



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!

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September 15, 2024
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. That’s quite a mouthful, but it means that by dying on the cross, which he willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted. In today’s Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 512.

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*Parish Giving
September 8, 2024*

Offertory	\$3578.01
Special Collections: Assumption	\$ 25.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Willie Allen, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday (9/13). *Mrs. Louise Allen

For God’s healing power to come upon Eirc Chriss.
* Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Gregory Slocum who passed away 9/5/2024. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Catherlene R. Washington on the anniversary of her birthday (9/19). * Sharon Carson and family

9:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Fredrico (Chico) Bason on the anniversary of his 50th birthday. *The Wingster and Bason Families

9:00am & 11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Wilhemina Butler-Chisholm on the anniversary of her birthday (9/13). *The Garvin Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones on the anniversary of her birthday (9/19). *The Garvin and Johnson families

For Dea. Torrance and Theresa Garvin on their 27th wedding anniversary (9/13).

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

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<p>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.</p>

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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.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Marion Poole, Mr. Henry Blount and family on the loss of their sister, Mrs. Ellen Williams who passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024. Funeral service will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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

**OUR PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY
PROGRAM:**

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 School Building:**

Sunday, October 6, 2024, after 10am Mass

**Celebration at the Old School Building
Compound:**

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

**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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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We're back!! Faith Formation classes have resumed and take place in the educational building on Sundays at 10:15am. Please be sure to register your children when you bring them to class. We look forward to sharing our Catholic faith with your children.

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

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Announcer also)

September 14 - 15, 2024

5:30pm	Taylor Walden	Shirley West
9:00am	Dianne Williams	Melanie White
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

USHERS' SCHEDULE

September 14 - 15, 2024

5:30am	Franklin Hagey	Anthony DeShay
9:00am	George Moultrie	Richard Baker
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

September 14 - 15, 2024

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson
9:00am	Gregory Milton
11:30am	Faith Formation

**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, on Sundays immediately following the 11:30am Mass in the parish hall 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 (770-870-7051). We look forward to your participation!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Who is Jesus for you - and what difference does he make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No human being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One*, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36).

Why did Jesus command his disciples not to tell anyone that he is the anointed One - Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. St. Cyril of Alexandria explained the reason thus, "There were things yet unfulfilled which must also be included in their preaching about him. They must also proclaim the cross, the passion, and the death in the flesh. They must preach the resurrection of the dead, which obviously testifies that Christ is truly the Messiah and by nature the Son of God the Father.

Jesus told his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. God's ways and thoughts are entirely different from ours (cf. Isaiah 55:8). It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won us salvation.

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and

follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will crosses (does not align) with God's will, then his will must be done. We must accept the cross in this life before we can enjoy with him on the resurrection day. Who is Jesus for you? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29).

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UNITY MASS CHOIR

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the lord with gladness: come before His presence with singling. (Psalm 100:1 – 2).

Unity Mass Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, September 24 and October 1, 2024 at 6pm in the church.

Please be in attendance to prepare for our 150th Church Anniversary. Thank you – Kathy L. Stewart
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**HONOR OUR CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS**

The U.S. Bishops have designated today (September 15, 2024) as Catechetical Sunday to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church. At St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, we are so grateful for the dedicated ministry of these persons who have accepted the call to catechize other adults, youth, and children in our Faith Formation Processes.

We acknowledge, with gratitude: Shameka Broadnax, Sharon Carson, Monesha Gallishaw, Theresa Garvin, Dea. Torrance Garvin, Matthew Jenkins, Fred Jones, Margaret Jones, Edna Mason, Karen Polk, Areatha Scott, Jennifer Short, Ruth Simmons, and Beverly Small. Thank you for your service to this ministry.

**Theme: "Lord, when did we see you hungry? (Matthew 25:27)**

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