



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 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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The concept of a jubilee year had its origin in the ancient Near East. According to Leviticus, every fifty years debts would be forgiven, servants would be released, property would be restored to its original owner, and fields would lie fallow. When Jesus is invited to read in his hometown's synagogue, he finds the passage in Isaiah that speaks of the jubilee year, then announces that this passage is fulfilled then and there in him. Since Jesus is with us when we gather in his name, it is fulfilled here and now as well. As we are now celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find in Jesus the hope that this jubilee year may be fulfilled in our hearing.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 649.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 *"They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read"*.
 Psalm 19 *"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life"*.
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 *"You are Christ's body and individually parts of it"*.
 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled"*.

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Parish Giving
January 19, 2025

Offertory: includes Bus and School Support	\$ 5449.00
Special Collections: Black and Indian Missions	\$ 70.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For Gloria Jean Johnson as she celebrates her birthday (1/26). *Mother – Vivian Johnson and Family

For Tisha Johnson as she celebrates her birthday (1/27). *Mother – Vivian Johnson and Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ernestine Rountree on the anniversary of her passing (1/29). *Sharon Carson 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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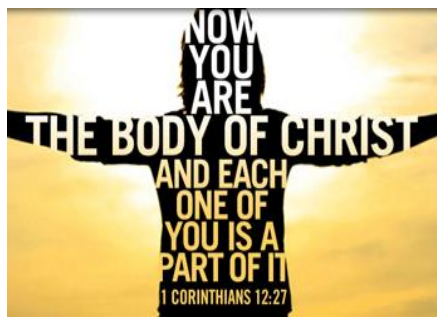
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 25 - 26, 2025

LECTORS

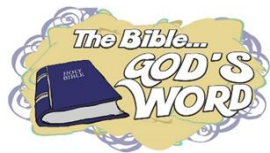
5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson
9:00am Deborah Bakinde Barbara McGhee
11:30am Donald Perry Joyce Jones

USHERS

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Sylvester Brown Tyrone Bryan

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Emily Fann
11:30am Edna Mason



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.

AMSP RAFFLE

The drawing for the AMSP raffle has been postponed until Saturday, February 1st. You do not have to be present to win. Thank you for your support.

CCW ANNUAL TEA

The CCW, Catholic Council of Women, will host their Annual Tea on February 16, 2025 at 11:00am. A Christian play - "The Glory Train" - will be performed. All Aboard!!. Tickets are \$20.00.

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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PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to the family of parishioner Lillian Dilworth who passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of bulletin printing and will be announced later. Bonaventure Funeral Home - Williams and Williams Chapel is in charge. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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VALENTINE DAY DANCE:

Come and celebrate with us at the Friday, February 14, 2025 Valentine Day Dance sponsored by the New Horizon's of Women and Men:

Place: St. Benedict the Moor Parish Hall; 558 East Gordon Street

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Price: \$15.00 per person - \$25.00 per couple. (Tickets are available or pay at the door).

Lots of fun and enjoyment, dancing, 50/50 raffle, prizes and refreshments.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus Returned in the Power of the Spirit:

What does the Gospel of Luke tell us about Jesus and his mission and what he came to do for us? Many skeptics question the reliability and accuracy of the Gospel accounts of Jesus. Luke tells us that his account is utterly believable because it comes from firsthand witnesses (Luke 1:2) who knew Jesus personally, heard him teach, saw his miracles, and witnessed his atoning death on the cross and his rising from the tomb to everlasting life.

Luke begins his account by addressing his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God" (Luke 1:3). In so many words Luke tells his friend (and us as well), I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known - and which many witnesses and messengers of God's word have openly explained on many occasions. Luke wants his friend and all who read his account to "know the truth" (Luke 1:4) concerning Jesus of Nazareth who was sent from the Father in heaven and anointed by the Holy Spirit to bring us the good news and power of God's kingdom.

The word "gospel" literally means "good news." The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the new life and freedom he has won for us through his atoning death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection to everlasting life and glory with the Father in heaven. The Gospel is the all-powerful and all-merciful word of God for us today as much as it was for the people who first heard it in Jesus' time. It's a life-giving word that has supernatural power to change, transform, and bring freedom and healing to those who accept it as the living word of God. Are you hungry for God's word of truth and mercy, love and forgiveness? And do you want to grow in the knowledge of God and what he has accomplished for us through his Son, Jesus Christ?

Luke tells us that Jesus was about 30 years of age when he began his public ministry (Luke 3:23). Right after Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22), he spent 40 days in the wilderness to devote himself to prayer and fasting (Luke 4:1-13). At the end of this period of spiritual preparation and testing, Luke tells us that Jesus "returned in the power of the Spirit to his own land of Galilee" (Luke 4:14). Jesus chose to begin his public ministry in Galilee first, rather than in Jerusalem, the holy city and temple of God. This was in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1,2.

Luke tells us that Jesus chose to publicly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus was also known by many in Nazareth as a "carpenter" (Mark 6:3) and "son of Joseph" (Luke 4:21). When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (verses 1-2 of chapter 61) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel.

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"In the beginning was the word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1)

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January 26th
Presentation begins at 1:00 PM
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For 2025-2026 School Year Information, Contact amy.greene@svaga.net

The advertisement features a blue background with a white shield logo on the left containing a cross and the letters 'SVA'. On the right, there is a photograph of three young women smiling. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the ad.