



## 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!

## HISTORIC

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - *Since 1874*

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## *April 5, 2026* *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord,* *Year A*

Rev. Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor

Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

Alleluia! With joy and gratitude, we praise God, who raised Jesus from the dead to new life in the eternal kingdom. Truly, this is the day the Lord has made, for in his sacrifice on the cross he conquered sin and death and in his resurrection he has opened the door to our salvation. Let us rejoice! Let us be glad! Gathered together today to celebrate the eucharistic banquet, let us join with all the saints and angels to sing in praise and thanksgiving to our God.

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**Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 238.**

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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 *"We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."*

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."*

Colossians 3:1-4 *"Seek what is above, Where Christ is."*

John 20:1-9 *"He had to rise from the dead."*

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*Parish Giving  
March 29, 2026*

<b>Offertory: including Bus and School Support</b>	<b>\$3678.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$1130.00</b>

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Both Masses:** For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Delores Robinson on her heavenly birthday (4/7). \*The Robinson Family

**10:00am:** For the peaceful repose of the soul of Clarence John Bailey, Sr. on the anniversary of his passing, (4/8). \*Mariah Bailey

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Today's special collection is for the Priest Retirement Fund. Please be generous with your donation. 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**  
**April 4 – 5, 2026**

**LECTORS**

**8:30pm** Dominique Jackson Taylor Walden  
Adrian Broxton Joyce Jones Sharon Carson  
**10:00am** Georgene Jones Monesha Gallishaw

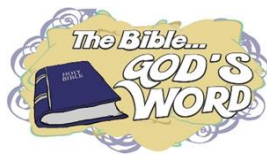
**USHERS**

**8:30pm** Robert Kennedy Anthony DeShay  
**10:00am** Rosetta Brown Brenda Kennedy  
Faith Formation

**ANNOUNCERS**

**8:30pm** Kathy Stewart  
**10:00am** Aiden Mason-Harvey

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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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**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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**INFANT BAPTISM**

The next infant Baptism will take place on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

The is a reminder to parents that classes will begin after the 10:00am Mass on Sundays. Students and teachers attending the Mass will be dismissed by the pastor to process directly to the education building for classes. Thank you for your support.

**THANK YOU!**

The youth of St. Benedict the Moor thank the volunteers who made our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser a success. We are especially grateful to the Knights of Columbus #10274 who gave of themselves to help out and to the parents and staff who donated their time, talents and treasure to make this activity successful. We appreciate all of you!!

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**PARISH CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Bailey Fuller who received an award from the 75<sup>th</sup> Honors Convocation at Fort Valley State University on March 26, 2026. Bailey is a freshman who has an A average. She is the daughter of Ms. Felisha Bailey and granddaughter of Mrs. Mariah Bailey. Your St. Benedict the Moor family is very proud of your accomplishment, Bailey.

We congratulate Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr. who, after a two day retirement, became the new Chief of Police for Savannah State University!! Chief Garvin brings to his new position 34 years of law enforcement and leadership experience. Best wishes for a successful second career and we know that you will take the Lord with you everywhere you go!

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*Wishing each of you a Blessed,  
Safe, and Happy Easter!!*



*from  
Fr. Anselm Eke and Parish Staff*

## ***WEEKLY REFLECTIONS***

### **THE STONE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE TOMB**

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, dark both literally and figuratively. It was still dark in her life and the lives of the followers of Jesus because of the events of Good Friday. Darkness and fear had enveloped their lives, sorrow and may be despair were their portion after what they had witnessed on that fateful Friday. They saw the anguish on the face of Jesus as he hung on the cross and finally gave up his spirit. They saw Joseph Arimathea placing the body of Jesus in the tomb, the large stone placed against the entrance as if to say it was all over, and everybody walked away sorrowfully. They thought death has had the last word, Christ has been defeated and their hope has been crushed. That was their mood when they approached the tomb that early Sunday morning.

My dear friends, on Good Friday death seemed to have had the last word, but on Easter Sunday life conquered death. The Angel rolled the stone away from the tomb and Christ rose triumphant from the tomb. God responded to the cry of his son from the cross "My God, my God why have you abandoned me?" God did not abandon his son, and God will never abandon any of us who cry out to him in our distress. Jesus said 'Yes' to God on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday God said 'Yes' to Christ. On Good Friday the princes of this world had their way: darkness, evil, lies, and injustice seemed to have triumphed over light, good, truth and justice. But we see that the reign of evil is a short one and that ultimately good will overcome evil. With Easter we see that the night has become day; darkness has given way to light. Pain and sorrow have been changed into joy and gladness.

Our message for Easter is one of hope; hope that God is with us in our situation today. As St. John Paul II once said to us: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and alleluia is our song". Yes, the Christian person is a person of hope, despair is not an option. We have a very big God, one who is always ready to turn our bad situations around for us; one who rolls the stone away from the gloom and grim

that we face in the world today. God will not allow us to be dominated by darkness and evil. He will not allow us to live in fear for so long. He will order that every stone placed against our peace, joy and happiness will be rolled away today. He did it for his son Jesus Christ, he will do it for us who are his adopted sons and daughters today.

Yes, on Good Friday Mary Magdalen and all the other disciples of Jesus were sad and walked away dejected; but on Easter Sunday joy returned to their lives and there was a new spring in their steps, they started running. Mary ran to the disciples, Peter and the others ran to the tomb. There was a new release of enthusiasm and energy in the lives of the followers of Christ. They saw the empty tomb and the burial cloths abandoned in the tomb where they belonged and it had a tremendous effect on their lives. Yes, the burial cloths were the elements that held Jesus down in the tomb, they were symbols of momentary, apparent victory of lie over truth, hatred over love, darkness over light and death over life. They were symbols of sin and evil, and so when Jesus rose from the dead, he had to abandon those elements where they rightfully belonged, in the tomb.

My dear friends, behold the call that is extended to us today: We are the Easter people, we cannot afford to live in the darkness of sorrow and be moving around sluggishly as if we were still bound with burial cloths. We have to radiate authentic joy, we have to let go of the symbols of death, those things that militate against our peace, joy and happiness. And they include anger, fear, pride, hatred, drug abuse, drunkenness jealousy and envy. And the list can go on and on. The resurrection of Jesus is our redemption and should mark a new beginning for every Christian, we have to live as redeemed people so that others will come to believe in our Redeemer. The self-acclaimed atheist Bertrand Russell, once wrote in an article, "why I am not a Christian": "if you Christians want me to believe in your redeemer, you have to begin to live like redeemed people". That is the challenge of the resurrection for all of us. We must make it feel real for ourselves and those who come in contact with us, we must abandon the things of darkness, because dawn is here. Christ is risen, alleluia, indeed he is risen, alleluia.