



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.

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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!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

HISTORIC

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*

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January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

Unity Mass

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
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Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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Following both the bright star in the western sky and centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. What had been revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, two thousand years later, and here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth has been made known all around the world for all time. O come, let us adore him.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 568.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
 Isaiah 60:1-6 *"The glory of the Lord shines upon you"*.
 Psalm 72 *"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you"*.
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 *"Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise"*.
 Matthew 2:2 *"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage"*.

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Parish Giving
December 29, 2024

Offertory	\$3820.00
Christmas Offering	\$2170.00
Special Collections:	
Diocesan Schools	\$ 370.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For God's healing mercies on Willie Leachman as he struggles with his health. *Jerome Grayson

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary H. Simmons on the anniversary of her birth (01/08). *Ruth Simmons, Jayden Jones, and Family

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"Wise Men Still Seek Him"

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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, Juanita Fields, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Hilda Johnson, Willie Leachman, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Delores Robinson, Janice Quinn, Sr. Barbara Shimkus, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Crystal Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

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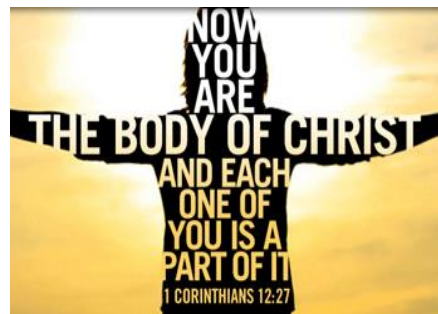
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 5, 2025

Unity Mass

LECTORS

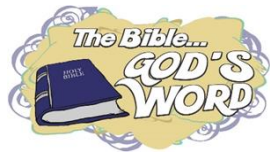
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USHERS

10:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
Robert Kennedy

ANNOUNCERS

10:00am Marvin Manning, Sr.



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.

COME, MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

The Gospel Choir needs your voice to help sing praises to our God and add to the celebration of the Vigil Mass. Contact Yvonne Williams, Coordinator at (912) 657-3841 for information on joining. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance sponsored by the New Horizon's of Women and Men in the Parish Hall.

Details of the event to follow.

150th ANNIVERSARY PICTURES

Looking for pictures taken during the 150th Anniversary events? Then go to perfectimagephotography.co to select and purchase your memories of this once in a lifetime event. You can also arrange for photographs of your own special event. Thank you for your interest – Danny Doctor, owner

COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Coat Drive in honor of Mrs. Georgetta Blair Simmons ends Sunday, January 12, 2025. Thank you to all who donated coats and jackets to help our brothers and sisters stay warm during the winter weather. May God bless each of you!



USHERS NEEDED

There is a critical need for ushers at all Masses. Ushers welcome visitors and parishioners to the church and are vital to the flow of the services. If you haven't found a way to give of your time and talent to the church, consider this ministry. Contact Michael A. Chaney at (912) 655-1856 to sign up or for more information. Thank you.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Do not miss an opportunity to spend an hour with our Lord and Savior. Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday at 6pm in the church. Come and feel the real presence of Jesus in prayer and adoration

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LECTORS NEEDED

Have you given thought on how you can lend your talents to our parish? Let us suggest the Lector Ministry. Lectors are responsible for proclaiming the Word of God to His people at the Mass. We are looking for confirmed Catholics who would like to participate in this ministry. If you are interested or if you want to learn more, contact coordinator Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286. Thank you.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Spirit led the Three Wise Men to Jesus:

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God” (Romans 8:14).

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS CELEBRATIONS SO SPECIAL – WE APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU!!

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will take place on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on January 15th. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Let us show the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters - especially in this new year! Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator

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