



**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 30, 2024*  
*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
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*Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day*

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel to Jairus, whose daughter is dying, “just have faith.” Difficult as it was for Jairus, it may seem to be even harder for us now. When we are in mourning for a loved one we’ve lost, or anxious about our health or that of someone close to us, or worried about the state of the world or our country, can we find faith strong enough to calm our fears? Gathered here today to give thanks and praise to God, may the words from Wisdom encourage us. God is good and imperishable and made us to be the same. Let us place our trust in God.

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**Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 486.**

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*Parish Giving  
June 23, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5369.00
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*“Thank You for Your Generosity”*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:30pm** For the healing of Eric Chriss, that God may send his healing touch on him. \*Prince A. Jackson, III

For Christopher Williams as he celebrates his birthday (6/30). \*Yvonne Williams

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**PARISH CONDOLENCES**

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Mariah Bailey and family on the loss of her brother, Mr. Joe Kennedy who passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of bulletin printing.

Parish sympathy to Dr. Earl Berksteiner and family on the loss of his uncle, Mr. James C. West, III, who passed away June 22, 2024. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

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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, Clevon 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**

<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>
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**LECTORS' SCHEDULE (\*ANNOUNCER ALSO)**

**June 29 – 30, 2024**

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

**July 7, 2024 Unity Mass**

**10:00am** Georgene Jones Teresa Udowana

**ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (\*LECTOR ALSO)**

**June 29 – 30, 2024**

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

**July 7, 2024 Unity Mass**

**10:00am** Edna Mason

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

**June 29 – 30, 2024**

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

**July 7, 2024 Unity Mass**

**10:00am** William Wright

**USHER'S SCHEDULE**

**June 29 – 30, 2024**

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

**July 7, 2024 Unity Mass**

**10:00am** George Moultrie Thomas Dickerson  
Richard Baker

**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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**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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**UNITY MASS CHOIR**

Rehearsal for the upcoming Unity Mass will take place on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala is July 7, 2024. Please make every effort to complete your payments by this date.

Please note: Tickets are still available for Saturday's banquet. Only installment payments are due on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSING**

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day. All items for the bulletin must be in the office no later than Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have a blessed and safe holiday!

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**God Created Us to Live Forever with Him:**

Our today’s first reading tells that “God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living” (Wisdom 1:13). For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him” (Wisdom 2:23). Can you take a moment and think about this? Severally, God has always made it clear that He does not desire us to die or to perish. Through the Prophet, Ezekiel, God addressed the people of Israel and all of us who believe in Him thus, “Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’” (Ezekiel 33:11). God did not create us to perish, no, He created us to live eternally with Him. The devil lured Adam and Eve into sin against God, which led to human death. “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all have sinned” (Romans 5:12).

However, because God loves us, He did not leave us to die in our sins; rather, He sent His Son to save us and restore us to life. Today’s Gospel demonstrates Jesus’ saving power and His love for humanity. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17). The second reading tells us “That though Jesus was rich, for your sake, He

became poor so that by His poverty you might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). “Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people” (Romans 5:18). Thus, Jesus came to take away our sins and to restore to that original state of eternity with God that was destroyed by the devil. “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10).

Jesus demonstrates His passion and desire for the restoration of our human life in today’s Gospel. He restored the health of the woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. He raised the dead daughter of Jairus, one of the synagogue officials. Yes, He came to give us life! If we remain in Him, we shall have an everlasting life with Him!

**Your Pineapple for the week:**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

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**ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

All former students and former staff members are invited to the Annual PiusFest Celebration scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, August 17 & 18, 2024. For registration & other information: Text: Pam @ 912-224-4815.

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Today’s Special Collection is for the Peters Pence Fund. Thank you for your generosity in giving to this fund.

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