



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	10:00am

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!

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March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Year A

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Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to your parish. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbenedict-sav.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We begin today’s liturgy in joy. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he did so in triumph, as a hero would when returning from a victorious battle. What the crowds did not truly realize—but we do today—is that Jesus’ battle was just beginning. More importantly, the battle would look to be lost when he dies on the cross, when instead this was his victory over sin and death. Therefore, as we hold these branches high and sing hosannas to acclaim our king, we do so not only with heaviness in our hearts for Jesus’ suffering and death, but with joy as well, for it is on the cross that Jesus redeems us from our sins.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 231.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 50:4-7 “My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting knowing that I shall not be put to shame.”

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Philippians 2:6-11 “Christ humbled himself. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.”

Matthew 26:14-27:66 “The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.”

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Parish Giving
March 22, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3775.00
Online Giving	\$ 745.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am: *For the people and the needs of the parish.

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CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

We will have Unity Mass rehearsal March 31st @ 6pm for Easter Sunday. All choir members are to be in attendance. Thank you so much – Kathy Stewart

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**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD
11:15AM – 12:15PM BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY,
MARCH 29, 2026. THANK YOU.**

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

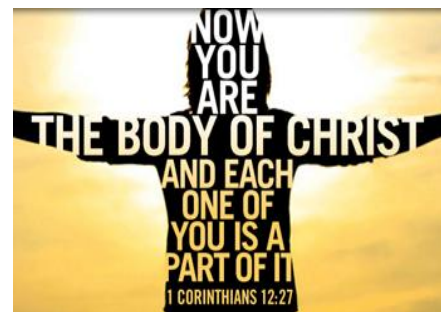
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto You.
Bless our Diocese of Savannah
With many vocations to the Priesthood,
Diaconate, and Religious Life.
Give the men and women You call
The light to understand Your gift
And the love to follow always
In the footsteps of Your Priestly Son.
Amen.

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 28/29, 2026

LECTORS

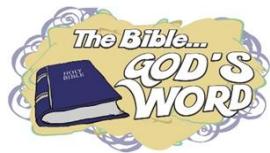
5:30pm Taylor Walden Dominique Jackson
10:00am Barbara McGhee Kimberly Carter-Johnson

USHERS

5:30pm Robert Kennedy Anthony DeShay
10:00am Michael A. Chaney George Moultrie
 Richard Baker

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Sharon Carson
10:00am Gregory Milton



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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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our parish target goal for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is \$33,307.00. In order to meet this goal, each family is asked to please make a pledge of at least \$275.00 or more, if you can. Again, this year the Diocese has implemented giving a rebate to parishes that have exceeded their individual target goals. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge today. With God's help, and the generosity of our parish family, we can reach our goal together.

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UNITY MASS CHOIR

We will have Liturgy practice on Saturday morning, March 28th at 11:00 am. Thank you – Areatha Scott

2026 STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3rd - The final Stations of the Cross for this Lenten season will be held beginning at 2:30pm led by the Pastor, Deacon and Youth.

Good Friday Service: Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 3:00pm

Make these services a part of your Lenten journey!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The next Special Collections will be on April 3rd for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Also, Sunday, April 5th for Priests' Retirement. Please be generous in your sharing.

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please remember that beginning this Sunday (March 29th), there will be only one Mass on Sundays at 10:00am. The 5:30pm Mass on Saturdays will continue as currently scheduled including no 5:30pm Mass on the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month (Unity Mass). Please note: The Easter Vigil Mass will take place on Saturday, April 4th which happens to be the day before Unity Mass Sunday.

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 31st – Chrism Mass

11:00am – The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist

Thursday, April 2nd – Holy Thursday

5:30pm – Passover Seder Meal (Parish Hall)

7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper – includes Washing of Feet

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 12 midnight**

Friday, April 3rd – Good Friday

2:30pm – Stations of the Cross

3:00pm – Good Friday Service: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4th – Holy Saturday

8:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday

10:00am Mass – Note: THERE IS ONLY ONE MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Children's Easter Program precedes the final blessing

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THANK YOU ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR FAMILY

The Magic Carpet Ride, Fashion and Talent Show committee thanks everyone for supporting and attending "The Children of Abraham" play, Sunday, March 8, 2026. The children were so excited for the opportunity to participate in a fun, meaningful presentation that highlighted Christian values. Your presence and joyful spirit truly made the event special. Blessings to all.

