



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 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
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

Today, on the third Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the two disciples who encounter the risen Lord as they walk the road to Emmaus. They listen to this stranger as he opens the scriptures to them, explaining that the Christ had to suffer and die before rising in glory. After inviting him into their home, they recognize him when he breaks bread with them at their table. Every Sunday we live out this experience. We listen to the risen Lord speak to us through God's word. Then we receive him in the Eucharist. May we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, invite him into our midst.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 244.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 *"It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death."*

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 *"Lord, you will show us the path of life."*

1 Peter 1:17-21 *"You were saved with the precious Blood of Christ, as with that of a spotless, unblemished lamb."*

Luke 24:13-35 *"They recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread."*

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*Parish Giving
April 12, 2026*

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$5944.50
Online Giving	\$ 825.00
Holy Places in Palestine (4/3/2026)	\$ 380.00
Priest Retirement (4/5/2026)	\$ 515.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am: For Blessings from God honoring Clarethia Bivins on her 90th birthday. *The Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Phoebe Williams on the 4th anniversary of her passing (4/19). *Richard Baker

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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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).

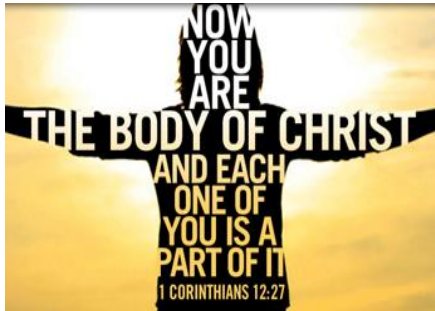
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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**

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE
April 18 - 19, 2026

LECTORS

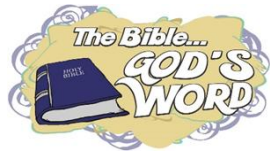
5:30pm Beverly Blue Sharon Carson
10:00am Faith Formation Faith Formation

USHERS

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Robert Kennedy
10:00am Richard Baker Sylvester Brown
Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Deborah Jones
10:00am 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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next Special Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place the weekend of April 25 - 26, 2026. Please be generous with your donation. Thank you.

Easter flowers are available for pick up from the church after this week's 10:00am Mass or from the parish hall beginning this Monday.

GAS CARD RAFFLE

Have you noticed that the price of gas is steadily creeping up? Do you dread going to the pump to fill 'er up? Could you use a little extra cash in your wallet? Then enter the drawing sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10274 for a chance to win a \$300 gas card. Donation is only \$5 per entry and drawing will take place on Sunday, May 10th. Don't miss your opportunity to win big!! Thank you for your support!

PARISH CONGRATULATIONS

Last week's congratulations to Jhordan Holmes omitted one of his accomplishments - he became a member of the Xi Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. At a time when there is so much bad news about young people in the media, we are always happy to share good news about our young people here at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Congratulations again, Jhordan!

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MOTHERS DAY BASKET RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for a chance to win a Mothers Day Spa Basket sponsored by the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor. The basket will have almost everything a mother will need to make her day relaxing and special. Tickets are only \$5 each and can be bought from any member of the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor. Thank you for supporting us!

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OPEN POSITIONS

Saint James Catholic School is hiring full and part time aides for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Part time positions for after school care, usually 2:30 - 6 p.m. up to five days a week for the Early Learning Center and the school. Applicants must be willing to work and interact with children, possibly assist with homework, distribute snacks, supervise group play time, and assist with set-up and clean-up.

Full-time positions for classroom Aides are needed in various grades, including the Early Learning Center. Candidates should be 21 years of age or older, able to lift, and able to take directions from a supervisor.

Cover letter and resume may be sent to Sister Joan at srjoan@sjcs-savannahga.org or call 912-355-3132 for more information. Applicants must agree to a background check and provide references.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

The gospel text presented to us in the liturgy today is a very interesting one. We see what difference faith and hope in the resurrection can make in the life of the believer. At the beginning of the story we are presented with two disappointed disciples of Jesus who were still writhing from the pain of the events of Good Friday. Their hopes had been crushed by the death of Christ, they were downcast and worried about a future that looked so bleak. The experience of Good Friday was so overwhelming, they were trying to walk away from Jerusalem and everything that reminded them of their disappointment. They were going back to their home in Emmaus, back to their old way of life. They were not going to go through the rough way of being disciples of the crucified Lord. They were seeking a way out. They were joining Thomas from our reading of last week who had already quit the fellowship of the disciples.

But the risen Christ showed up in their lives. He knew where they were and what was going on in their lives; and he knew they were not in the right place. You see that is one attribute of our God that I cannot stop talking about; he anticipates our needs and meets us at our points of need. Those two disciples needed help and as usual Jesus was there to provide what they needed. But unfortunately they were so buried in their sorrow, disappointment and despair that they could not recognize Jesus who was walking beside them, they took him for a stranger. That's what negative feelings can do to us; we lock out other people from our lives and become overly self-centered. In our suffering we can build walls around ourselves and it becomes even difficult for us to accept help from others and even from

God. Have we been there before? Have we felt so hurt that we appear so bitter and inconsolable? Have we allowed our past failures and disappointments to so dominate us that we cannot see the opportunities offered us in the present nor recognize the possibilities that the future hold for us? Have we slipped into despair such that we do not see the hope the risen Christ holds out to us? Some of us can even stop praying when we feel so down.

But patiently and gently Jesus probes their minds. He does not force himself into that wounded area, he wants them to take him into that area by themselves. Remember we are told his nature in Revelation 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if you hear my voice and open the door I will come in and have dinner with you". He is always walking by our side, do not shut him out, no matter how deep the wound is or how dark things appear to be in our lives. We've got to let him see our hurts and pains, we have to tell him about our fears and doubts, and of course we have to tell him about our failures and sins. He has words of comfort for us never words of condemnation, he will open our hearts and speak peace to our troubled souls. He just told those disciples that they were slow to understand the words of Scriptures, he patiently went through those words again with them. He understands where we are and even makes excuses for us. Are we willing to listen to him today as those two disciples on their way to Emmaus did? But this is a choice we have to make for ourselves, to continue to journey with him in faith and hope. His words could be challenging some of the times, yet as we heard in the response to the Psalm, "He will show us the path of life". That is why he came, to present himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6); "he came that we may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10).