



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 25 - 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A

Rev. Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor
Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
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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 we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow him. He promises that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." This is why he came, he tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize he was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd so we might follow him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 246.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 "God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ."

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6 "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

1 Peter 2:20b-25 "You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

John 10:1-10 "I am the gate for the sheep."

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Parish Giving
April 18 - 19, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$4921.00
Online Giving	\$1176.00
Holy Places in Palestine (4/3/2026)	\$ 15.00
Priest Retirement (4/5/2026)	\$ 60.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$ 20.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

Both Masses For the peaceful repose of the soul of Delores P. Robinson on the first anniversary of her passing (4/26). *The Robinson Family

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ruby Ardell Wright on the anniversary of her passing. *Robert Wright

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).

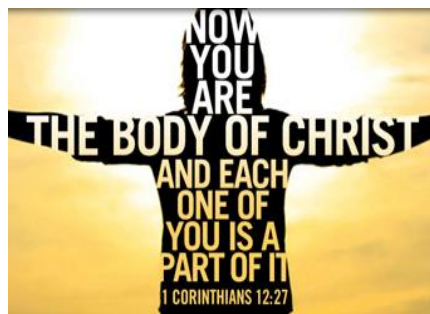
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 25 - 26, 2026

LECTORS

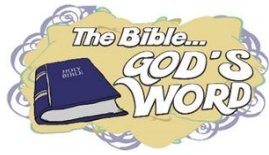
5:30pm Taylor Walden Edna Mason*
10:00am Juliette Tolbert Georgene Jones

USHERS

5:30pm Anthony DeShay Robert Kennedy
10:00am Rosetta Brown Michael A. Chaney
Tyrone Bryant

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Edna Mason*
10:00am Atzmayah Bailey



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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SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend's Special Collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous with your donation. Thank you.

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PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Clareth Bivins and family on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Annice Purse, who passed away on Sunday, April 19th. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as of bulletin printing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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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!

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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GEORGIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Georgia Knights of Columbus is holding its 2025 – 2026 Charity Raffle. Winners will be drawn May 16, 2026. Prizes are: 1st Place - \$5000; 2nd Place - \$2500; and 3rd Place \$1000. Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20 and can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds go to charity. Thank you.

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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@sics-savannahga.org or call 912-355-3132 for more information. Applicants must agree to a background check and provide references.

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UNITY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for the Unity Mass Choir will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 6pm. All choir members are asked to be in attendance. Thank you.

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COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) NEWS

The St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church CCW Annual Tea and Fashion Show will be held at the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30am. Come out and enjoy the Fashions, Food and Fun. See any CCW member for tickets. Donation \$30.00.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

The fourth Sunday after Easter is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. This is because the gospel readings for this Sunday in all the three years of the church's liturgical cycle is taken from the 10th chapter of John's gospel that speaks extensively of the Good Shepherd who we know to be Jesus. The responsorial Psalm today is the very popular Psalm 23 "the Lord is my Shepherd" and how we all love this Psalm and the sentiments it conveys. Today also is set aside by the church for us to pray for vocations (Vocations Sunday); here we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we also pray for vocations to the married life and of course we pray that each of us may listen attentively to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us to our various careers and vocations in life. Prayer for vocations is something we take seriously in our diocese here in Savannah, such that in almost every parish, there is a time at each gathering of the faithful during the Mass, for this prayer. Let's keep it up as we implore the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard and to grant the grace of perseverance to those already in the ministry.

A full reading of John chapter 10 will reveal the many attributes of the Good Shepherd of which the highest is the fact that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. We just saw this a few weeks ago when Christ laid down his life on the cross for all of us who are the sheep of his flock. But today's text speaks of the Good shepherd who knows each of the sheep by name and the sheep hear the voice of the shepherd and they follow him. This speaks of the intimate relationship that exists between the sheep and the shepherd. It means that the Shepherd is so close to the sheep and so involved and concerned with whatever is happening to the sheep. He cares for the sheep and is ready to do whatever is necessary for the well-being of the sheep. He knows which sheep is weak, wounded and hurting; he knows how to bandage their wounds and soothe their pains, and this is why they hear his voice and they follow him.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd; the question is "am I a sheep of his flock"? He knows each of us by name and is constantly calling us to himself; he came to give us life and give it to us abundantly, and he gave his life for us on the cross. But

do we listen to his voice or are we listening to the voices of strangers who are distracting us from following him? Yes, there are many voices calling out to us in the world today: the media, the politicians, the educators and other professionals, who are all trying to convince us that they have the truth. There are still the voices of our colleagues, friends and neighbors who are making suggestions as to what we should do or shouldn't do. There are also the voices of our family, spouses, parents, children and siblings, who tell us who to love and who to hate. How do these voices affect us in relationship to our listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd? Maybe today is a day for us to reflect a bit on the impact of these voices coming at us on daily basis and decide whether they are strengthening the message of Christ or they are pulling us away from Christ. We must train our ears in order to be able to recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd even in the midst of all the voices we hear in our world today. And the one sure way of training our hearing is by studying the scriptures and being ardent in prayers. We must also take our sacramental life seriously if we want to remain in tune with the voice of our Good Shepherd.

In the last verse of today's gospel Jesus our Good Shepherd proclaimed that he has come that we may have life and have it to the full, have it in abundance. This resonates with the opening verses of the responsorial Psalm where the Psalmist says: "the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want". He has come to provide for us, to take care of us here on earth, to accompany us on the way to ensure that we have a good trip to the Father and to remove all the obstacles on our way to eternal life. He forgave sinners and rehabilitated them; he healed the sick and raised the dead to life; he preached the good news to everyone and restored the dignity of the poor and the lowly; he offered the high and mighty opportunities to choose justice and fair play so as to attract God's favor and finally he gave his life for all to have life. In all this he set himself as a model for us to follow, even as he said in Matthew 11:29, "learn from me for I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest for yourselves". Jesus makes himself available to us even today as our Good shepherd, let us listen to him and follow him and he will lead us to verdant pasture where we will find rest after all the labors of this life.