



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

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October 20, 2024

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
Deirdre Phillips, Account Secretary
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today is World Mission Sunday, a day on which we bring to mind the missionaries who preach and live the gospel to those who have not yet heard or understood it. Today also marks the beginning of Pastoral Care Week, in which we recognize those who give spiritual care to those in need. But it is also important to realize that every one of us is called to be both a missionary of the gospel and a giver of pastoral care. As Jesus teaches his disciples in today's Gospel, we are all called to serve.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 525.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 53:10-11 "If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life."

Psalms 33 "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

Hebrews 4:14-16 "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.."

Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 "The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many."

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Parish Giving
October 13, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6279.00
Bus	\$ 30.00
School Support	\$ 65.00
Special Collections:	
World Mission	\$ 10.00
All Saints Day	\$ 10.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the repose of the soul of Julia R. Jackson on the anniversary of her passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the repose of the soul of Donald Cook, IV on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the repose of the soul of John Kenneth Golden on the anniversary of his birthday (10/19). *Louise Allen

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Dr. Robert G. Bryant and family on the loss of his mother, parishioner Mrs. Odessa Bryant, who passed away on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 19th at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, 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, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Good morning/evening All!!

I came to St. Benedict 43 years ago and recently got confirmation of what a true church family is composed of. I would like to thank all of you for your sincere support and love shown during the loss of my youngest brother, Larry Griffin. I thank God for you and may God continue to bless each and every one of you. Love y'all!

*Georgene Jones and Family

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Today's special collection is for World Mission Sunday. Please give generously to this fund.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Announcer also)

October 19 – 20, 2024

5:30pm Edna Mason* Shirley West
9:00am Melanie White
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

USHERS' SCHEDULE

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE

(*indicates Lector also)

5:30pm Edna Mason*
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

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

PRIESTHOOD APPRECIATION SUNDAY

St. Benedict the Moor Parish is truly grateful to Fr. Romanus for all his efforts in making our 150th Anniversary celebration a success and for all he does in our parish. Next Sunday, October 27th, we will recognize Priesthood Appreciation Sunday in our Parish. Please use the envelope inserted in the bulletin to express your appreciation to our dear Fr. Romanus as he goes home to visit his family on Monday, October 28th.

Fr. Romanus, we sincerely thank you for all that you do!

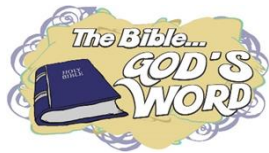
CHOIR REHEARSALS

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

-Kathy Stewart.

PARISH CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Michaela Chaney who was elected president of the Student Leadership Team for Blessed Sacrament School. She is the daughter of parishioner Michael Chaney. This is Michaela's last year at Blessed Sacrament and will be attending St. Vincent's Academy next year. She is active in Faith Formation and Youth Ministry here at St. Benedict the Moor. Your parish family is very proud of your achievement, Michaela.



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 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.

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.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Not to Be Served but to Serve:

Who doesn't want to be first, and to be esteemed and honored by others? We seem to have an unquenchable thirst for recognition and fame, power and authority to rule our own lives as we please as well as the lives of others. Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master and Messiah. They wanted the distinction of being first and most important in position, next to Jesus, of course!

When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would teach and exercise spiritual authority on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! Jesus taught contrary to the world's understanding of power, authority, and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last! Jesus wedded authority with love, position with sacrifice, and service with humility. Authority without love is over-bearing and slavish. Position without respect and concern for the subordinate is demeaning and rude. And service without generosity and sacrifice is cheap and unkind.

Those who wish to serve with the Lord Jesus and to exercise authority in God's kingdom must be prepared to sacrifice - not just some of their time, money, and resources - but their whole lives and all that they possess! Jesus used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations.

A disciple of Jesus must be ready to lay down his or her life - each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required - and even to the point of shedding one's blood if necessary for the sake of Christ and his

Gospel. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love - the kind of "love which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for us? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43).

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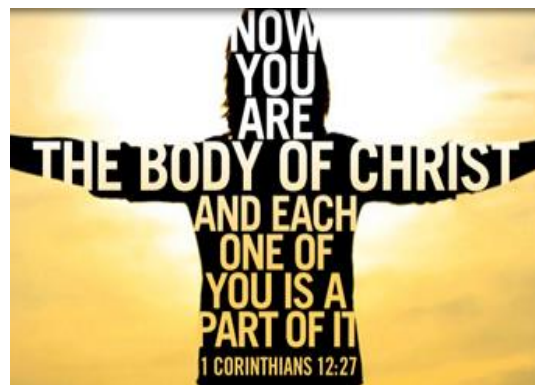
Diocese of Savannah Office of Black Catholic Ministry

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.

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LOVE & SERVICE
TO GOD