



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

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September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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

Take a look around you as you make yourself at home in God's home. As you entered, did you welcome others as perhaps you yourself were welcomed? Did you see anyone you did not recognize? Did you give them the once over and make a judgment, perhaps in the back of your mind? In today's second reading, James instructs the Christian community to show no partiality in their assembly. He warns them that those they may tend to avoid or ignore may be exactly those whom God chooses for the kingdom. In that spirit, let us always warmly welcome all who join us to worship the Lord.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 510.
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Parish Giving
September 1, 2024

Offertory	\$7695.00
Special Collections: Mission Co-op	\$ 20.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Thomas William Wright on the 57th anniversary of his passing.
 *Robert Wright

For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

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LECTORS' SCHEDULE
 (*indicates Announcer also)

September 7 - 8, 2024

5:30pm Sharon Carson Dominique Jackson
 9:00am Deborah Ngo-Bakinde Teresa Udowana
 11:30am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

USHERS' SCHEDULE

September 7 - 8, 2024

5:30am Thomas Dickerson Robert Kennedy
 9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
 11:30am Matthew Jenkins Tyrone Bryant

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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will take place on Wednesday, September 11th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on September 11th. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Let us show the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

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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.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Georgene Jones and family on the loss of her brother, Mr. Larry D. Griffin, who passed away on Friday, August 30, 2024. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is not just information or a historical book. It is not just for quick inspiration. One of the most important ways the Holy Spirit reaches us is through scripture. If we neglect His voice in that place where He speaks, we are shutting off a crucial part of our relationship with Him.

Bible Study.....Try it!
Every Wednesday evening at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

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USHERS' MEETING

There will be an important meeting for current ushers and those who may be interested in joining the ministry on Thursday, September 12th at 6pm in the parish hall. We are looking for new members to welcome parishioners and guests to our services so feel free to join our meeting on September 12th and learn more about our ministry. *Michael A. Chaney, Coordinator

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We're back!! Faith Formation classes will resume on September 8th at 10:15am. Please register your children when you bring them to class. We look forward to sharing the Catholic faith with your children so please sign up!!

**"Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children
God is Love, God is Love"**

Announcement: Smoking Cessation Program at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

We are excited to announce a new Smoking Cessation Program that will take place within our parish community, starting this Sunday, September 8, 2024, and running through the end of October. This 9-week program is designed to educate our community about the many health risks associated with smoking and to assist those who wish to quit.

The program will be organized and led by Anne Florence Bakinde, a DNP student from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as part of her final project. Through a series of educational workshops and personalized support, this program will provide valuable information and resources to help participants in their journey to a smoke-free life.

A sign-up sheet will be available after each Mass starting Sunday, September 1, 2024, and flyers will be distributed at the same time. Please note that participation is entirely voluntary, and we encourage all interested community members to join.

For more information and to sign up, please contact the parish office or speak with Anne Bakinde directly after Sunday Mass. We look forward to your participation!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

He Has Done All Things Well:

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in the same manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors, and do you

treat them with considerateness as Jesus did? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" (Mark 7:37).

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OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Existing members:

- Dianne Williams
- Mac Singleton
- Sharon Carson (Ex-officio)
- Deacon Torrance Garvin (Ex-officio)

Elected Members:

- Edna Mason
- Brenda Kennedy
- Dona Myers Oliver

Appointed members:

- Eric Scott, Jr.
- Karen Polk
- Sara Josephson

We congratulate our Parish Pastoral Council members, and we pray that the Lord may grant them the spirit of commitment and service.