



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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June 23, 2024
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Parish Council Chairperson
Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
Deirdre Phillips, Account 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

Summer has arrived and with it, unfortunately, the ever-present chance of summer storms. High winds, tornadoes, thunderstorms, and flash floods make these storms frightening and dangerous. The disciples were terrified when a violent squall came up while they were sailing on the Sea of Galilee. But not Jesus. He rebuked the storm and calmed the waves. Even the forces of nature obeyed him. May we turn to the Lord during the stormy periods of our own lives. May our faith give us comfort and courage, trusting his strength and his concern for us all.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 484.

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*Parish Giving
June 16, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5160.01
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Marva K. Williams on the anniversary of her birthday (June 27th). *Michelle Mincey-Gwyn

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Matthew Felix Walden on the anniversary of his birthday (June 21st). *Rosemary Walden & Taylor Walden

9:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ruby Ardell Wright on her birthday. *Robert Wright

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Phoebe Williams on the anniversary of her birthday (June 22nd). *Richard Baker.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next Special Collection will be for Peters Pence the weekend of June 29 – 30, 2024. Please be generous with you donation. Thank you.

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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, 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, 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

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 22 - 23, 2024

5:30pm	Edna Mason	Dominique Jackson*
9:00am	Georgene Jones	Melanie White
11:30am	Monesha Gallishaw*	Beverly Blue

June 29 - 30, 2024

5:30pm	Sharon Carson	Taylor Walden
9:00am	Joe Carter	Alicia Carter
11:30am	Juliette Tolbert	Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

June 22 - 23, 2024

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson*
9:00am	Emily Fann
11:30am	Monesha Gallishaw*

June 29 - 30, 2024

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson
9:00am	Theresa Garvin
11:30am	Atzmayah Bailey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

June 22 - 23, 2024

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson
9:00am	William Wright
11:30am	Juliette Tolbert

June 29 - 30, 2024

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

USHER'S SCHEDULE

June 22 - 23, 2024

5:30pm	Robert Kennedy	Anthony DeShay
9:00am	Michael A. Chaney	Karen Polk
11:30am	Matthew Jenkins	Sylvester Brown

June 29 - 30, 2024

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

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 SCHEDULE

Tri-Parish Revival Schedule:

June 24 - 26, 2024

Revivalist - Father Carl Gales, SVD

Beginning each night at 6:30pm

Monday - Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Tuesday - St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

Wednesday - Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church: Youth Night & Mass

Come out and join us for spiritual renewal!

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Appreciation:

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank all of you for the love and support you lavish on me in this Parish! I am so humbled by your warm expression of affection and the gifts that I received from you on the Father's Day weekend. Please, know that I appreciate you and all you do for me, and for our Parish! May the Lord bless and reward you for your kindness. I love you all! - Fr. Romanus.

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Why Are You Afraid?

Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord Jesus is ever present to us. And in our time of testing, he asks the same question: *Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?* Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: *"It is I, do not be afraid."*

Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and who opens the eyes of the mind to understand and accept the truth which God has revealed to us. Faith enables us to relate to God rightly and confidently, with trust and reliance, by believing and adhering to his word, because he is utterly reliable and trustworthy. If we want to live, grow, and persevere in faith, then it must be nourished with the word of God.

Fear does not need to cripple us from taking right action or rob us of our trust and reliance on God. Courage working with faith enables us to confidently embrace God's word of truth and love and act on it with firm hope in God's promises. The love of God strengthens us in our faith and trust in him and enables us to act with justice and kindness towards our neighbor even in the face of opposition or harm. Do you allow

the love of Christ to rule in your heart and mind, and to move your will to choose what is good in accordance with his will? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"It is I, do not be afraid" (John 6:20).

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UNITY MASS CHOIR

Rehearsal for the upcoming Unity Mass will take place on Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:00pm. Come One Come All To Make A Joyful Sound Unto the Lord!

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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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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the ladies of the parish who took time to recognize the men on Father's Day with a delicious breakfast and to Father Romanus for his blessing and gifts. We hope you enjoyed your day!

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WELCOME!

Welcome to our new Account Secretary, Deirdre Phillips, who joined us on Tuesday, June 18th. She comes to us with a vast background in accounting.

We continue to pray for healing for our former account secretary, Bea Betworth who served our parish for many years. She is doing better and wants everyone to know how much she appreciates the many acts of kindness.

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ST. PIUS X ALUMNI NEWS

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN IN AUGUST 2024! The Annual 2024 PiusFest! The St. Pius X High School Alumni Assoc. (SPXHSA) invites all former students and former staff to register for the 2024 PiusFest. Activities are scheduled for Friday 8/16/24, Saturday, 8/17/24 and Sunday, 8/18/24. Venues and fees to be announced at a later date. To stay informed text your name and email address to 912-224-4815. Ms. Mary Lewis, '62; President.