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INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant Baptism will take place on Sunday, April 19th at the 10:00am Mass. Parents requesting this Sacrament for their children should contact Theresa Garvin (912-507-7553) or Sharon Carson (912-656-0286) no later than April 10, 2026 to register or for more information. Thank you.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Today the universal Church celebrates Palm Sunday which commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Today the Church invites us to hold up our palm branches to acknowledge Christ entering his city, and also to open our hearts and let him enter the city of our hearts. Let us make him feel welcome into our lives today and always. Today is also referred to as Passion Sunday which marks the beginning of the Holy week liturgies leading up to the celebration of Easter. Is it not so ironic that the two celebrations will come together? In the first part of the celebration we heard the tumultuous crowd welcoming Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. In today's version of the Triumphal Entry as recorded by Matthew, there were some in the crowd who asked; "who is this man"? This was a question that a lot of individuals and groups had asked earlier about Jesus. We will recall that after most of the miracles Jesus performed in the Bible or his authoritative teachings, people filled with astonishment would always ask the same question, 'who is this man' or 'where did he get all this power from'? There were some in the crowd on that day that Jesus entered Jerusalem who had an idea of who the man was: "He is Jesus the Prophet from Nazareth in Galilee". So far so good, but is that all to know about the Man Jesus?

The passion is set to help us to have a deeper understanding of the Man Jesus. It is also meant to help us understand humanity as we see how so many characters involved in the Passion narrative conducted themselves. During the passion of Christ, the prophecy of Simeon at the presentation of Christ (Luke 2:34) became clearer to the world. The secret intentions of many were laid bare. The jealousy of the Jewish religious leaders had come to a crescendo, the greed of Judas was exposed and the animosity of Herod and Pilate towards Jesus could no longer be hidden. Even the disciples fled and Peter denied him. The ignorance and gullibility of the crowd who had benefited from his miracles and had welcomed Jesus enthusiastically a few days earlier was also exposed. In the passion we realize that Jesus suffered because of our

various defects and the sins of the world. The sins of rejection, greed, unfaithfulness, pride, jealousy, envy, etc.

When we consider what most of the characters did during the arrest, trial, condemnation and crucifixion of Jesus, we could self-righteously insist that we would have done better if we were there on that day. I may not know how each of us might have behaved if we were there on that day, but I do know that there would have been times in our present age when we would have had opportunities to behave differently from that crowd in Jerusalem about 2000 years ago and yet we failed to seize the opportunity. There have been times when we have betrayed our friends and people who trusted us just as Judas did. May be you did not collect 30 silver coins, but maybe you divulged their little secrets kept with you over a glass of drink or during light hearted conversation with another person over the phone. There would have been times when we bore false witness against others or failed to speak out for those falsely accused. What about the times we told lies or participated in the miscarriage of justice out of fear or because of favors promised us? There would have been times when greed have gotten the better part of you; when you had thought only about yourself and your needs alone and cared less about your neighbors. What about the times you have taken advantage of others in order to move up the ladder? Have you allowed jealousy, envy or hatred dominate your life and colored your relationship with others? At such times we have revealed what we would have done if we were at the trial of Jesus.

As we participate in the liturgies of the Holy week, let us allow ourselves to feel the suffering, pain and abandonment that Jesus experienced and be resolved not to participate in any form of cruelty towards another individual, because so long as you did it to one of his brothers and sisters, you did it to Jesus. His passion and death brought us salvation, so let us draw closer to him in order to enjoy the salvation he has won for us. I encourage each and every one to make this week truly 'Holy' by our participation in the liturgical celebrations of the Sacred Triduum culminating in the Glorious celebration of the resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.