual renewal!

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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.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The transforming power of the Word of God

The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his life-giving Word and Spirit? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to take root in us, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Paul the Apostle says, "*we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us*" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

The cross of Jesus is the Tree of Life. Peter Chrysologous (400-450 AD), an early church father, explained how the "tree of the cross" spread its branches throughout the world and grew into a worldwide community of faith offering its fruit to the whole world:

It is up to us to sow this mustard seed in our minds and let it grow within us into a great tree of understanding reaching up to heaven and elevating all our faculties; then it will spread out branches of knowledge, the pungent savor of its fruit will make our mouths burn, its fiery kernel will kindle a blaze within us inflaming our hearts, and the taste of it will dispel our unenlightened repugnance. Yes, it is true: a mustard seed is indeed an image of the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Sown like a mustard seed in the garden of the virgin's womb, he grew up into the tree of the cross whose branches stretch across the world. Crushed in

the mortar of the passion, its fruit has produced seasoning enough for the flavoring and preservation of every living creature with which it comes in contact. As long as a mustard seed remains intact, its properties lie dormant; but when it is crushed, they are exceedingly evident. So it was with Christ; he chose to have his body crushed, because he would not have his power concealed.

Christ became all things in order to restore all of us in himself. The man Christ received the mustard seed which represents the kingdom of God; as man he received it, though as God, he had always possessed it. He sowed it in his garden, that is in his bride, the Church. The Church is a garden extending over the whole world, tilled by the plough of the gospel, fenced in by stakes of doctrine and discipline, cleared of every harmful weed by the labor of the apostles, fragrant and lovely with perennial flowers: virgins' lilies and martyrs' roses set amid the pleasant verdure of all who bear witness to Christ and the tender plants of all who have faith in him. Such then is the mustard seed which Christ sowed in his garden. When he promised a kingdom to the patriarchs, the seed took root in them; with the prophets it sprang up; with the apostles it grew tall; in the Church it became a great tree putting forth innumerable branches laden with gifts. And now you too must take the wings of the psalmist's dove, gleaming gold in the rays of divine sunlight, and fly to rest for ever among those sturdy, fruitful branches. No snares are set to trap you there; fly off, then, with confidence and dwell securely in its shelter. (SERMON 98)

Do you allow the seed of God's word to take deep root in your life and transform you into a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus Christ? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditationss*)

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

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PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th FOR THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY. BE SAFE!