



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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April 12, 2026
Divine Mercy Sunday,
Year A

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we hear the well-known story of Saint Thomas, the apostle who doubted that Jesus had truly risen, refusing to believe until he touched the nailmarks in the Lord's hands. Out of mercy for the single apostle who had missed his first appearance after rising from the dead, Jesus returned to invite Thomas to probe his wounds. Thomas, with the faith we hope to emulate, immediately exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we ask God to strengthen our faith to overcome our doubts so that we too may see the risen Lord in our midst.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 241.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 2:42-47 "All who believed were together and had all things in common."

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

1 Peter 1:3-9 "God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

John 20:19-31 "Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst."

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Parish Giving
April 5, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$7559.75
Online Giving	\$1300.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Anthony Jackson on the anniversary of his birthday (4/11). *Prince A. Jackson, III

For God's healing and grace upon Eric Chriss. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Willie V. Coleman on the anniversary of his birthday (4/16). *Sharon Carson & Family

10:00am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Margie McNeal on the anniversary of her passing (4/24). *The McNeal Family

For Fr. Anselm and all MSP Priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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

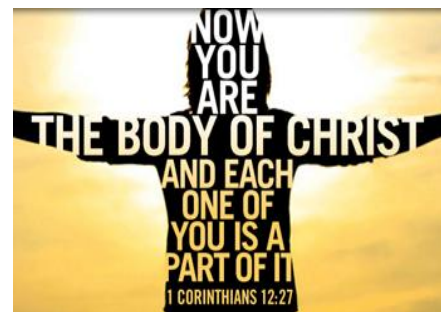
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto You.
Bless our Diocese of Savannah
With many vocations to the Priesthood,
Diaconate, and Religious Life.
Give the men and women You call
The light to understand Your gift
And the love to follow always
In the footsteps of Your Priestly Son.
Amen.

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.



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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LOVE & SERVICE
TO GOD**

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The church celebrates today the end of the Easter Octave as Divine Mercy Sunday. Some of us may remember that up to the end of the 20th century, this Sunday was always referred to as Low Sunday. It was so regarded to highlight the difference between this Sunday, which though in the Easter Octave, and Easter Sunday. We will all agree that normally the Easter Triduum was always very hectic both for the clergy and laity with all the liturgies lined up with its climax being Easter Sunday. So it was always a kind of a way to bring the tempo down, so to say, with the Sunday after Easter being referred to as Low Sunday.

But in the year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was also the year that Sr. Faustina, a Polish nun known for her devotion to the Divine Mercy was canonized a saint in the church. Sr. Faustina had received a lot of consoling messages during her prayers from Jesus who constantly reassured her of the Divine mercy to the world which has been so ravaged by many wars in the 20th century especially the two World wars. In declaring the Divine Mercy Sunday, the Pope pointed out the hope and love that God holds out to the world in the new millennium. Through devotion to the Divine Mercy we pray for forgiveness for our sins, healing for our afflicted world and we open ourselves up to receiving the mercy and love of our God.

It is true that there is a change in the name of this Sunday, but the scripture texts have remained the same. And these texts, especially the gospel, speak to us about God's forgiveness, mercy and love. A closer look at John 20:19-31 will tell us how much Jesus loves his people as expressed in his encounter with the disciples after his resurrection. Remember that these were a group of people who one of them had betrayed Jesus, others had fled at his arrest, and even the leader of the pack had denied Jesus even before a little servant girl. One would have expected Jesus to be so disappointed and angry with the group; in fact, if we were in

his shoes we would not be wasting our time seeking these guys out after resurrection. And even if we did manage to come to them, it would have been to point out their misdeeds and unfaithfulness to them, but that wasn't what happened in the text we have just listened to.

We notice that Jesus comes to them at their lowest point, they were afraid, ashamed and disappointed (disappointed in the Jewish leaders who concocted such terrible lies against Jesus, at themselves in their behavior and also disappointed in Jesus who allowed himself to be captured and killed). After the events of the last few days, the disciples were very exhausted and went into hiding. They were afraid of the Jewish leaders who might also be preparing charges against them for being accomplices of Jesus and of course they feared that the crowd might come after them as cohorts of the crucified Jesus. So the appearance of Jesus was such a welcome relief to them. But it says so much about Jesus and how he anticipates our needs and comes to us at our points of need. He knows what we are going through even now and in his own way he is intervening to bring succor to us. He is a reliable and faithful friend who will not abandon us even when we seem to turn our backs on him. He never fails to notice our fear, anxiety and disappointments in life.

The disciples after they have received the healing mercy of Jesus, went out to give it to others especially Thomas who had allowed his disappointment and disillusionment to separate him from the rest of the disciples. That is what evangelization is all about, one beggar telling another where he found bread. They invited Thomas back to the group, back to the Church, so to say, for him to receive the healing they have already received. What about us, have we truly experienced the healing mercy of God in our lives? Are we showing the world that we have peace in ourselves by living lives of love and empathy towards our neighbors? Are we bearers of good news or do we spread only bad news? We have freely received the mercy of God, let us give freely to those who need our forgiveness, love, mercy and peace. God bless his words in our hearts.