



## 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 16, 2025*

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson  
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Jesus teaches us today about the kingdom of God, our eternal hope. There, those who are now poor or hungry or grieving or maligned will be rewarded. Luke adds that Jesus warns the people who came to listen to him that those who are rich and satisfied will suffer later. God's values are not society's values. Whose values do we imitate? Let us pray that we may align our values with those of God's kingdom and live them out in bringing Jesus' Good News to those in need.

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**Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 658.**

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

Jeremiah 17:5-8 *"Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord".*

Psalms 1 *"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord".*

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 *"If Christ had not been raised, your faith is in vain".*

Luke 6:17, 20-26 *"Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich".*

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*Parish Giving  
February 9, 2025*

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$5087.00
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*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**All Masses** For the peaceful repose of the soul of Marilyn Jackson on the anniversary of her passing (2/15). \*Prince A. Jackson, III

11:30am For Theresa Garvin as she celebrates her birthday (2/15). \*The Garvin Family

For Christopher Carson as he celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday (2/14). \*Sharon Carson & Family

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**The Unity Choir will have rehearsal on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please be in attendance. \*Kathy Stewart**

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**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.

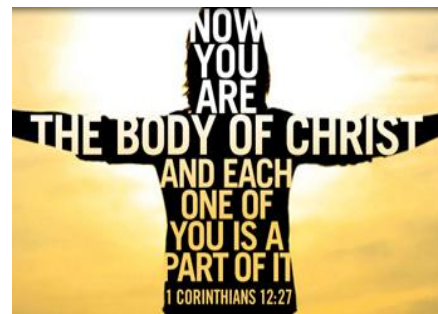
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**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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 15 - 16, 2025**

**LECTORS**

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

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**USHERS**

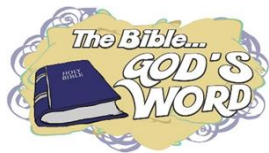
**5:30pm** Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson  
**9:00am** Joelle Hamilton Michael A. Chaney  
**11:30am** Faith Formation Faith Formation

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**ANNOUNCERS**

**5:30pm** Edna Mason\*  
**9:00am** Joyce Jones  
**11:30am** Faith Formation

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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.

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**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.

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**PARISH CONDOLENCES**

Parish sympathy to the family of parishioner Lillian Dilworth who passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Funeral services will take place at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 11:00am. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**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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**INFANT BAPTISM**

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, February 23, 2025 (note change in date) at the 11:30am Mass. Parents should contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for information or to register.

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, May 24, 2025

A Spring-time day trip is in the works!!!

Spend part of the day in Charleston, SC at the International African American Museum & the famous Straw Market & then on to the famous & iconic Original Gullah Festival in Beaufort, SC.

You don't want to miss this trip!

More details will be announced soon.

This trip is sponsored by The Traveling Moors

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**FIRST QUARTER CELEBRATION**

Preparations are under way for the first quarter Unity celebration – March 2, 2025. Please call or respond to a call from your month's contact. January: Wilma Brown (912) 659-8941 and Gigi Jones (912) 604-7394; February: Rosetta Brown (912) 247-0114 and Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553; March: Brenda Kennedy (912) 660-3464 and Edna Mason (912) 247-1671. Thank you.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE RAFFLE**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize \$5000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize \$2500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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## **WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

### **Beatitudes: Reverse of the Kingdom:**

In today's Gospel, we are given St. Luke's version of the Beatitudes. The word "beatitude" is derived from the Latin word "beatus" which means "happy", "blest", "fortunate". This idea occurs frequently in the psalms and the wisdom literatures of the Old Testament. One was said to be blessed, happy, fortunate when one did what was pleasing to God. St. Matthew gives us eight or nine Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12). However, St. Luke's version is different. Unlike St. Matthew who lists eight "blessedness", St. Luke lists four "blessedness" and four Woes. The opposite of blest is woeful, and woe is the lot of the wrongdoer. St. Matthew tells us that Jesus gave this Sermon on the mount. However, St. Luke tells us that Christ had come down from the mountain, where he had spent the night in prayer; he was surrounded by a crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from Judea and Jerusalem, Tyre and Sidon.

However, in both Gospels the essence of Christ's teaching is the same. The beatitudes that Christ preached to his disciples that day long ago in far-off Galilee applies to us equally today. We must never let the things of this world keep us away from God. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven": The poor in spirit are those who feel a deep sense of spiritual destitution and comprehend their nothingness before God. The kingdom of heaven is theirs, because they seek it, and therefore find and abide in it.

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted". The blessing is not upon all that mourn but upon those who mourn in reference to their sins. They shall be comforted by the discovery and appropriation of God's pardon. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth". The humble would receive far greater than the arrogant and prideful. Not only do the meek enjoy more of life on earth because of their ability to be content, but they will possess and enjoy the earth after Jesus' return.

The beatitude is the reverse of the kingdom. In the kingdom of this world, you have to be powerful, intimidating, and if you really want to succeed, you

have to be prepared to eliminate your opponents or your enemies. In the kingdom of this world, it is the survival of the fittest; in the kingdom of this world, man is a wolf to his fellow man. This is what it takes to climb the ladder of success in this world.

However, Christ teaches us the opposite in the Beatitudes; he turns the way to succeed in the world upside down and shows us the way to succeed on our journey towards heaven. Beatitudes are truly the reverse of the kingdom! The Beatitude is the map quest to our heavenly home. The question we have to ask ourselves individually today is this: which map quest am I following? Am I following the way of the world or am I following the way of the beatitudes? The bottom line of the beatitudes and of this message is that nothing so rewarding than having Jesus in our lives and following his ways.

### **Your Pineapple for the week:**

"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8).

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*Recorded in the Library of Congress for its architectural importance and historic significance, the Convent of St. Vincent de Paul, home of the Sisters of Mercy since 1845, is celebrating its birthday...180 years !!!*

Over the years, many of you benefited from the works of the Sisters of Mercy as they educated thousands of students of every race, religion and background, sheltered orphans, nursed the sick, educated slaves, founded St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Mary's Home, Catholic schools in Savannah and promoted Catholic education throughout the State. This space is sacred because it housed these women of great faith, strength and character. Their accomplishments are amazing! St. Vincent's Academy holds the distinction of being the oldest Mercy school in existence. We want to make sure that their home will be used to continue their legacy of Mercy.

Join this "FUN RUN" 3rd Annual Nun Run for the ongoing preservation of St. Vincent's 1845 Convent. Saturday, March 1st. at 8 a.m. in Daffin Park...dress up and bring the family. OR make a donation to the 1845 Foundation, c/o St. Vincent's Academy, 207 East Liberty St., Savannah, GA. 31401, attention: Loretto Lominack.

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