



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

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January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
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Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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Over the Christmas season, which ends today, the Gospel passages have told how God's Son was made manifest to the world. The angels told the shepherds that a savior had been born in Bethlehem. The magi followed the star to give homage to the newborn Messiah. The youth Jesus amazed the teachers in the temple. Today we hear that at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the Father's voice could be heard saying, "You are my beloved Son." We rejoice today, for the Son of God is continually revealed to us.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 571.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 "*Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased*".
 Psalm 29 "*The Lord will bless his people with peace*".
 Acts 10: 34-38 "*When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened*".

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Parish Giving
January 5, 2024

Offertory: includes Bus and School Support	\$ 5933.00
Special Collections: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 580.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Delores W. Bryan on the 23rd anniversary of her passing. *From her Children

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Beoutine Grayson on the anniversary of her birthday (January 8th). *Barbara Manning and 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, 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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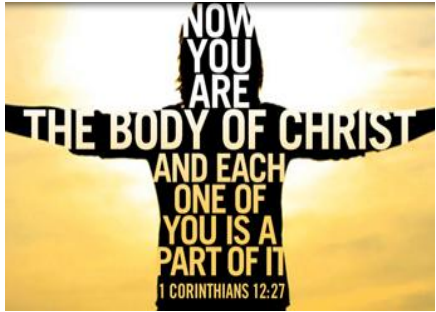
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 12, 2025

LECTORS

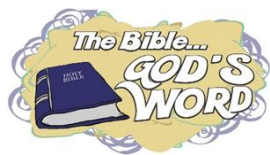
5:30pm Dominique Jackson Shirley West
9:00am Georgene Jones Barbara McGhee
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Beverly Blue

USHERS

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Tyrone Bryan

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Emily Fann
11:30am Theresa Garvin



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.

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.



THANK YOU!!

Each year, the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor make a donation to help our children who attend Catholic schools. Recently, the group generously presented a check in the amount of \$1300 to the parish for the School Support fund. We thank each of the ladies who make up the membership of the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor for their tireless efforts to raise funds for our future – our children. May God continue to 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.

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.

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.

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

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire:

John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin and evil (Isaiah 66:15-16). Fire can also be a sign of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11-12 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses us, and burns within us a passionate love, holy desire, and reverent fear (respect and awe) of God and his word.

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be burning lights pointing others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death

for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

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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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend's special collection is for Black and Indian Missions. Please give generously to this fund. Thank you.

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Miss Michaela Chaney and family on the loss of her mother, Ms. Janice Brown, who passed away Friday, January 3, 2025. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as of bulletin printing. Adams Funeral Services are in charge.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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