



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm
SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass -8:00 am
Wednesday-Friday in the Church

HISTORIC
ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*
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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



March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent, Year C

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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Each year on the first Sunday of Lent we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil three times during his forty days in the desert. Each time, Jesus resisted the devil, finding strength in God's word. As we embark on these forty days of Lent, we will encounter temptation as well. Our temptations will vary, but each will sound attractive in its own way. This Lent, let us keep in mind Jesus' responses to the devil in the desert and pray for the strength we need to resist temptation and to repent of the times we fail to do so.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 581.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Deuteronomy 26:4 – 10 *"The confession of faith of the chosen people"*.

Psalms 91 *"Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble, Be with me Lord"*.

Romans 10:8 - 13 *"The confession of faith of all believers in Christ"*.

Luke 4:1 - 13 *"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted"*.

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*Parish Giving
March 2, 2025*

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$ 8314.00
Special Collections: Aid to Central and Eastern Europe; Catholic Relief Service	\$ 70.00 \$ 20.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For God's healing and restoring touch on Jessica Edwards & Karen Evans as they go through treatment. *Shirley West

9:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Bernitha Vaughn on the anniversaries of her birthday and passing. *Morning Mass Family

For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Rodney Bryant on the anniversary of his passing. *Elaine Lemon

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 8 - 9, 2025

LECTORS

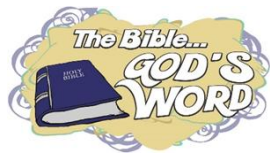
5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Adrian Broxton

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5:30pm Anthony DeShay Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Karen Polk Rosetta Brown
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Tyrone Bryant

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Emily Fann
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 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.

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.

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 7th.**

(Rosary begins at 5:30pm)

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

March 14 – Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council

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

March 28th - AMSP and Lectors

April 4th - New Horizons of Women and Men, Traveling Moors

April 11th – CCW and Friends of SBM

April 18th – (Rosary at 2:30pm; Stations at 3:00pm) – Legion of Mary, Choirs, and Youth
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PARISH CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deborah Ngo Bakinde who has been inducted into the National Council of Negro Women at Savannah State University. She is a senior at SSU who will graduate this spring with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. Deborah is a lector and she sings in the Unity Choir at St. Benedict the Moor. We are so proud of you!

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ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ACIES MASS

Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the Annual Legion of Mary Acies Mass in Dedication to Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 10:00am. The Folk Choir will be in attendance. All parishioners are invited to attend. **To Jesus Through Mary!**
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FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 will have their delicious Fish Fry immediately following the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Cost is \$8 per plate. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus Fasted Forty Days and Was Tempted by the Devil:

Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water.:

Satan's first temptation appealed to Jesus' physical desires and hunger. Jesus was very hungry and physically weak at the same time - he hadn't eaten anything for forty days. Did the Spirit lead him into the wilderness to die? When the people of Israel were led into the wilderness for forty years without any natural source of food, they complained to Moses that he was punishing them with starvation - a very painful way to suffer and die. Moses took the matter to God in prayer. And God intervened by sending them manna " bread from heaven " for their daily provision. Should not Jesus do the same to revive his weakened condition?

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn

away from them, and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you seek God's wisdom and guidance for overcoming sin and avoiding the near occasions of sin?

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives. (Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Be calm, but vigilant because your enemy, the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour; stand up to him strong in faith” (1 Peter 5:8).

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MERCY IN ACTION: A CONVERSATION FOR TODAY'S CATHOLICS

You are cordially invited to attend an exciting youth and family event at St. Benedict the Moor on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 2pm. Come hear a powerful testimony about religious life, culture, racism, and Catholic activism from Sr. Cora Marie Billings, religious Sister of Mercy. We especially encourage young people to attend this event. Light refreshments will be served. More information can be found at linktree.com/sistercoramarie. You don't want to miss it!!.

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