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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

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**February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education

Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God’s infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbor. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 283.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Sirach 15:15-20 *“No one does he command to act unjustly.”*

Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 *“Blessed are they who follow the law, who follow the law of the Lord.”*

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 *“God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory.”*

Matthew 5:17-37 *“So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.”*

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Parish Giving
February 8, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$6767.00
Online Giving	\$1010.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses For Mrs. Marilyn Jackson on the 10th anniversary of her passing (2/15). Prince A. Jackson, III

5:30pm For God’s continued blessings on Christopher Carson as he celebrates his birthday today. *Sharon Carson

9:00am In celebration of Jayden Jones on his 21st birthday (2/16/26). *Ruth & Kimberly Simmons

For the people and the needs of the parish.

11:30am For the Blessings of Jesus Christ to Theresa Garvin who is celebrating her birthday today – February 15th. *From her 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, 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).

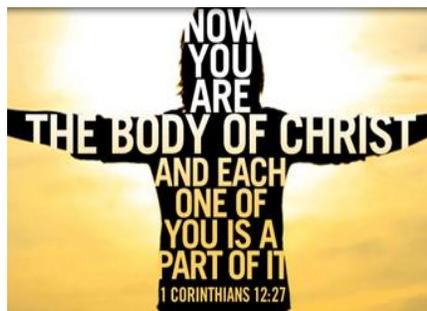
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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
February 15, 2026

LECTORS

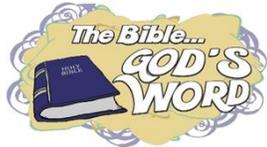
5:30pm Taylor Walden Shirley West
9:00am Georgene Jones Joyce Jones
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am Michael A. Chaney Rosetta Brown
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Deborah Jones
9:00am Earl Berksteiner
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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday (February 18th) for Aid for Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous in giving to this fund.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Lent for 2026 begins with Mass on Ash Wednesday, **February 18, 2026**. Services will be held at 8am and 6pm. Do all you can to get off to a good start for the season of Lent.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters want our church family to know how much they appreciate your thoughtfulness by providing the monthly lunch. The next luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Let's continue to share the love of Christ.

TOWN HALL MEETING

The Town Hall Meeting has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 3:00pm**. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend. Thank you.

FIRST QUARTER CELEBRATION

Preparations are under way for the First Quarter Unity celebration – **March 1, 2026**. Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are asked to please call or respond to a call from your month's contact. Their numbers are listed below. Thank you.

January: Wilma Brown (912) 659-8941. GiGi Jones (912) 604-7394.

February: Rosetta Brown (912) 247-0114. Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553.

March: Brenda Kennedy (912) 660-3464. Edna Mason (912) 247-1671.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

We give thanks to God and to St. Benedict the Moor for granting the Broxton family the strength, courage, and perseverance to prepare the homegoing service for Mrs. Ella Marie Hendley Broxton. It was truly the celebration of life she desired, and we know in our hearts that she is pleased. We are deeply grateful for your comforting words, thoughts, and prayers. The days ahead will be difficult, but we are leaning on God and on one another for support. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers. We love you all. A special expression of gratitude goes to Father Anselm Eke, Sharon Carson, Gloria Stephens, and Torrance and Theresa Garvin for being present when we needed fellowship the most.

In God's grace,
The Broxton Family

SAVE THE DATE!!

We are excited to announce an upcoming children's play, "The Magic Carpet Ride, Fashion and Talent Show" on Sunday, **March 8th** following the 11:30am Mass. 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 have begun! Tickets are available for purchase after each Mass or from the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Parish congratulations are extended to Miss Bradaya Broxton who has been inducted into the National Beta Club, which is a national honor society for high schoolers. She is the daughter of parishioners Brad and Adrian Broxton. Bradaya is in the dual program at Woodville Tompkins High School and Georgia Southern University where she maintains a 4.0 average at both schools. Your church family is very proud of your accomplishment, Bradaya!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The Sermon on the Mount is not about **dos and don'ts**. It is not about limitations: how little must I do to slip by St. Peter at the gates of heaven. The Sermon on the Mount is about being fully alive in Jesus Christ. It is about nourishing the eternal life within us. In the Gospel passage of today Jesus lays it on the line. If we were to summarize what he has to say in one sentence it would be: Outward conformity to the law is insufficient, true conversion is conversion of the heart.

The Sermon on the Mount is demanding. It is just not enough to avoid external sins of great magnitude. It is not enough to avoid murder. It is not enough to avoid adultery. It is not enough to avoid taking false oaths. We have to fight that within us which leads to murder, namely our anger, our hatred, our grudges, our past hurts. Hatred, anger, and grudges destroy the life of Christ within us. We cannot be fully alive if we treasure our hatred more than we treasure the Love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ. We have to teach our children that there is never room for hatred in the world. And yes, they may be very upset with a teacher, a playmate or a family member and this feeling may be justified by someone hurting them, but if we allow hurtful feeling to turn into hatred we destroy ourselves, we destroy our ability to live authentic lives, the life of Jesus within us. We cannot love God and hate another person at the same time.

Jesus demands that the righteousness of his followers must surpass those of the Pharisees and the scribes. The righteousness of the Pharisees is one that is based on external avoidance of sin and religious observance of the law. This attitude only concerns the external man, not the spiritual. It does not improve the

disposition of the soul or effect any spiritual transformation but only the social and religious reputation. It is not about the relationship with God but about the public image. Such righteousness wins the approval of men, not friendship with God.

You see, it is not in the action itself but it is in the motivation behind the action where the person's true identity is found and formed. We are called to take upon ourselves the very identity of Jesus Christ. We are called to be selfless givers. We are called to be eternal lovers of the Father. We are called to rejoice in His presence in our families. We are not called to be minimalists in the faith. We are called to develop the facility of finding meaning in the laws that God gave us so that our external actions might truly be a reflection of our internal attitudes. God calls us to a radical way of living. We are called to be more than just moral: God calls us to be virtuous. We become virtuous by habitually choosing to do what is right.

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2026 STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 5:30pm beginning February 20th. 30 minute Eucharistic Adoration will follow after the Stations.

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

February 20 – Pastor

February 27 – Pastoral Council and Finance Council

March 6 – Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

March 13 – Associate Missionaries of St. Paul, Lectors & Choirs

March 20 – New Horizons of Women and Men, Traveling Moors & Legion of Mary

March 27 – Council of Catholic Women, Friends of St. Benedict the Moor & Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

April 3 – **(Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 3:00pm)** - Pastor, Deacon and Youth

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