



## 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 9, 2025*

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson  
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Today we hear how two key figures in the Bible—Isaiah and Peter—are called. God calls Isaiah in a vision. Jesus calls Simon Peter after performing a miracle. Though both go on to great things on the Lord’s behalf, each initially feels unworthy of their call. Only after being reassured do they respond affirmatively. We may well feel unworthy ourselves of a call to join Jesus on his mission. Let us consider how we can still respond as Isaiah did: “Here I am . . . , send me”.

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**Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 655.**

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 “*Here I am! Send me*”.  
 Psalm 138 “*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord!*”.  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 “*So we preached and so you believe*”.  
 Luke 5”1-11 “*They left everything and followed Jesus*”.

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*Parish Giving*  
**February 2, 2025**

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$6021.00
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*“Thank You for Your Generosity”*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:30pm** For Salathia Mangum who celebrated her birthday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. \*Mother – Vivian Johnson and Family

For Darryl Johnson who celebrated his birthday February 4<sup>th</sup>. \*Mother – Vivian Johnson and Family

**9:00am** For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord’s vineyard. \*AMSP

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**PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Yvonne Williams and family on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Patricia Simmons, who passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of bulletin printing. Adams Funeral Service is in charge of services. Our thoughts and prayers are with Yvonne and her family.

**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**

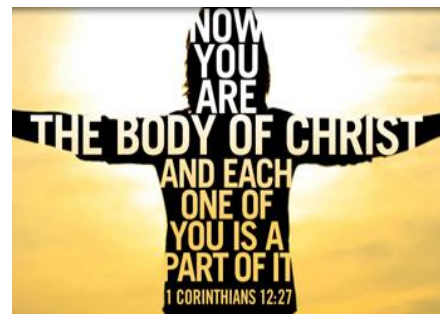
O God, hear our prayer  
 And let our cry come unto You.  
 Bless our Diocese of Savannah  
 With many vocations to the Priesthood,  
 Diaconate, and Religious Life.  
 Give the men and women You call  
 The light to understand Your gift  
 And the love to follow always  
 In the footsteps of Your Priestly 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.

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**ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LOVE & SERVICE  
 TO GOD**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
February 8 - 9, 2025**

**LECTORS**

**5:30pm** Dominique Jackson Taylor Waden  
**9:00am** Joe Carter Alicia Carter  
**11:30am** Donald Perry Adrian Broxton

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**USHERS**

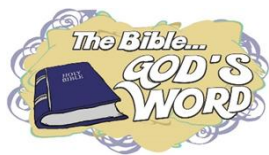
**5:30pm** Anthony DeShay Robert Kennedy  
**9:00am** Karen Polk Rosetta Brown  
**11:30am** Sylvester Brown Matthew Jenkins

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**ANNOUNCERS**

**5:30pm** Sharon Carson  
**9:00am** Theresa Garvin  
**11:30am** Emily Fann

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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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**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.

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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. **There will be a meeting for current ushers and those interested in joining the ministry on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the parish hall.** 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 Old School Building (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor); 554 East Gordon Street, Savannah, GA

**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.

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**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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**AMSP DRAWING**

The drawing for the AMSP raffle took place Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. First prize winner of the cheer basket is Hallie Williams. Second prize winner of the \$50 gas card is Marlene Chivavibol. Thanks to everyone for your support in making this event a success.

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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.

## **WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

### **God Expects Greater Things Than We Can Do By Ourselves:**

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: At your word I will let down the nets. When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in his works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood."

When God's word is spoken his kingdom is revealed and his power is released. When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the

aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth? (Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).

### **Your Pineapple for the Week:**

"Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men (Luke 5:10)."

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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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### **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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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Parish congratulations to Myiah Brooks, daughter of Dr. Alzena Hewitt-Bason and granddaughter of parishioner Sharon Wingster, who has achieved and maintained high honor roll status throughout her high school years at the Webb School (Bell Buckle, TN). Myiah will graduate in May. She hasn't decided which college or university to attend but does plan to study nursing. Again, congratulations Myiah!

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### **YOUTH CHOIR NEWS**

Rehearsal for the Youth Choir will take place on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Parents – please bring your children. Thank you – Kathy Stewart.

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