



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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July 21, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

Today we hear Jesus invite his disciples, who have just returned from their mission, to travel with him to a deserted place to rest a while. Sounds like the perfect thing for us to do at this time of year! Even Jesus realized the need to rest and recharge. But then Jesus sees the crowds that sought him out, so he changes his plans and begins to teach them, for they were “sheep without a shepherd.” May it comfort us to know that Jesus always has time for us. We need never feel lost or forsaken.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 493.

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Parish Giving
July 14, 2024

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$6032.00
Special Collection: Church in Africa	\$.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones on the third anniversary of her passing (7/14). *Johnson and Garvin Family

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Marva K. Williams on the first anniversary of her passing. *Michelle Mincey-Gwyn

For the peaceful repose of the souls of William C. Jackson, Arthur Jackson, and Olga Jackson Bailey on the anniversary of their passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

9:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Jason Leddy who passed away suddenly. *John & Faye Chaplin

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Fredrico “Chico” Bason who passed away suddenly.

11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of James David Carson on the anniversary of his passing (7/22). *Sharon Carson

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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, 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)

July 20 – 21, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

July 20 – 21, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

July 20 – 21, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Jabria Wesley
11:30am Theresa Garvin

USHER'S SCHEDULE

July 20 – 21, 2024
5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony DeShay
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Dr. Alzena Hewitt-Bason on the loss of her husband, Mr. Fredrico "Chico" Bason, who passed away unexpectedly in Tennessee on Sunday, July 14, 2024. Mr. Bason was the son-in-law of parishioner, Mrs. Sharon Wingster. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of time of bulletin printing.

Parish sympathy to the family of parishioner Catherine Spann who passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024. Funeral services will be held at 11:30am on Tuesday, July 23rd in St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.
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Today's Special Collection is for the Church in Africa Fund. Please be generous with this collection. Thank you!

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations to fill vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council take place this weekend. Nomination forms can be obtained from committee members following the announcements. Thank you for your commitment to our parish.

150th Anniversary Gala Tickets

If you have not already done so, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the 150th Anniversary Gala which will be held in the Savannah Civic Center Grand Ballroom on October 5, 2024. Doors open at 5:30pm; A Silent Auction starts at 6:00pm and the Anniversary Gala Program begins promptly at 6:30PM.

Although installment payments have ended, tickets are available for purchase until September 1, 2024. Individual tickets are \$150.00 and a table of eight (8) is \$1,000.00. Please do all that you can to attend what will be a beautiful celebration as we mark this historic occasion of our parish, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Savannah, GA.

Attire: Semi-Formal.

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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.

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Come Away and Rest a While:

What does the image of a shepherd tell us about God's care for us? Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had traveled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, with thousands or even ten thousand sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care.

Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bears were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to battle these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their shepherd and would come immediately when called by name.

The Old Testament often spoke of God as the shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11).

Jesus told his disciples that he was the Good Shepherd willing to lay down his life for his sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4, John 10). When he saw the multitude of people in need of protection and care, he was moved to respond with compassionate concern. His love was personal for every person who came to him in need.

Peter, the apostle, called Jesus the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life freely submitted to Jesus, the Good Shepherd? In the person of the Lord Jesus, we see the unceasing vigilance and patience of God's love. In our battle against sin and evil, Jesus is ever ready to give us help, strength, and refuge. Do you trust in his grace and help at all times? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“The Lord Is My Shepherd I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #10274

Let the Knights of Columbus #10274 prepare a delicious summer meal for you! On Sunday, August 4th (10am – 2pm), the Knights will be selling BBQ rib dinners. See any Knight of Columbus #10274 to order your meal.

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SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 31, 2024

On August 31st, the New Horizon's of Women and Men will be selling dinners in the Parish Hall. See any member for details and to buy tickets.

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UNITY MASS CHOIR NEWS

Rehearsal will be held on July 23rd and July 30th @ 6:00pm. Come one and come all!!

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