



## 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 <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

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*

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*August 4, 2024\**

*Eighteenth 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 500.**

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*Parish Giving  
July 28, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$ 4646.00
Special Collection: Church in Africa	\$ 20.00

*“Thank You for Your Generosity”*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

God’s continued blessings upon Bernice Rivers who celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 1. May your special day be just as special as you are!  
-Her Family.

For Ruth Simmons in celebration of her birthday (08/03/2024), May God continue to bless her.

In loving memory of Joseph E. Brown , Jr. on the anniversary of his passing (08/01). – Wilma Brown.

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**A Prayer for Parishioners**

Almighty God, My parish family is composed of people like me, I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and Faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I —who make it what it is—am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**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.

**Psalm 71:18**

*“Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation”.  
—Psalm 71:18*

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

Our monthly lunch for the sick and shut-ins will take place on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on August 13th. Please contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator

**NEW HORIZONS DINNER**

The New Horizon of Women & Men will be selling Barbeque Rib Dinners and Grilled Chicken **Dinners in the Parish Hall on Saturday, August 31, 2024, beginning at 11:00am.** Please see any New Horizon member for additional details and to buy tickets,. Thanks for your support.

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**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.

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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.

**LECTORS’ SCHEDULE**

\*indicates Announcer also)

**August 4 – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**  
**10:00AM** Georgene Jones Monesha Gallishaw

**ANNOUNCERS’ SCHEDULE**

**August 4 – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**  
**10:00AM** Ruth Simmons

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

**August 4 – UNITY SUNDAY MASS**  
**10:00am** Milenthia Williams

**BIRTHDAY MONTH MEETING**

There will be an important meeting for parishioners who celebrate their birthday or anniversary in the month of July, August, or September on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Your attendance is important for the planning of our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Unity Meal. Please make every effort to be there.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #10274**

Let the Knights of Columbus prepare a delicious summer meal for you **TODAY!** The Knights will be selling BBQ rib dinners in the Parish Hall from 1PM – 2PM.

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## WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

### ONLY JESUS CAN SATISFY OUR DEEPEST HUNGER FOR EVERLASTING TRUTH, LIFE, AND LOVE:

Many sought Jesus out because he offered them something no one else could give - bread from heaven from the very hand of God himself. When Jesus had performed the miracle of multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish to provide a refreshing and satisfying meal for more than 5000 people (see John 6:1-15), they wanted to make him their king - no doubt because they wanted more. When Jesus withdrew from the crowd and quietly returned to Capernaum to be with his twelve disciples, they ran to seek him there (John 6:24-25). Jesus met them with a probing question - are you looking for physical food that perishes or food that gives eternal life?

There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come.

Jesus makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites.

Jesus' question to the crowd, and to each one of us as well, echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy" (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two fundamental types of hunger - physical and spiritual. Only the Lord Jesus can satisfy the deepest hunger in our heart - the hunger for everlasting truth, life, and love. Jesus alone can satisfy our hunger for truth - because in him alone is the Truth which is found in God. Jesus alone can satisfy our hunger for life - because he alone can give us abundant life - the supernatural life

of God which transforms us now and lasts forever. Jesus alone can satisfy our deepest hunger for love - the love of God that knows no end, that never fails nor forsakes us, that outlasts sin and death. Jesus alone can satisfy the eternal hunger of our heart, mind, and spirit.

Jesus spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God's Son whom he has sent into the world. The Lord Jesus offers a new relationship with God which issues in a new kind of life - a life of sacrificial love, selfless service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy, goodness and loving kindness; a life of holiness, purity, and truth which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of obedience and trust which corresponds to God's offer of abundant life, peace, and happiness. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life? (*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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### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of **TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**.

Stewardship is determined by:

- \* Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- \* Faithful participation at Sunday & Holy day liturgies
- \* Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes.

Even if you cannot make a donation, please use your envelopes. These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: Sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, and Catholic School verification.