



## 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 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus call his first disciples. "Come after me," he calls out to the first two. "Follow me," he says to two more. We are the ones Jesus calls out to now. Today is the Sunday of the Word of God, the day Pope Francis chose to dedicate to the proclamation, the study, and the celebration of the scriptures. The call of the first disciples also reminds us of Jesus' own words. His words invite us to a deeper commitment, to one like Peter and Andrew and James and John made with him. May the word of God inspire us to enter our discipleship more deeply.

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**Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 275.**

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:**

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 "In Galilee of the Gentiles, the people have seen a great light."

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 "That all of you may agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you."

Matthew 4:12-23 "Jesus went to Capernaum, so that what had been said through Isaiah might be fulfilled."

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*Parish Giving*  
**January 18, 2026**

<b>Offertory: including Bus and School Support</b>	<b>\$5558.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 892.00</b>

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:30pm** For God's blessings on the birthday celebrations of Gloria Jean Johnson (1/26) and Tisha Johnson (1/27). \*Mrs. Vivian Johnson

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Linsey Charles Davis on the first anniversary of his passing. \*Mrs. Debra Scott-Davis

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

**11:30am** For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Theresa Blue on the 13th anniversary of her passing. \*The Blue and Grant Family

**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, Tandra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

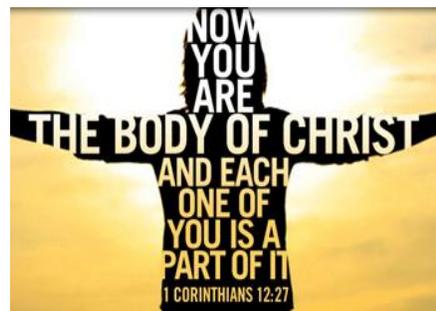
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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

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 25, 2026**

**LECTORS**

**5:30pm** Sharon Carson Shirley West  
**9:00am** Barbara McGhee Joyce Jones  
**11:30am** Monesha Gallishaw Matthew Jenkins

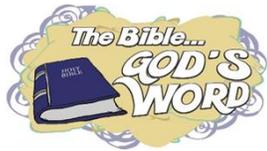
**USHERS**

**5:30pm** Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson  
**9:00am** Michael A. Chaney Rosetta Brown  
**11:30am** Tyrone Bryan Sylvester Brown

**ANNOUNCER**

**5:30pm** Edna Mason  
**9:00am** Earl Berksteiner  
**11:30am** Atzmayah Bailey

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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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**MASS FOR THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**

Please join the Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) for this special Mass on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP will be the celebrant. We look forward to you worshipping with us.

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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.

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

Valentine's Day Dance sponsored by the New Horizons of Women and Men (NHWM), Saturday, February 14, 2026, in St. Benedict's Old School Building. See any member of the NHWM for tickets

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**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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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## **WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

### ***From Darkness and Death to Light and Life***

Do you know the joy and freedom of the *good news* (Gospel) of the kingdom of God? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the good news of God's kingdom of salvation cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land (see Joshua 9). For a long time it had been under Gentile occupation (non-Jewish nations).

#### ***Jesus brings the light and truth of salvation to the world***

The prophet Isaiah foretold that *the good news of salvation* would reach Jews and Gentiles in the "land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus begins the proclamation of the Gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus who brings the light and truth of the Gospel to the world.

#### ***The "good news" brings peace, hope, truth, promise, immortality, and salvation***

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the *good news* which Jesus brings? It is the good news of *peace* - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of *hope* - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of *truth* - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32). The good news of *promise* - Jesus fulfills the promise of God to reward those who seek him with the treasure of heaven. The good news of *immortality* - Jesus overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again. And the good news of *salvation* - the Lord Jesus delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

The Gospel is the power and the wisdom of God - both power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust and obedience.

#### ***The Gospel demands a response of faith and obedience to God's gift of salvation***

In announcing the good news, Jesus makes two demands: *repent and believe!* Repentance requires a change of course - a turning away from sin and disobedience and a turning towards the Lord with faith and submission to his word of truth and righteousness (right living according to God's truth and moral goodness). The Holy Spirit gives us a repentant heart, a true sorrow and hatred for sin and its bad consequences (*the wages of sin is death* - Romans 6:23), and a firm resolution to avoid whatever would lead us into sin. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to see our sin for what it is - rebellion and a rejection of the love of God. God's grace helps us to turn away from all that would keep us from his love.

#### ***We believe, hope, and love Him because He loved us first and drew us to Himself***

Faith or belief is an entirely free gift which God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the *eyes* of the mind and makes it possible for us to accept and to grow in our understanding of the truth. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we can know God personally and the truth he reveals to us through his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. To believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior is to accept God's revelation of his Son as the eternal Word of God and the Redeemer who delivers us from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Out of his great love for us God the Father made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to atone for our sins and to bring us back to himself.

Do you want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in you the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for your life. (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditation*).