



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 22, 2024
Twenty-fifth 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
 Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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Carl Hayes, Chairman	912-655-7153
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Tracey Maloof, Member	912-663-3413
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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

As summer transitions to fall, farmers’ thoughts turn toward the coming harvest. Speaking of harvesting, in the second reading Saint James declares that those who cultivate peace will sow the fruit of righteousness. Besides the traditional fall harvest of apples and pumpkins, may we all also savor the fruit of righteousness—that is, of moral goodness and justice—which in turn brings peace to our world, our nation, and our communities. Let us sing and praise the God who makes all this possible.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 515.

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*Parish Giving
September 15, 2024*

Offertory	\$5737.00
Special Collections:	

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses For the repose of the soul of Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing.
*Prince A. Jackson, III

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**150th Anniversary Banquet/Gala
October 5, 2024**

IMPORTANT
Savannah Civic Center Entry Guidelines
and Policies for Events

Doors Open At **5:30PM.**

Guests Parking Is In The Civic Center Parking Lot.

Screening Of All Guests Will Be Conducted Upon Entry.

A Search Of Personal Items For Weapons May Be Conducted Upon Entry

Handbags, Purses Or Other Bags Must Be 4.5" x 6.5" or smaller. Any Bags Larger Must Be Clear.

Alcohol Is Not Permitted Into The Venue.

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.

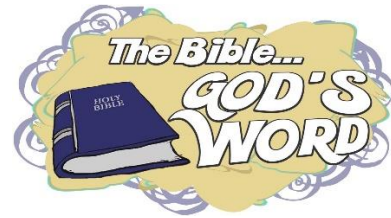
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

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.



**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.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Announcer also)

September 21 - 22, 2024

5:30pm	Edna Mason	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Joe Carter	Alicia Carter
11:30am	Monesha Gallishaw	Beverly Blue

USHERS' SCHEDULE

September 21 - 22, 2024

5:30am	Brenda Kennedy	Thomas Dickerson
9:00am	Michael A. Chaney	Karen Polk
11:30am	Sylvester Brown	Tyrone Bryant

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Lector also)

September 21 - 22, 2024

5:30pm	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Emily Fann
11:30am	Theresa Garvin

**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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INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at the 11:30am Mass. Parents who wish to have their children baptized should contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for information or to register. Thank you.

**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.

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

Do you compare yourself with others?

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. *You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor* (Psalm 8:5).

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants.

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: Friday Oct 4th and Oct. 5th from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Church in Our Lord Parish Hall, 3133 E. Victory Drive in Thunderbolt. Lots of bargains.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature.

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Corinthians 4:7). Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

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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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Diocese of Savannah Office of Black Catholic Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

**Place: St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
441 East Broad Street Savannah, GA 31401**

Time: 11am

Reception to Follow

**For further information, please contact Father
Robert E. Chaney at 912-232-5258**