



## 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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*March 2, 2025*

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

*Unity Mass*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
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As we approach the penitential season of Lent, we hear a warning from Jesus about sin. Don't focus on the sins of your brother, your sister, or your neighbor; look at your own sins. Every year, Lent affords us the opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness, which Jesus offers us most dramatically on the cross. Gathered for Mass today on the eve of Lent, let us commit ourselves to recognizing our own faults and failures, repenting of our sins, and resolving to follow the Lord more faithfully.

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**Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 664.**

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

Sirach 27:4 - 7 "Praise no one before he speaks".

Psalms 92 "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you".

1 Corinthians 15:54 - 58 "God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

Luke 6:39 - 45 "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks".

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*Parish Giving*  
February 23, 2025

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$4051.00
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*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:30pm** For God's healing and restoring touch on Latrelle B. \*Shirley W.

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**THE SEASON OF LENT**

It seems as if we just rang in the new year, but Lent is fast approaching and now is the time to start preparing for it. **Ash Wednesday is March 4, 2025. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am and 6:00pm.** The **Lenten** season encourages us to focus on fasting, prayer, reflection, and deepening our relationship with our Lord and Savior. People are seeking ways to connect with Jesus more deeply through encounter with Him and learning more about our God and our faith. With just a bit of planning ahead, anyone can have a successful and fruitful Lent filled with many graces.

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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**

**March 2, 2025  
Unity Mass – 10:00am**

**LECTORS**

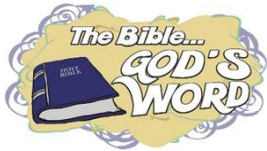
Georgene Jones      Donald Perry  
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**USHERS**

Robert Kennedy      George Moultrie  
Richard Baker      Michael A. Chaney  
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**ANNOUNCER**

Marvin Manning, Sr.  
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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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**Congratulations Tristan on your Confirmation!** “May you hold Jesus Christ forever in your heart”. May the Lord always protect you. Now you have confirmed your Catholic faith. We love you – Your Family.

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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.

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**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Parish congratulations to Tristan Garvin who received his Confirmation on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. He is the son of Dea. Torrance and Mrs. Theresa Garvin, Sr. Tristan is active in the Youth Ministry and is an altar server. Your church family is so very proud of you, Tristan!

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Do not miss an opportunity to spend time with our Lord and Savior. **During Lent, Eucharistic Adoration will take place every Friday immediately following the Stations of the Cross.** Come and feel the real presence of Jesus in prayer and adoration.

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**2025 STATIONS of the CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 6:00pm beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>.**  
(Rosary begins at 5:30pm)  
Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

- March 7** – Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary
- March 14** – Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council

**March 21** – Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Faith Formation Teachers

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** - AMSP and Lectors

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** - New Horizons of Women and Men, Traveling Moors

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – CCW and Friends of SBM

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – (Rosary at 2:30pm; Stations at 3:00pm) – Legion of Mary, Choirs, and Youth

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**Daylight Savings Time begins March 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to "Spring Forward". Move your clocks and watches forward one hour. You don't want to be late for Mass on Sunday!**

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

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

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**"Can a Blind Man Lead a Blind Man?"**

These statements of Jesus spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews are as true and as crystal clear today as they were at the time Jesus made the statements. They are put before us today because all of us need to be reminded of this lesson. We are all prone to seeing our neighbor's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own faults and shortcomings.

Though we are blind to our own shortcomings, and even found wanting in many necessary virtues, yet we can quickly spot this lack in others and even have the impetus to offer to lead them on the right road. We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the Church's teachings. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbor's Christian behavior where as our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal.

How often do we pretend to be what we are not, and convince ourselves that we are what we are not? We pretend to be producing good fruits: figs and grapes, but in reality, we are only thornbushes and wild shrubs which produce nothing but harmful thorns that sting and poison ourselves and our neighbors. The question we have to ask ourselves today is this: how many times in the past week have I criticized someone without knowing all, or any of the true facts? How often have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?

When our loving Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his hearers, but rather to open their hearts to see their own shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with their neighbor's faults, and do all in their power to correct their own. It is for this very same reason that the Church selected this particular lesson for us today. We are all guilty of rash judgement and unjustified criticism to some degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. Little by little we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others.

**Your Pineapple For The Week:**  
"By their fruit you shall know them"  
(Matthew 7:16).

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Parish congratulations to Bailey Fuller who is the winner of the prestigious Hagan Scholarship! This is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free. Free workshops, Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. A nationwide scholarship with extensive competition, Hagan Scholars have attended 637 colleges and universities located in 49 countries and the District of Columbia. Bailey is the daughter of Felisha Bailey and granddaughter of Mrs. Mariah Bailey. She serves faithfully in the Youth Ministry and is an altar server. We congratulate Bailey on her achievement!

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