



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

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*

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October 13, 2024

Twenty-eighth 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
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We come here today in various states of disrepair. Perhaps we are worn down by an exhausting week of work. Perhaps we are trying to cope with family or marital difficulties. Perhaps we have been wracked by grief, or guilt, or despair. The truth is that this is the human condition. We are human; we're imperfect. We would do well to recognize this. We need to repent, to forgive, to reconcile. We need to look to God, who makes all things perfect. May Jesus' words to his disciples give us the hope we need: "All things are possible for God."

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 523.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom 7:7-11 "I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom."

Psalms 90 "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!"

Hebrews 4:12-13 "The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart."

Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 "Sell what you have and follow me."

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Parish Giving
October 13, 2024

Offertory	\$ 5611.01
Bus	\$ 170.00
School Support	\$ 140.00
Special Collections:	
Mission Cooperative	\$ 20.00
World Mission	\$ 30.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

In memory of Felix Walden, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing (10/4/2018).

*Rosemary & Taylor Walden

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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.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, 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, 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, Tandra 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,

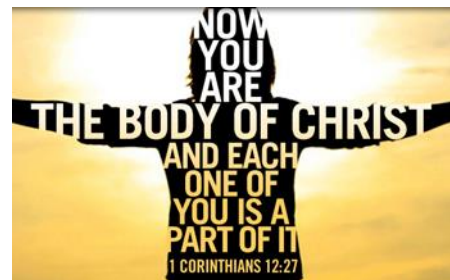
to be understood as to understand,

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**

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Announcer also)

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

5:30pm Franklin Hagey Anthony Deshay
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryant

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Lector also)

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Joyce Jones

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTANT

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an immediate opening for an Administrative Accountant. Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, this position will be responsible for a variety of financial administrative functions: logging checks, monthly statements, and/or posting of AP, AR and general ledger transactions. Risk and Property Management tasks will include point of contact for property, and vehicle insurance claims and tracking property inventory.

Knowledge and Experience required includes:

- Two years of formal accounting education and/or 5+ years' experience
- Knowledge of CRM accounting software such as SAGE or QuickBooks Online
- High level of confidentiality and professionalism
- Ability to Manage priorities and multi-task.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Understanding of the Mission of the Catholic Church

To make application send a resume and cover letter to: jgreen@diosav.org.

CHARLESTON TRAIN & CHRISTMAS SHOW

The final payment for the Charleston Train and Christmas Show with the Friends of St. Benedict are due by October 31, 2024. Any questions, please contact Claretha Bivins or Ruth Simmons. Thanks for the continued support.

SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM

The Smoking Cessation Program will continue to run at St. Benedict the Moor through the end of October. The 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 is organized and led by Anne Florence Bakinde, a DNP student from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as part of her final project. Please note that participation is entirely voluntary, and we encourage all interested community members to join.

For ore information and/or to sign up, please contact the parish office or speak with Ann Bakinde (770-870-7051).

***“Fill us with your love, O Lord
And we will sing for joy!***

CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Youth Choir rehearsal will be held on Saturday, October 19th at 10:30am. Parents please bring your children.

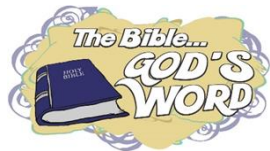
The Unity Mass Choir will have rehearsal on October 22nd & 29th at 6:00pm. Please be in attendance.

-Kathy Stewart.

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.



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 Spirt reaches us is through scripture. If we neglect His voice in the place where He speaks, we are shutting off a crucial part of our relationship with Him.

BIBLE STUDY ... TRY IT!

Every Wednesday evening @6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Where do we find true security?

A young man who had the best the world could offer - wealth and security - came to Jesus because he lacked one thing (Mark 10:17-27). He wanted the kind of lasting peace and happiness which money could not buy him. The answer he got, however, was not what he was looking for. He protested that he kept all the commandments - but Jesus spoke to the trouble in his heart. One thing kept him from giving himself whole-heartedly to God. While he lacked nothing in material goods, he was nonetheless possessive of what he had. He placed his hope and security on what he possessed. So, when Jesus challenged him to make God his one true possession and treasure, he became sad.

Why did he go away from Jesus with great sorrow and sadness rather than with joy? His treasure and his hope for happiness were misplaced. Jesus challenged the young man because his heart was possessive. He was afraid to give to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained. He sought happiness and security in what he possessed rather than in who he could love and serve and give himself in undivided devotion.

Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. The Lord himself is the greatest treasure we can have. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not sorrowful, but the greatest joy. [See Jesus' parable about the treasure hidden in a field in Matthew 13:44.] Selling all that we have could mean many different things - letting go of attachments, friendships, influences, jobs, entertainments, styles of life - really anything that might stand in the way of our loving God first and foremost in our lives and giving him the best we can with our time, resources, gifts, and service.

Why does Jesus issue such a strong warning to the rich (as well as to the rest of us who desire to be rich)? Was he really against wealth? We know that Jesus was not opposed to wealth per se, nor was he

opposed to the wealthy. He had many friends who were well-to-do, including some notorious tax collectors! One even became an apostle! Jesus' warning reiterated the teaching of the Old Testament wisdom: Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is perverse in his ways (Proverbs 28:6; see also Psalm 37:16). Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist (Proverbs 23:4).

Jesus seems to say that it is nearly impossible for the rich to live as citizens of God's kingdom. The camel was regarded as the largest animal in Palestine. The "eye of the needle" could be interpreted quite literally or it could figuratively describe the narrow and low gate of the city walls which was used by travelers when the larger public gate was locked after dark. A normal sized man had to "lower" himself to enter that gate. A camel would literally have to kneel and crawl through it.

Right after a wealthy young man refused to follow Jesus, Peter, somewhat crudely wanted to know what he and the other disciples would get out of it since they had freely accepted Jesus' offer to follow him unconditionally (Mark 10:28-30). Jesus spoke with utter honesty: Those who left all for him would receive a hundred times more now, even in this life, as well as unending life in the age to come. (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).

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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: 11:00am

Reception to Follow
For further information, please contact
Fr. Robert E. Chaney at 912-232-5258.