



MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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
EUCHARISTIC 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 11, 2026 Baptism of the Lord, Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

On this final day of the Christmas season, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before him, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 200.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 "Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased."

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Acts 10:34-38 "God anointed him with the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 3:13-17 "After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him."

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Parish Giving
January 4, 2026

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| Offertory: including Bus and School Support | \$5285.00 |
| Online Giving | \$1,715.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ 649.00 |

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Edward Robinson, Jr. on his heavenly birthday (01/14). The Robinson Family

9:00am For Fr. Anselm and all MSP Priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the ladies of the St. Benedict the Moor CCW for your very generous gift of \$500 to the church. We appreciate all that you do to benefit 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, Clewon 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).

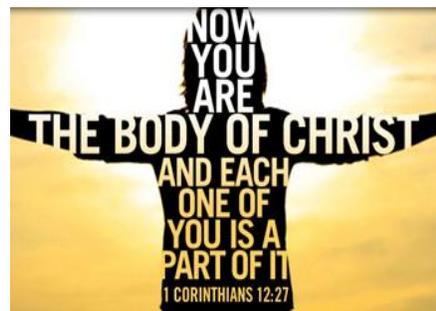
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 11, 2026

LECTORS

5:30pm Edna Mason Sharon Carson*
9:00am Joe Carter Kimberly Carter-Johnson
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Adrian Broxton

USHERS

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Michael A. Chaney Rosetta Brown
11:30am Sylvester Brown Matthew Jenkins

ANNOUNCER

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

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.

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SAVE THE DATE!

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

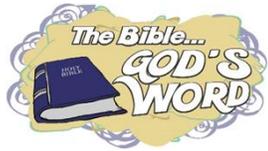
SAVE THE DATE:

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!

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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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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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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!!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Special Collection for Black and Indian Mission will take place this weekend. Please be generous in supporting this fund. Thank you.

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism at the River Jordan? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). In this humble submission of Jesus, we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 42:1-4). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and

baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us:

"Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

Do you want to see your life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Holy Spirit transforms us in the likeness of Jesus

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness (moral goodness), peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us (Matthew 5:13,15-16). The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

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