



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

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*

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August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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
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Carl Hayes, Chairman 912-655-7153
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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

What a wonderful gift we have been given by our Lord! He has given himself—his very flesh and blood—for the life of the world. We are invited to this place each Sunday to receive this wondrous gift, which sustains us and nourishes us on our journey to God’s kingdom. How appropriate that the Greek word for this meal—eucharistia—means thanksgiving, reminding us how eternally thankful we are for the opportunity to receive the Body of Christ, our bread of life.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 503.
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Parish Giving
August 11, 2024

Offertory	\$ 4984.00
Special Collections:	
Church in Latin America	\$ 522.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Linda Gayle Rountree on the anniversary of her birthday, August 17th. *Sharon Carson

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Felix Walden, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday, August 19th. *Rosemary Walden & Taylor Walden

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LECTORS’ SCHEDULE
 (*indicates Announcer also)

August 17/18, 2024

5:30pm	Edna Mason	Shirley West
9:00am	Barbars McGhee	Melanie White
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

USHERS’ SCHEDULE

August 17/18, 2024

5:30pm	Brenda Kennedy	Thomas Dickerson
9:00am	George Moultrie	Richard Baker
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

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

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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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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The July, August, & September birthday/anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with the parish picnic on September 1st immediately following the Unity Mass. Please contact your representative (July – Sharon Carson 912-656-0286; August – Ruth Simmons 912-713-9921; September – Yvonne Williams 912-657-3841) to make your donation (\$20.00 suggested) toward this event. Your help is needed to make this event successful. Thank you.

**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

He Who Eats This Bread Will Live Forever:

Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink"? The Jews were scandalized, and the disciples were divided when Jesus said, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." What a hard saying unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves (John 6:3-13), when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, is a sign that prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal. Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus' teaching on the bread of life.

In the Old Covenant, bread and wine were offered in a thanksgiving sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator as the giver and sustainer of life. Melchizedek, a priest and king (Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1-4), offered a sacrifice of bread and wine. His offering prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king (Hebrews 7:26; 9:11; 10:12). The remembrance of the manna in the wilderness recalled to the people of Israel that they live - not by earthly bread alone - but by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3).

At the last supper, when Jesus blessed the cup of wine, he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Jesus was pointing to the sacrifice he was about to make on the cross when he would shed his blood for us - thus pouring himself out and giving himself to us - as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal (Passover) lamb, whose blood spared the Israelites from death in Egypt.

The Apostle tells us that "Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). Paul echoes the words of John the Baptist, who called Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father.

He "offered himself without blemish to God" (Hebrews 9:14) and "gave himself as a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Jesus chose the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum - giving his disciples his body and his blood as the true bread of heaven. This act of giving, celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. He offers the life of God himself, a transformative power that can fill us with hope and inspiration. Do you hunger for the bread of life?

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Verily, verily, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53).

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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.

NEW HORIZONS DINNER SALES:

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