



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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September 29, 2024

Twenty-sixth 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
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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 come together today to worship God, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, to encounter him in each other, and to open ourselves to God’s continuing revelation in the word. Today’s Gospel is a difficult one, with severe warnings about sin and hell. The second reading isn’t much easier to take, warning of the corrosive effects of wealth and pleasure. Let us accept the challenge of taking a good long hard look at our lives and deciding what we need to cut from it in order to remain on the path to the kingdom.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 517.

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Parish Giving
September 22, 2024

Offertory	\$3754.00
Special Collections: Mission Cooperative Appeal	\$ 397.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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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.

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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances 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, Clewon 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, Tambra 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.

USHERS’ MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for ushers on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6pm in the church. Please do not miss this important meeting. *Michael A. Chaney

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

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OUR PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM:

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.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Jayden Jones on the loss of his grandfather, Mr. Louis Jones who passed away on September 20, 2024. Funeral services will be held 11:00am Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Fairmount Baptist Church (721 E. Bolton Street, Savannah, GA 31401). Viewing Friday October 4th from 12pm – 2pm at Adams Funeral Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Romanus and our SBM family for your acts of kindness and sympathy shown during our time of bereavement on the loss of our beloved Ellen B. Williams. Your participation in the service and repast, prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls have meant so much to us. May God continue to pour out his blessings on each and every one of you.

*Henry Blount, Marion Poole and Family.

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THANK YOU

The bereaved family of the late Larry D. Griffin would like to thank all of you for your calls, cards, hugs, texts, visits, and love shown during this difficult period in our lives. Love you all!

*Georgene/Gigi Jones and family

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PLEASE NOTE THAT BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Announcer also)

September 28 - 29, 2024

5:30pm	Taylor Walden	Adriene Perry
9:00am	Dianne Williams	Barbara McGhee
11:30am	Juliette Tolbert	Beverly Blue

USHERS' SCHEDULE

September 28 - 29, 2024

5:30am	Robert Kennedy	Franklin Hagey
9:00am	Rosetta Brown	Michael A. Chaney
11:30am	Matthew Jenkins	Tyrone Bryant

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Lector also)

September 28 - 29, 2024

5:30pm	Sharon Carson
9:00am	Gregory Milton
11:30am	Monesha Gallishaw

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!

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.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Any One Who Does a Mighty Work in My Name:

Do you rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4,6).

Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice - namely, our neighbor's good. The reason we may grieve over another's good is that somehow we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbor's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it.

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good. The love that God places in our hearts seeks the highest good of our neighbor. God's love purifies and frees us from all envy and jealousy - and it compels us to give generously, especially to those who lack what they need.

Everyone in need has a claim on us because they are dear to God who created them in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). God created us in love for love. We are most free and happy when we love as he loves. The love and charitable help we show to our neighbor also expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant mercy and kindness of God towards us.

Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Are you grateful for God's mercy and kindness towards you and are you ready to show that same kindness and generosity towards your neighbor? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.” (James 3:16).

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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, 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

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FINAL ORDER OF T-SHIRTS IS IN AND CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

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