



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 11, 2024**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
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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

We may live in a part of the country where the heat that's accumulated by this time of year is overwhelming. If so, the first reading will resonate with us. Just one day into his journey across the desert, the great prophet Elijah is so hot and tired and hungry and thirsty that he actually prays for death. Whether due to extreme temperatures or something else, sometimes we may feel at the end of our ropes. May Elijah remind us that God comes to us in our hour of need, most significantly by sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, whom we receive today in the Eucharist and who is with us always, accompanying us and sustaining us in our suffering.

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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
August 4, 2024*

Offertory	\$ 6557.00
School Support & Bus	\$ 265.00
Special Collections:	
Church in Africa	\$ 30.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 10.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES: For Fr. Romanus & all MSP preists as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard.

- The Legion of Mary.

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Anthony Jackson on the anniversary of his passing, and for the repose of the soul of Roland Glover on the anniversary of his passing. - Prince Jackson.

9:00am: In memory of Howard Bailey on the anniversary of his birthday (08/09).

- Mariah Bailey

11:30am: In loving memory of my mother, Barbara Thomas Luke. - Juliette Tolbert.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

*indicates Announcer also)

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5:30pm Dominique Jackson Taylor Walden
9:00am Dianne Williams Teresa Udowana
11:30am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

August 10/11, 2024

5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony Deshay
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

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, Tamba Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

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

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.

**ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LOVE & SERVICE
TO GOD**

**OUR PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY
PROGRAM:**

A 3-day Anniversary Parish Retreat:

Friday, August 30 – Sunday, September 1, 2024

Parish Picnic:

Sunday, September 1, 2024, after the Unity Mass

Gospel Fest:

Sunday, September 22, 2024 @ 5:00pm

Historic Review of the Church/Youth Event:

Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Banquet with Silent Auction:

Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 10:00am

**Blessing of the 3rd Floor of the
Old Sch. Bldg.:**

Sunday, October 6, 2024, after 10am Mass

**Celebration at the Old Sch. Bldg.
Compound:**

Sunday, October 6, 2024 after the blessing of
The 3rd floor of the Old School Building.

OUR ANNIVERSARY PICNIC T-SHIRT:

Our Anniversary Picnic T-shirts are ready and displayed outside the Church for purchase. It is important that we all wear the T-shirt for the picnic and to have it as our Anniversary Souvenir. For this reason, the T-shirt is not profit-oriented. The T-shirt sizes from X-Small to X-Large, including kids' X-small to X-large are available for \$20 per T-shirt for all sizes. Requests for any other sizes must be made **before August 15**. Please call Gigi Jones (912) 604-7394 or Gloria Stephens (912) 220-3421 for additional information.

*“Now, You are the Body of Christ, and Each One of
You Is a Part of It”
-1 Corinthians 12:27)*

**OUR ANNIVERSARY PARISH RETREAT
PROGRAM:**

Retreat Preacher: Fr. Martin Eke, MSP
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Houston, Texas

Retreat Theme:

*“Now You Are the Body of Christ, and Each One of
You is a Part of It”*

Day 1: Friday, August 30, 2024

6:00 PM: Praise and Worship (Choir)

Introduction of Speaker (MC)

Opening Prayer (Fr. Martin)

Scripture Reading (Lector)
1 Corinthians 12:12-21

Musical Selection: (Choir)

Talk: Fr. Martin

Musical Selection: (Choir)
Intercessory Prayer
Love Offering / Collection (Song – Choir)
Closing Prayer and Final Blessing / Closing Song
(Choir)

Day 2: Saturday, August 31, 2024

6:00 PM Praise and Worship (Choir)

Opening Prayer (Fr. Martin)

Scripture Reading: (Lector)
1 Corinthians 12:24b - 30

Musical Selection (Choir)

Talk: (Fr. Martin)

Prayer and Anointing of the Sick (accompanied
with songs - Choir)
Love Offering / Collection Song – Choir
Closing Prayer and Final Blessing – Closing Song

Day 3: Sunday, September 1, 2024

10 AM UNITY MASS / Conclusion of Retreat

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Food That Makes Us Live Forever:

God offers his people abundant life, but we can miss it. What is the *bread of life* which Jesus offers? It is first of all the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that *the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come*. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the promised land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. 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. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood and partakers of his divine life. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.), an early church father and martyr, 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.

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself - but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. 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 or Lord's Supper is an intimate union with Christ. 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"? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51).

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ROMANUS!!!



Fr. Romanus will be celebrating his XX birthday on Wednesday, October 14, 2024, and we want to wish him

all the blessings that God has to offer him. May the love and grace continue to shine upon him and may he have many more years to come. Birthday envelopes are available for wishes and love tokens.

God Bless You Fr. Romanus!!!!