



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!

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ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*
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October 6, 2024
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass

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

Finance Council Members:

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

Especially appropriate on Respect Life Sunday, our first reading reminds us that God brought life to us all. Out of love and empathy for the first human, God created the first woman. God has blessed us with the ability to share in the creation of new life and we are called to exercise this blessing with care and respect. Valuing life at every stage, we pray today for all those whose lives are vulnerable, whether they are at the very beginning or end of their lives or because of circumstances that make their lives especially fragile.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 520.

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Parish Giving
September 29, 2024

Offertory	\$ 3131.00
Special Collections: Mission Cooperative Appeal	\$ 10.00

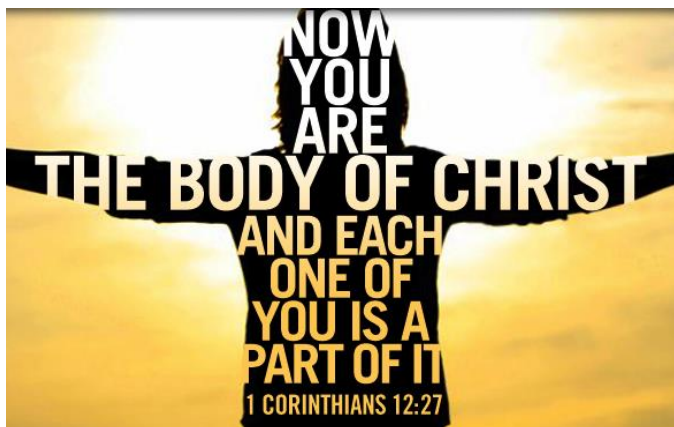
"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:0am In thanksgiving for all of us as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church; that our loving God will continue to pour out His mercy upon us.

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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

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.

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

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OUR PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM:

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)

October 6, 2024 Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass
10:00am Joe Carter Dianne Williams

October 12 – 13, 2024
5:30pm Dominique Jackson Sharon Carson*
9:00am Deborah Ngo-Bakinde Teresa Udowana
11:30am Donald Perry Adrian Broxton

USHERS' SCHEDULE

October 6, 2024 Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass
10:00am

October 12 – 13, 2024
5:30am
9:00am
11:30am

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE
(*indicates Lector also)

October 6, 2024 Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass
10:00am Monesha Gallishaw

October 12 – 13, 2024
5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Emily Fann

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.

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!

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will take place on Wednesday, October 16th. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on October 16th. 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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Members of the legal community and all public officials are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, in prayer and fellowship for those responsible for the administration of justice.

Open to people of all faith traditions.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024 at 12 PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Reception to follow.
Please RSVP to Maggie Blanc at
mblanc@diosav.org or 912-201-4126

RED MASS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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Diocese of Savannah Office of Black Catholic Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

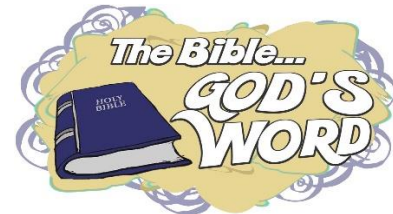
**Place: St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
441 East Broad Street Savannah, GA 31401**

Time: 11am

Reception to Follow

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

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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.