



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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February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord, Year C

Unity Mass

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

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When forty days had passed since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord, as was required by the Law. While they were there, the Holy Spirit guided the elderly Simeon and Anna to the baby, whom they recognized as Messiah and Savior. Exultantly they testified to his destiny. Gathered here today by the Holy Spirit, may we too encounter Christ in this place of worship, recognizing him in the breaking of the bread.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 792.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Malachi 3:1-4 *“There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek”.*

Psalm 24 *“Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!”.*

Hebrews 2:14-18 *“He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way”.*

Luke 2:22-40 *“My eyes have seen your salvation”.*

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Parish Giving
January 26, 2025

Offertory: includes Bus and School Support	\$2242.00
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“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For Tristan Garvin as he celebrates his 14th birthday (2/1). *The Garvin Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Patricia L. Hamilton on the anniversary of her passing (2/5). *The Garvin Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Theresa Blue on the 13th anniversary of her passing (1/27). The Blue and Grant Family

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INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the 11:30am Mass. Parents should contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for information or to register.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Juanita Fields, Raymond Heyward, 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, Tamba 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

February 2, 2025

10:00am

LECTORS

Matthew Jenkins Juliette Tolbert

USHERS

Brenda Kennedy Rosetta Brown
Karen Polk

ANNOUNCERS

Marvin Manning

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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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.

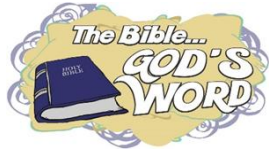
Price: \$15.00 per person - \$25.00 per couple. (Tickets are available or pay at the door).

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

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will take place on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations the day before (Tuesday) and with the cooking and deliveries on February 12th. 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.

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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.

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. See any CCW member for tickets.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

(Mal.3:1-4; Heb.2:14-18; Lk.2:22-40)

Today, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Years ago. In today’s Gospel, Mary and Joseph went to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Law of Moses required every mother to undergo ritual purification and to present her child for consecration to God, 40 days after birth (Ex.13:1-2; Lev.12). As the Holy Family enter the Temple, Simeon and Anna were waiting inside. The Holy Spirit long before had promised Simeon that he would not die before seeing the Christ. So, for years he and the prophetess Anna waited patiently.

When baby Jesus finally arrived, Simeon was overjoyed. He held Jesus in his arms and prayed his famous prayer *Nunc Dimittis*: ‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised...’ This story reveals so much about the character of these saints. Simeon, Anna and the Holy Family are all Spirit-filled and very devout in the practice of their faith. They’re also humble, obedient and patient, and they trust God completely.

Simeon and Anna in Luke’s Gospel also lived predictable and repetitious lives. For years they went to the Temple every day, waiting for Jesus to arrive. The Holy Spirit had filled their hearts with hope, and when Jesus arrives, they’re overwhelmed with joy. Like Simeon and Anna, in Romans 12:12, St. Paul encourages to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer".

Just like Jesus, we’ve all had an official Presentation. At our Baptism, we were presented and consecrated to God and given a candle lit from the Paschal candle (symbolizing Jesus, the Light of the World). At that moment, the priest or deacon said, ‘You have been enlightened by

Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart...’

This light, this flame of faith and love, is the difference between a dreary repetitive existence and a life of meaning, purpose, and joy. So, the question for you today is this: Is this divine flame burning inside you? Or are you just living the same old life over and over and over again? Life may be hard, but they’re happy. (Cf. Deacon Peter: Learning by Heart).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord” (Psalm 27:14).

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE RAFFLE

IT’S BAAACCCKKK!! If you feel lucky and want to win! You can purchase tickets from any Knight.

- 1st Place Prize \$5000
- 2nd Place Prize \$2500
- 3rd Place Prize \$1000

Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on May 12, 2025. Proceeds go to charity. Thank you for your support!

JOB OPENING

St. Francis Xavier Church and School have an opening for an Accountant. This is a full-time position reporting to the school principal and the pastor. Candidates must have experience with QuickBooks accounting software, Exell, Paycor (or a comparable) payroll platform and have 3-5 years of general accounting experience. For the full Job Description go to www.diosav.org – Job Opportunities. To apply send a resume to: jgreen@diosav.org.

MASS FOR ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

The Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend a Mass in memory of St. Josephine Bakhita on Saturday, February 8th at 9:00am. There will be light refreshments afterwards. Come and celebrate this courageous woman of faith.

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