



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.



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!

HISTORIC

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - *Since 1874*

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January 4, 2026 Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.
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Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to your parish. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbenedict-sav.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 197.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 60:1-6 *“The glory of the Lord shines upon you.”*
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 *“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”*
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 *“Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.”*
 Matthew 2:1-12 *“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”*

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Parish Giving
December 28, 2025

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3,084.00
Online Giving	\$1,160.00
Christmas Offering	\$2,095.00
Second Collection: Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools	\$ 314.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Janice Brown on the 1st anniversary of her passing (January 3rd).
 *Michaela Chaney

For God’s continued blessings upon Michaela Chaney who is celebrating her 15th birthday (January 4th). *The Family

In memory of Mary H. Simmons on the anniversary of her birth (01/08/). *Ruth Simmons

For the people and the needs of the parish.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Juanita Fields, Glenn Grant, Raymond Heyward, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Hilda Johnson, Willie Leachman, Robert Locke, Louis McClendon, Jr., Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Emma Preer, Janice Quinn, Sr. Barbara Shimkus, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Crystal Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

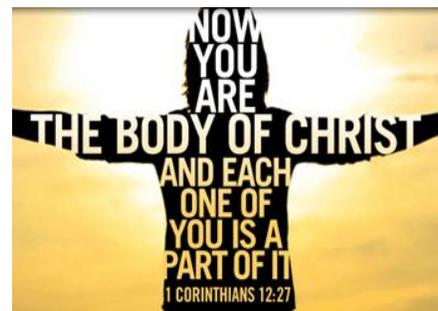
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

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

**January 4, 2026
Unity Mass 10:00am**

LECTORS

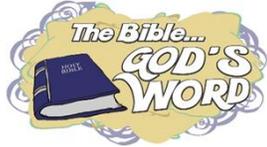
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Michael A. Chaney George Moultrie Robert Kennedy

ANNOUNCER

Joyce Jones



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.

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.

Please note that Morning Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will resume their regular schedules beginning this Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 Winter Coat Drive will come to an end on January 10, 2026. If you're still hanging onto that gently used coat you no longer wear, consider donating it so that someone who really needs a warm coat can use it. Our thanks to all who have donated to this worthy cause. May God bless each of you!!

GIVING TREE THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who so generously gave to our Giving Tree project. Four families received gifts that made their Christmas brighter. May you continue to be blessed as you have blessed others.
*St. Benedict the Moor Youth Ministry.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Special Collection for Black and Indian Mission will take place the weekend of January 10-11, 2026. Please be generous in supporting this fund. Thank you.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will take place on Wednesday, January 21st. Thank you to all who have given of yourselves to make the meals enjoyable. As always, volunteers and donations are needed. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Let us share the love of Christ. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first Town Hall meeting under Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 3:00pm. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

Valentine's Day Dance sponsored by the New Horizons of Women and Men, Saturday, February 14, 2026, in St. Benedict's Old School Building.

SAVE THE DATE!!

We are excited to announce an upcoming children's play, "The Magic Carpet Ride, Fashion and Talent Show" scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 after the 11:30am Mass in the parish hall. This play offers children an opportunity to participate in a fun, meaningful presentation that highlights Christian values, with both speaking and non-speaking roles available. Mark your calendars and please come out to support our children. If your child is interested in being part of the play, or if you would like more information, please contact Vergie Williams (912-220-1803), Kimberly Carter-Johnson (912-323-2750) or Sharon Carson (912-656-0286). Rehearsals will begin soon!

"WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM"

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Epiphany of the Lord

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed

the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. *"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace"* (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).