



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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February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

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In our world today, you don't have to look far to see a lack of respect for human life. War, mass shootings, abortion, and capital punishment make a mockery of what should be a basic principle for us all: every life is precious. Let us keep in mind what Saint Paul teaches the Corinthians in the portion of his letter that we hear today: we shall bear the image of Christ in heaven. Every human life is precious if only because every life holds the promise of resurrection and the heavenly image of Christ. We come together today to thank God for all human life and the promise of eternal life.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 661.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 *Though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm you*”.

Psalm 103 *“The Lord is kind and merciful”*.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 *“Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one”*.

Luke 6:27 - 28 *“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful”*.

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Parish Giving
February 16, 2025

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$5059.00
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“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am For Norissa Brown as she celebrates her birthday (2/25). *The Brown Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Clarence John Bailey, Sr. on the anniversary of his birthday (2/27). *Mariah Bailey and Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Lillie Ann Dilworth. *Emma Preer

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Frankie C. Brown on the anniversary of his death, February 22, 1975. *From your loving family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Gertrude Rivers-Williams on the anniversary of her passing (2/3). *Hallie Williams

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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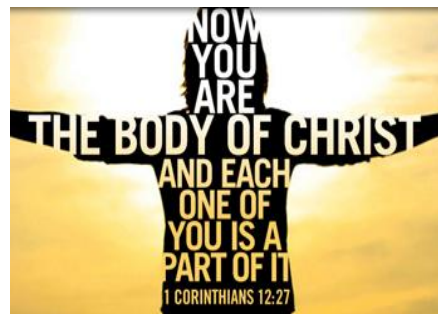
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 22 - 23, 2025**

LECTORS

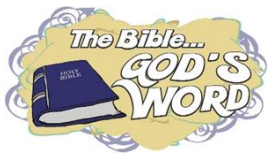
5:30pm Sharon Carson* Adriene Perry
9:00am Georgene Jones Deborah Bakinde
11:30am Beverly Blue Joyce Jones

USHERS

5:30pm Anthony DeShay Robert Kennedy
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Tyrone Bryant Sylvester Brown

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw



**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.

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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.

The Unity Choir will have rehearsal on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00pm. Please be in attendance. *Kathy Stewart

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council 10274 is collecting baby supplies for children up to 2-3 years old. The collection point will be a baby crib placed in the entryway to the parish hall during the unity mass reception on Mar 2. Please contact any knight if you would like to give or have items picked up for donation. All items donated will go to the Living Vine Maternity Home. Look for the signs around the church for what items are needed.

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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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE RAFFLE

IT'S BAAACCKKK!! 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!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

“With Man This Is Impossible, But With God All Things Are Possible:”

Love is a command when Jesus says, “Love your enemies” (Luke 6:27). He knows that not everyone will accept such a command, and for this reason, he begins by making it clear that he is addressing those who are willing to accept this command of love of enemies. When he says, “To you who hear, I say...”, he means, “To you who are willing to do what I command you to do”. It is obvious to him that not everyone who is following him is willing to do what he commands. It is for this reason that he told his followers that, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Therefore, today’s Gospel is addressed, not to the “followers” of Christ or “Church goers” or “hearers of the word”, but to those who are willing to accept the teachings of Christ. Before we proceed, we all have to ask ourselves individually, am I among those willing to do what Christ commands us to do, or am I just a “Church goer” or a “follower”?

The commandment of love of enemies is humanly impossible. It is not in our human nature to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. Is Jesus therefore, asking us to do what is impossible? Of course not! What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is GRACE. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines grace thus, “Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life”. So, Christ will never ask us to do what is impossible; he will never lead us where his grace will not save us. The grace he has given each and everyone of us helps us to transcend our

human nature and do those things that we cannot do on our own as human beings. It is not all about us – it is all about the grace of God working in us and through us.

Our prayer for those who do us ill breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the grace of God can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have power to heal us and to save us from destruction. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse.. nor take revenge.. and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me” (1 Corinthians 15:10).

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2024 ACA SURPLUS FUNDS

Just a reminder that today is the deadline for submitting comments regarding the use of the 2024 ACA surplus funds. Your input is vital to this process. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Mrs. Patricia Simmons wishes to express our sincere gratitude for all of your acts of kindness during our time of loss and sorrow. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, and thoughtful gestures have been a source of strength and encouragement to us.

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The next special collection will be March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday) for Aid to Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous. Thank you.