



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 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

At the Last Supper, knowing that he would soon be leaving the company of his disciples, Jesus assures them that the Father would send another Advocate to remain with them always. They would never be orphans, he promises them, because this Advocate—the Holy Spirit— would remain with them and in them. For many of us, our mothers also advocate for us and remain in us, even if they have passed away. On this Mother’s Day, as we celebrate our mothers and those who have been a mother to us over the years, let us pray that the Holy Spirit bless them now and always.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 251.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 *“Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”*

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 *“Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.”*

1 Peter 3:15-18 *“Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit.”*

John 14:15-21 *“I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.”*

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Parish Giving
May 3, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$6645.00
Online Giving	\$1410.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Jackie Cain on the anniversary of her passing (5/6). *Traci Ray

For the peaceful repose of the souls of Marilyn Jackson, Julia Jackson, Lucille Striggles, Mattie Glover, and Helen White. *Prince A. Jackson, III

10:00am For Fr. Anselm and all MSP Priests as they continue to labor in the Lord’s vineyard.

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

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 10, 2026**

LECTORS

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Sharon Carson*
10:00am Bradaya Broxton Adrian Broxton

USHERS

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

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
10:00am Ruth Simmons

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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

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

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.

USHERS' 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.

GRADUATION MASS

High School and College graduates will be recognized at the Unity Mass on Sunday, June 7th. We are asking these graduates to submit their information to the parish office no later than Friday, May 29th. Please include any honors, special recognition and future plans. We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you!



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COMBINED CHOIRS REHEARSAL DATES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, St. Benedict the Moor
 Tuesday, May 19, 2026, Resurrection of Our Lord
 Tuesday, May 26, 2026, Resurrection of Our Lord

6:00pm Youth Rehearsal
 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

For any questions or concerns, contact Dr. Patrice White (912) 441-4985 or Kathy Stewart (912) 677-5203

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**Diocese of Savannah Office of Black Catholic
 Ministry
 2026 Revival
 Father Ajani Gibson
 St. Peter Claver Church
 New Orleans, Louisiana
 Revivalist**

**Monday, June 1, 2026
 6:30pm – Devotion/Praise & Worship
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 1707 Bull Street
 Savannah, GA 31401**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026
 6:30pm – Devotion/Praise & Worship
 St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
 441 East Broad Street
 Savannah, GA 31401**

**Youth Night
 Wednesday, June 3, 2026
 6:30pm – Devotion/Praise & Worship
 Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church
 112 Fell Street
 Savannah, GA 31415**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: FATHER
 ROBERT E. CHANEY AT 912-232-5258**

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

Today's gospel text, just like the one we read last weekend, is taken from that portion of John's gospel that reports the farewell speeches of Jesus to his disciples at the last supper. During this speech Jesus was keen to reemphasize the message of his teaching to his disciples as he was about to depart from this world; and of course that message was love of God and love of neighbor. But he also realized how daunting the task ahead of the disciples was and he felt their trepidation and concern that he was leaving them. Jesus, as always, knew what was going on, just as he knows what is going on even today in our own lives. He had to address their fears and concerns by reassuring them that he was not going to leave them as orphans. He would send them a helper.

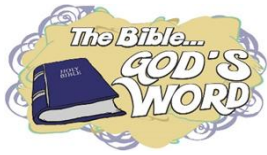
He had already seen the little squabbles that had cropped up among the disciples as they jostled for positions (Matthew 20: 20-28, Mark 9:33-37) when he talked about his impending death and departure from the world. Jesus also knew of the other weaknesses of the disciples in spite of all their good intentions. He also knew of the hostility of the Jewish political and religious leaders towards him and how they would likely unleash persecution on his disciples when he departs from the world. Consequently, he had to reassure them that he was not going to leave them unassisted; he was going to send them another Advocate. This advocate has been variously called the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Counsellor, and the Helper.

What will be the role of this Advocate? The advocate as we know in our justice system as an attorney, is someone who stands beside a client in his/her defense. When we speak about a Paraclete, we speak of a position much more than an attorney. Probably the English word that we use today that most nearly captures the meaning of Paraclete is the word "coach." The Paraclete is our coach, always by our side, to instruct and correct us when we make mistakes, to encourage and motivate us when we feel down, to challenge and inspire us to be the best we could, to defend us and fight for our rights when the judges are unfair to us.

This Advocate is who we have come to know in the church today as the Holy Spirit. He will protect us in time of difficulties and trials. He will sustain us in our faith, hope and love, to ensure that we do not lose our peace of mind. This Holy Spirit will ensure that we are not overwhelmed by all the external forces trying to persecute the Church of God. The Spirit will be there to support us when we meet with criticism and opposition as we try to live the Christian life. This Holy Spirit will also safeguard and preserve us from getting disheartened even when we experience strife, infidelity and scandals within the family of God's people, the Church. He will also help us not to give in to despair in the face of our own recognition of our sins and frailties. He will help us to hold our heads high and trust in the mercy of God. He will help us to know what is pleasing to God and help us to make the right decisions in life.

Jesus also referred to this Advocate as the Spirit of Truth who will help the disciples to remain faithful to the teaching they have received and also pass on the teaching to those whom they will evangelize. We know that when people keep retelling stories they have heard, it could happen that they may add or remove from the original story such that at a point the original story is so distorted and unrecognizable. So the Spirit of Truth is the guarantee we need for the faithfulness of the disciples and those who will come after them as they spread the message of Christ.

As we know, not everything that Jesus taught were very clearly understood by the disciples at the time; so the promised Spirit of Truth will enlighten the disciples, and by extension, all of us to have a better understanding of all those things that Jesus did not make exclusively clear to us in the Scriptures. This is what the teaching authorities of the Church rely on as they guide us along the path of our heavenly journey. Jesus envisaged that down the centuries new situations would arise and when the disciples would be wondering what Jesus would have done, they would rely on the Spirit of Truth for insight. We need the Spirit in our lives, so let us pray as we draw nearer to Pentecost, that we may open our hearts to receive the gifts that Jesus promised us when the Spirit comes.



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.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

Coming to the Diocese of Savannah May 25-28

diosav.org/nep-2026
eucharisticpilgrimage.org

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- Mass of Thanksgiving**
9 am - 9:45 am
Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist
- Eucharistic Procession**
10 am - 11 am
Cathedral Basilica to St. Benedict the Moor Church
- Eucharistic Adoration**
11 am - 12 pm
St. Benedict the Moor
- Transfer to the Diocese of Charleston**
1 pm - 1:30 pm
Cathedral Basilica

Map locations: Savannah, Darien, Brunswick, Saint Marys