



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 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Ever since Christmas we have heard how Jesus was revealed over time to the wider world. He was made manifest to the nearby shepherds on the night of his birth. The magi followed the star from distant lands to the east. Last week we heard that the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, revealing Jesus at his baptism. Today we hear John the Baptist see Jesus and testify, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." We say the same words at each Eucharist. May they resonate with us today and always.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 273.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

John 1:29-34 "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

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Parish Giving
January 11, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3853.00
Online Giving	\$ 945.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 500 .00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Lt. Col. Hester Jackson on the anniversary of her passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For God's healing and grace upon Eric Chriss. Prince A. Jackson, III

9:00am For the people and the needs of the parish.

11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Deloris Washington Bryan on the 24th anniversary of her passing. *Her Children

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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, 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).

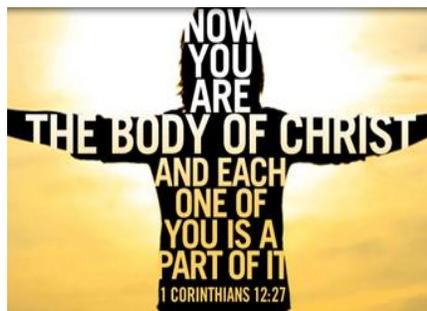
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 18, 2026

LECTORS

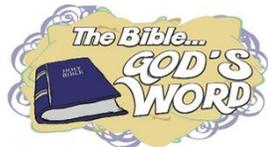
5:30pm Taylor Walden Dominique Jackson
9:00am Gregory Milton Alicia Carter
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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5:30pm Anthony DeShay Robert Kennedy
9:00am Richard Baker George Moultrie
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Deborah Jones
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Faith Formation



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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY. EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED DAY.

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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GOLD and SILVER JUBILEE
Anniversary Mass
25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2026
February 15, 2026, 1:30 pm
Savannah Cathedral
 RSVP by January 31: 912.201.4068
diosav.org/gold-and-silver

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Join Bishop Stephen D. Parkes for a
MASS for the LEGAL PROTECTION of the UNBORN

January 22, 2026, 12 pm
The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Savannah Cathedral

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD!

John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

John points to Jesus' saving mission - to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins

It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus truly is - the Son of God and Savior of the world

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John

Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things.

(Daily Scripture Reading and Meditation).

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ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE
January 25
Presentation begins at 1:00pm in the SVA Gymnasium
Come see how your daughter can become a Woman Who Leads!
For 2026-2027 School Year Information, Contact amy.greene@svaga.net