



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 LENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS –
5:30PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 6PM

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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March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we hear the account of Jesus' transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of his closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become a different person, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 210.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Genesis 12:1-4a *"The call of Abraham, the father of God's people."*

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 *"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."*

2 Timothy 1:8b-10 *"God has saved us and called us to be holy."*

Matthew 17:1-9 *"Jesus' face shone like the sun."*

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Parish Giving
February 22, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$5031.00
Online Giving	\$1140.00
2nd Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 529.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal *Faith, Hope, Charity* will begin this weekend. Our parish goal is **\$33,307**. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

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, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Emma Preer, Janice Quinn, Sr. Barbara Shimkus, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Crystal Williams, Tamba Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

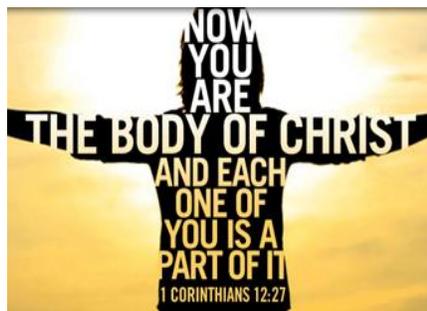
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

March 1, 2026

Unity Mass

10:00am

LECTORS

Juliette Tolbert

Adrian Broxton

USHERS

ANNOUNCER

Marvin Manning, Sr.

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 of the Cross. Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

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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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

WHO: YOU

WHAT: First Unity Celebration for 2026

WHERE: St. Benedict the Moor Parish Hall

WHEN: Today, March 1, 2026

TIME: After Unity Mass

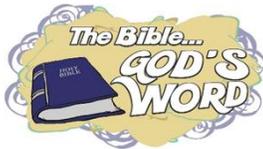
WHY: Because there is no US without U!

PLEASE JOIN US!



FREE MEDICARE HEALTH BENEFITS CHECKUP

CPN SAV will host two “FREE MEDICARE HEALTH BENEFITS CHECKUP WORKSHOPS” at the Center Well Home Health facility, 2280 E. Victory Dr. Savannah, GA 31404. Dates are Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 11: 00 a.m. featuring Humana MEDICARE benefits and at 1:30 p.m. featuring AETNA Medicare benefits. 2026 Medicare Benefits will be reviewed. Refreshments and a free lunch will be served. To register for the workshops please text – 912-224-4815: Leave name, mobile telephone number and which time you would like to attend. You will receive a return text confirming your registration. Please REGISTER ASAP. Thank you



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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YOUTH PLAY

Tickets for the upcoming children’s play, “The Magic Carpet Ride, Fashion and Talent Show” on Sunday, **March 8th** following the 11:30am Mass are now available. Cost of the tickets, which includes the play and lunch, is only \$10 for attendees age 18 and older. There is no charge for youth age 17 and younger. Mark your calendars and please come out to support our children. If you would like more information, please contact Vergie Williams (912-220-1803), Kimberly Carter-Johnson (912-323-2750), Ruth Simmons (912-713-9221), or Sharon Carson (912-656-0286). Tickets are available for purchase after each Mass, from the church office, or at the door the day of the performance.

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SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

THIS IS MY SON, LISTEN TO HIM

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Welcome to the second Sunday of Lent Year

A. Lent is a very beautiful season in the Church; a season of grace. How is it going for you? Did you decide on what to give up and what to take up during this season? Are you being faithful to your plans? Remember, never give up.

Abraham's obedience to God and faith in God are presented to us to challenge us and encourage us on our journey of faith, and in our relationship with God. If we obey God and have faith in him, he will bless us; he will provide for us; we will be his friends. He will shield us from forces against us. Obedience is not easy, it calls for sacrifices, it could mean sometimes forgiving those who have hurt us so badly; it could mean apologizing when we are not even sure we have done anything wrong. Sometimes it might mean that I have to accept certain teachings of the Church which do not make enough sense to me. It might challenge me to move from the position I have taken to see things from other people's perspectives. Yet we must trust that God knows what he is doing.

Traditionally the gospel reading of this Sunday, whether Year A, B, or C, is always about the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is only apt that we are invited to journey with Jesus like Peter, James and John, to the top of the mountain. You see in the paragraph before the event of the transfiguration, Jesus had told his disciples of his impending rejection, suffering and death in the hands of the Jewish authorities (Matthew 16:21-28). Let's just say that the disciples did not like the sound of what they heard; and possibly some of them were beginning to have a rethink about their decision to follow Christ. There was some kind of crisis of faith developing among the disciples. So Jesus had to do something

about the situation, he took the core members of his team (Peter, James and John) to the mountain for reassurance.

In the Jewish world view, the mountain was a place of encounter with God, remember the prophets of the Old Testament always went to the mountain to seek clarity and reassurance from God. And Jesus did the same. He preached his most famous sermon on the mount. He went up to the mountain frequently in the gospels to pray, especially before he made very important decisions such as when he wanted to choose the 12 apostles. You know when we climb the heights, we see clearer and even things that looked so big and unsurmountable become small and manageable when viewed from an elevated position.

While on the mountain top, the disciples got a glimpse of the glory of Jesus. But above all they heard the voice that encouraged them to listen to the Word of God. We are also encouraged to go up to the mountain, the place of encounter with God – prayer, so that we can hear the word of God. Just as the disciples were worried when Jesus told them about his impending ordeal in the hands of the Jewish authorities, we too find certain teachings of Christ and the church very difficult to understand and accept. Teachings related to marriage including issues around homosexual unions, Abortion, Holy Communion, Confession, Fasting, etc. have their ways of making many of us uncomfortable in the church. We need to go up to the mountain; we need to go into prayer, we need to listen to the word of God broken to us in the scriptures through the readings at Mass, the homily, books on spirituality, our private meditation time and sharing in small bible study groups. This we can do most effectively during this season of Lent. My dear friends, this is a time of grace; let us not allow it to pass us by.