



## 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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**May 3, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Year A**

Rev. Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples that “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. . . . I am going to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2). Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waver as well. May the words of our Lord in today’s Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God’s house has a place for each of us.

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**Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 248.**

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

Acts 6:1-7 “*They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.*”  
 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 “*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*”  
 1 Peter 2:4-9 “*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*”  
 John 14:1-12 “*I am the way and the truth and the life.*”

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*Parish Giving*  
 May 3, 2026

<b>Offertory: including Bus and School Support</b>	<b>\$3953.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 987.00</b>
<b>Catholic Home Mission Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 416.00</b>

*“Thank You for Your Generosity”*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**10:00am** For the peaceful repose of the souls of deceased members of Mrs. Ethel Heyward’s family.  
 \*Nina H. Payne

For God’s continued blessings upon Robert and Brenda Kennedy as they celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

The next monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will be provided on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Let’s continue to share the love of Christ. Thank you \*Gloria Stephens - Coordinator

**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, Marion “Mac” Singleton, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Crystal Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

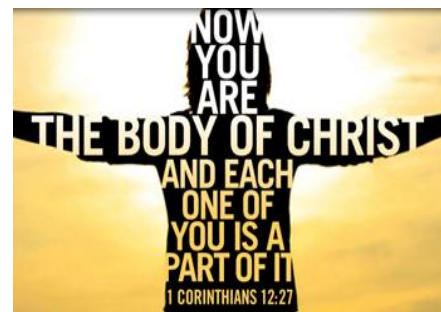
O God, hear our prayer  
 And let our cry come unto You.  
 Bless our Diocese of Savannah  
 With many vocations to the Priesthood,  
 Diaconate, and Religious Life.  
 Give the men and women You call  
 The light to understand Your gift  
 And the love to follow always  
 In the footsteps of Your Priestly 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**  
**May 3, 2026**

**LECTORS**

**10:00am** Joe Carter Kimberly Carter-Johnson

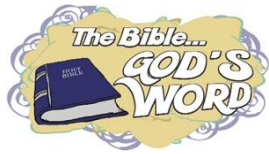
**USHERS**

**10:00am** Richard Baker George Moultrie  
Sylvester Brown

**ANNOUNCER**

**10:00am** Marvin Manning, Sr.

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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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**PARISH SYMPATHY**

Funeral service for Mrs. Annice Purse, sister of parishioner Mrs. Clareth Bivins, will be held 11:00am on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 624 Waters Avenue, Savannah, GA. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST**

All ladies are invited to a scrumptious breakfast prepared by the men of the church on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Start your Mothers' Day off bright and early!

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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 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss your opportunity to win big!! Thank you for your support!

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**MOTHER'S DAY BASKET RAFFLE**

Tickets are now available for a chance to win a Mother's 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. Drawing will take place on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$5000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$2500; and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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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**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) NEWS**

The St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church CCW Annual Tea and Fashion Show will take place in the Parish Hall at 11:30am today. Come out and enjoy the Fashions, Food and Fun. See any CCW member for tickets. Donation \$30.00.

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## **WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER IN YEAR A**

The liturgy of this weekend presents us with beautiful, inspiring and reassuring texts from the Scriptures. These readings meet us exactly where we are; where we are grappling with issues of fear and concern may be for our health as well as our social, religious and economic well-being in our world today. The scripture readings suggest remedies that have been tried and found to work, i.e. trust in God.

The first reading tells us how the early church handled the crises that came up with regard to food distribution in the community. They prayed about it and asked for guidance in selecting the right personnel to ensure equitable distribution of the resources of the community. They didn't just trust in their own judgment, they turned to God for help and God helped them to find a solution to their problems. Shouldn't that be the way for us today in our own families and communities? Shouldn't we always seek the face of God when we are faced with difficult situations and crises in our lives? Too many times we have thought that we can find the answers by ourselves without recourse to God, and unfortunately we have so often realized how futile our efforts have been.

In the gospel taken from that portion which is within the context of the last supper Jesus had with his disciples, Jesus reassures his disciples that what they needed was faith and trust in God in the face of the difficulties that his impending departure will bring to them. He advised them against fear, worries and anxieties because he got their backs. Brothers and sisters, Jesus got our backs too and therefore we should not allow our hearts to be troubled. Yes, there are some of us who are in situations that are not exactly what we want: health concern for myself as an individual or a family member or close friend; may be lost of my job with its accompanying concern for my material well-being; maybe a troubled relationship; issues with my studies or career difficulties, and the list can go on and on. Jesus got your back, he knows about your situation and he has a plan for

you. You may ask, what are his plans for me? The answer is simple, he says "I am the **Way**, the **Truth** and the **Life**.

In our struggles we need to find a way out; Jesus is the way to our freedom. He teaches the way of humility, obedience and submission to the will of God. How did he handle the various situations that came his way while he was on earth - adversity, rejection, deprivation, betrayal, etc.? He did experience everything we are going through today, but he did not sin; so we have to hold on to him to help us navigate the various situations that we are faced with today in our lives. Let us follow where he leads because he is the way.

So often we are bombarded with news and information of all kinds from different sources and we are wondering which is truth and which is half-truth or outright lie; we need to turn to Jesus who is the truth for enlightenment. We need to stay close to him through studying the scriptures and having a heart to heart dialogue with Jesus in prayer in order to stand on the side of the truth. And this will be especially more relevant to our high school graduates who will be moving on to colleges and universities soon. Whenever we find ourselves confronted with certain situation or idea, we should ask the question: what would Jesus do in this situation? Let us allow his light to shine into all our decision making process so that whatever we say or do will reflect our relationship with Jesus who is the truth.

We want to have life and have it to the full, and that is what Jesus promised us in John 10:10. Unfortunately, so often in our bid to live and live fully we make choices that are contrary to life; we choose alcoholism, drugs, satisfaction of the desires of the flesh and all sorts of immorality. We equate sinful pleasure with good living and happiness. Nothing can be farther from the truth about the life Jesus has come to give us. Jesus has the answer to all our happiness, turn to him today. Let us stay close to Jesus and we will find the solutions to all that we seek in life.

### **USHER MEETING**

There will be an important meeting for current and potential ushers – including youth - on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.