

#### 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 <a href="https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training">https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training</a>. 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!

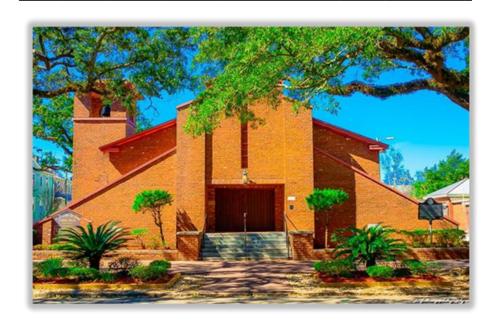
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# July 7, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary 7ime, Year B Unity Mass

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 Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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www.stbenedict-sav.org and selecting the *Online Giving* link to get started.

# Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Each Sunday the Holy Spirit draws us here to hear God's word, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, and to worship the Lord. We pray that our faith is strengthened by this time we spend in prayer. When Jesus preached in his hometown, he was amazed at the lack of faith of his neighbors. They came to the synagogue to pray but left questioning how this unassuming neighbor could teach with such authority. May we look beyond surface impressions to find nourishment for our faith.

Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 488.

Parísh Gívíng June 30, 2024

Offertory (includes	
School Support and	\$4844.00
Bus)	
Special Collection:	\$ 589.00
Peters Pence	

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**10:00am** In Thanksgiving to God on my 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday today (7/7/24). \*Teresa Udowana

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dennis Clarence Bailey on the anniversary of his passing (7/1). Mrs. Mariah Bailey and Family

In honor of Mrs. Constance Johnson who celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on July 1<sup>st</sup>. \*The Johnson Family

#### **MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

Our monthly luncheon for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (July 16<sup>th</sup>) and with light cooking and deliveries on July 17<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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, 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). 

### 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.

#### PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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)

July 7, 2024 Unity Mass

10:00am Georgene Jones Teresa Udowana

July 13 – 14, 2024

5:30pmTaylor WaldenSharon Carson\*9:00amGeorgene JonesDianne Williams11:30amDonald PerryAdrian Broxton

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

July 7, 2024 Unity Mass 10:00am Edna Mason

July 13 - 14, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson\* 9:00am Ruth Simmons 11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

July 7, 2024 Unity Mass 10:00am William Wright

July 13 - 14, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson 9:00am Gloria Stephens 11:30am Juliette Tolbert

#### **USHER'S SCHEDULE**

July 7, 2024 Unity Mass

10:00am George Moultrie Thomas Dickerson

Richard Baker

July 13 - 14, 2024

5:30pmBrenda KennedyThomas Dickerson9:00amKaren PolkRosetta Brown11:30amSylvester BrownTyrone Bryant

#### **UNITY MASS PICTURES**

Pictures of the June Unity Mass and Reception for Deacon Torrance Garvin are now available online at: <a href="https://www.perfectimagephotography.co">www.perfectimagephotography.co</a>. Click: all my photos. Click: First Sunday – Deacon Garvin.

#### PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Antoinette) Flournoy on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Olivia Young, who passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as of bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

#### **CHOIR NEWS**

Youth Choir rehearsal will be held on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Please bring your youth.

Rehearsal for 9:00am and 11:30am choir members will be held on Tuesday, July  $9^{th}$  at 6:00pm.

#### **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.

# 150th Anniversary Ads and Patrons

Interested In Placing An Ad In The 150th Anniversary Gala Program Booklet? Organizations, Family, Friends and Businesses May Purchase Ads or Patrons Until September 1, 2024.

Full Page Color - \$150.00
Full Page B & W - \$125.00
Half Page Color - \$100.00
Half Page B & W - \$75.00
Quarter Page Color - \$75.00
Quarter Page B & W - \$50.00
Patrons - \$10.00

Contact Dianne Williams or Sandra Best To Secure Your Ad Or Patron Forms. Thank You For Your Continued Support of Our Parish's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

#### **WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

# **Look Upon Your Neighbor with the Eyes of Christ:**

The most severe critics are often people very familiar to us, a member of our family, a relative, or neighbor or co-worker we rub shoulders with on a regular basis. Jesus faced a severe testing when he returned to his home town, not simply as the carpenter's son, but now as a rabbi with disciples. It would have been customary for Jesus to go to the synagogue each week during the Sabbath, and when his turn came, to read from the scriptures during the Sabbath service. His hometown folks listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. What sign would he do in his hometown?

Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closedminded and unbelieving towards him. If people have come together to hate and to refuse to understand, then they will see no other point of view than their own and they will refuse to love and accept others. How do you treat those who seem disagreeable to you?

The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to the afflicted who suffered from physical, mental, or spiritual oppression (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free - not only from physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities - but also from the worst affliction of all - the tyranny of slavery to sin, Satan, and the fear of losing one's life. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, dejection, and emptiness of life. The Gospel of salvation is "good news" for everyone receiving it. Do you know the joy and freedom of the Gospel? (Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).

# Your Pineapple for the Week:

"A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (Mark 6:4).

#### Give All Praise to Our God All the Time

A big Thank you to Fr. Romanus, my St. Benedict the Moor church family, the different organizations, planning committee and anyone who had a hand in making this a special celebration. The many cards, gifts and words of congratulations meant the world to me and my family. The love shown by each of you just proves that we our "One Family united by One Faith, Praising our One Lord". I say a special thanks to Bishop Boland, and to Fr. Sean Toole and his mother for coming all the way from Pennsylvania to worship with us at the Unity mass and in the celebration of my ordination.

It is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord -Psalm 92:1

I pray that each of you feel the Love and Grace of Our Loving Father.

Your servant in Christ,

Deacon Torrance Garvin