



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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May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
Year A

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

May 23, 2026

Pentecost and Its Vigil

We gather this evening to keep vigil for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, recalling that short period of time between when Jesus promised the Spirit's arrival and the day the Holy Spirit descended upon them. The world was about to change. This not-quite-yet moment is analogous to when that mighty wind began to sweep across the deep abyss or when Mary and Joseph searched for a place to stay in an unfamiliar town after nightfall. May our hearts, like the lowly manger or the formless earth, become a place for God's most precious gifts to reside.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

May 24, 2026

Pentecost (Mass during the Day)

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to his disciples when he assured them that he would not leave them orphans. We are not left orphans either, as the Holy Spirit descends upon us in baptism and remains with us forever. Throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit guides us along the path Jesus left for us and flows through us to bear fruit in the world. As we sing in the sequence, may the Holy Spirit bend our stubborn wills when we resist God's will and guide us when we go astray, in order to bring us joy that never ends. Amen.

Vigil Mass Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 258:

Genesis 11:1-9 *"It is called Babel because the Lord confused the speech of all the world."* Psalm 104 *"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."* Romans 8:22-27 *"The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings."* John 7:37-39 *"Rivers of living water will flow"*

Sunday Mass Readings are found on page 262:

Acts 2:1-11 *"They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak"* Psalm 104 *"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."* 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 *"In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."* John 20:19-23 *"As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit."*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's Special Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Please be generous with your donation. Thank you.

Parish Giving

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$5338.00
Online Giving	\$1080.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS
10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Rev. Monsignor Fred J. Nijem. *Michael A. Chaney

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Marvin Jenkins on the anniversary of his birthday, May 25th and the anniversary of his passing on May 22nd. *Matthew Jenkins

For the people and the needs of the parish.

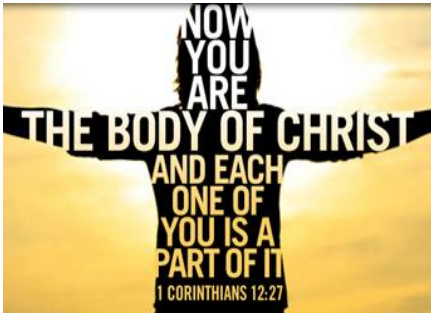
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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Juanita Fields, Glenn Grant, Raymond Heyward, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Hilda Johnson, Willie Leachman, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Donald Perry, Evelyn Porter, Emma Preer, Janice Quinn, Sr. Barbara Shimkus, Marion "Mac" Singleton, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Crystal Williams, Tamba 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**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 23 - 24, 2026**

LECTORS

5:30pm Sharon Carson Edna Mason
10:00am Matthew Jenkins Barbara McGhee

USHERS

5:30pm Robert Kennedy
10:00am Richard Baker George Moultrie
Sylvester Brown

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Deborah Jones
10:00am Emily Williams

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.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to the family of Miss Bernice Rivers who passed away on Friday, May 15, 2026. She was a longtime member of the parish and spent many years teaching in the parochial school system. Funeral Mass will be held 10:00am on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church -Savannah. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Looking for Altar Servers both male and female. Must have received 1st Communion. Please contact Sacristan (William Wright) in person or by phone (912-308-9172).

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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DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2026 Revival sponsored by the Diocese of Savannah Office of Black Catholic Ministry. Father Ajani Gibson of St. Peter Claver Church, New Orleans, Louisiana is the Revivalist. Dates are: Monday, June 1st at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Savannah – 1707 Bull Street; Tuesday, June 2nd at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church of Savannah – 441 East Broad Street; and Wednesday, June 3rd at Resurrection of our Lord Catholic Church of Savannah – 112 Fell Street. For more information contact: Father Robert E. Chaney at 912-232-5258. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual renewal!

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL DAY AND WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 26TH AT 10:00AM. HAVE A BLESSED WEEKEND!

Weekly Reflections

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today we come to the high point of our Easter celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, meaning "fifty days" after the Passover -- was the feast day in which the Jewish people celebrated the Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. On Mt Sinai the different tribes of Israel entered into covenant with God and with one another and so became the people of God. God gave them the Ten Commandments as a guide to show them how to be a people, because being a people of God means relating to God and to one another in a way that God Himself has mapped out, not in the way that we think is right. Proverbs 14:12 says "There is a way that seems right to a people, but in the end it leads to death." The beginning of wisdom, the beginning of true religion, therefore, is when we realize that as humans we are limited and shortsighted, and so we ask God to show us how to be the people of God that He has created us to be.

Like those first disciples on Easter Sunday, we may have many obstacles to believing that Jesus is alive and to sharing that good news with others. Like Mary Magdalene, we may be so caught up in grief and sadness that we cannot see Jesus by our side. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we may be so caught up in anguish over the bad news we see all around us that we cannot believe in the good news that Jesus has conquered evil. Like the apostles, we may be so afraid of failure, persecution or our own weakness that we cannot go beyond the walls of our fear to witness our faith to others. Jesus understands our grief, our anguish and our fear. That is why He has not only commanded us to go out and tell the good news that He is alive; He has also given us the power to do so. He has given us something greater than our fear, our weakness and our sinfulness. He has given us a force for good that no force for evil can withstand. That gift is the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Sunday we mark the birthday of the Church. On that first Pentecost day after the resurrection and Ascension of Christ, God chose to present to the world his

new people assembled from various parts of the world, originally with different languages but now united under the one language, LOVE. God chose this new people and called the assembly the Church. We are a chosen people and we are called to live according to the law of the spirit. Jesus had promised the disciples that he would send them the power from on high, and he fulfilled his promise on that Pentecost day when the Holy Spirit descended on them as tongues of fire. The Spirit came with the 7 gifts (Wisdom, Counsel, Knowledge, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Fear of the Lord). The Lord has chosen us and equipped us for the mission. To God be the glory now and forever.

But unfortunately as John Fulton Sheen observed, though we are a chosen people, who received the Spirit at our baptism and confirmation, we have continued to live as a frozen people. We are frozen by fear, laziness, weakness, selfishness and immoralities of all kinds. Indeed, we are frozen in different aspects of our lives as Christians: frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith. We don't seem to be excited about our faith neither do we look like we are happy to be in God's house; we are always in a hurry to get it over and done with as soon as possible. We show far more excitement about everything else, be it politics, sports, movies or other forms of entertainment. And those are the places we would want to be more often than to be in the Church.

Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit in our lives to renew the face of the earth and renew our faith. We need the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts to reinvigorate us and drive away the fear, laziness, weakness and indifference to the faith that most of us manifest regularly. We need the Spirit to conquer the urge to sin in us and make us more selfless and keen to fulfill the command of Christ in our lives. I pray today that the Holy Spirit God has sent into our lives may change us from being lukewarm Christians to zealous, fervent and enthusiastic members of the church.



If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith in hopes of becoming

Catholic, please have them call the Parish office for more information.

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