



## 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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*July 28, 2024\**  
*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist today, we are reminded that we are the Lord’s disciples. In today’s Gospel, the twelve apostles are sent out on their own for the first time. Jesus instructs them to preach repentance, cure those who are sick, and drive out demons. Jesus did not accompany them in person, but he was surely with them in spirit. This is our calling now. With the spirit of the Lord—and the Holy Spirit—in us, Jesus calls us to preach the Good News, to bring his healing touch to those in need, to confront evil, and to forgive wrongs. Let us listen to his instructions today.

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**Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 496.**

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*Parish Giving  
July 21, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$ 4941.00
Special Collection: Church in Africa	\$ 483.00

*“Thank You for Your Generosity”*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:30pm** - For God’s continuous blessings on Vivian Johnson as she celebrates her birthday on July 27. – The Family.

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**A CHURCH PRAYER**

Within these walls, we find God’s grace.  
In His warm embrace, we find our place.  
Through prayers and hymns, our spirits rise,  
In the Church’s love, our faith defies.

With open hearts, we gather here,  
To strengthen faith and banish fears.  
In this sacred space our souls take flight,  
Guarded by God’s eternal light.

So let us come, both young and old,  
To the Church where love unfolds.

**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, 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.

**DON’T FORGET:**

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**

**10:00AM**

**LECTORS' SCHEDULE**

(\*indicates Announcer also)

**July 27-28**

**5:30pm** Edna Mason\* Shirley West  
**9:00am** Barbara McGhee Teresa Udowana  
**11:30am** Juliette Tolbert Beverly Blue

**August 4 – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**

**10:00AM** Georgene Jones Monesha Gallishaw

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**ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE**

**July 27-28**

**5:30pm** Edna Mason\*  
**9:00am** Gregory Milton  
**11:30am** Theresa Garvin

**August 4 – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**

**10:00AM** Ruth Simmons

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

**July 27-28**

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

**August 4 – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**

**10:00am** Milenthia Williams

**150th Anniversary Gala Tickets**

If you have not already done so, do not 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.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 31**

**On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the New Horizon of Women & 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 this Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please make every effort to be in attendance. Thank you.**

## WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

### The Miraculous Sign of Jesus:

A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained about how much money it would take to feed such a large crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and, giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied.

The people of Israel had been waiting for the prophet whom Moses had promised: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren - him shall you heed (Deuteronomy 18:15). The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as the anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle repeated in all four Gospel accounts. What is the significance of this particular miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership (Exodus 16). This daily provision of food in the barren wilderness foreshadowed the true heavenly bread that Jesus would offer his followers.

Jesus makes a claim that only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table, we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit

of receiving the Eucharist at the Lord's Table is an intimate union with Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer and Savior. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who are in need? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditation*).

### Your Pineapple for the Week:

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #10274

Let the Knights of Columbus prepare a delicious summer meal for you! On Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> (1-AM – 2PM), the Knights will be selling BBQ rib dinners. See any member to order your meal in advance . Walk-ins are welcome too!

