



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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ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - *Since 1874*
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May 31, 2026
The Most Holy Trinity
Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.
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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

It's one of the deepest mysteries of our faith: how three persons can be united in one divine being. On the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we praise God the Father for sending the Son to save us from our sins and the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. The Holy Spirit draws us together as the body of Christ to receive the Son in the Eucharist and give glory to God the Father, in whose image we have been created. Let us praise and give thanks to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the infinite love and mercy we have received.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 265:

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 *"The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God."*

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 *"Glory and praise forever."*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *"The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit."*

John 3:16-18 *"God sent his Son that the world might be saved through him."*

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*Parish Giving
May 24, 2026*

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3515.00
Online Giving	\$ 957.00
Special Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 365.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the souls of Margie Jackson Soeltner and Otto Soeltner.

10:00am For the people and the needs of the parish.

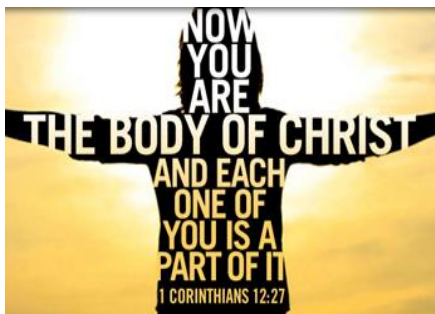
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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Ida Cruse, Juanita Fields, Glenn Grant, Raymond Heyward, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Hilda Johnson, Willie Leachman, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, 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, 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**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 30 - 31, 2026**

LECTORS

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Beverly Blue
10:00am Georgene Jones Gregory Milton

USHERS

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Anthony DeShay
10:00am Rosetta Brown Michael A. Chaney
Matthew Jenkins

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Shirley West
10:00am Earl Berksteiner

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 Mrs. Carolyn Walls who passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026. Funeral Mass will be held 10:00am on Tuesday, June 2, 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).



**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**

**7:00pm – Revival Service
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1707 Bull Street
Savannah, GA 31401**

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

**6:30pm – Devotion/Praise &
Worship**

**7:00pm – Revival Service
Saint Benedict the Moor
Catholic Church
441 East Broad Street
Savannah, GA 31401**

Youth Night

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

**6:30pm – Devotion/Praise &
Worship**

**7:00pm – Mass
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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity is one of the most important mysteries in Christianity. This is the doctrine of the inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in such a way that each of them is fully and equally God, yet there are not three Gods but one. It is a mystery which cannot be fully comprehended by the human mind. In fact, we are **not** invited to fully understand the mystery. We are, rather, invited to participate in the life of the Trinity, and walk in the way of the Trinity. Theologians agree that the big question about the Holy Trinity is not that of a 'how', but that of a 'why' – why did God reveal himself as Trinitarian?

If we expected today's readings to give us a clear and elaborate presentation of the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, we have found out that they simply do not. The doctrine of three persons in one God, equal in divinity yet distinct in personality, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. In fact the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. Early Christians arrived at the doctrine when they applied their God-given reason to the revelation which they had received in faith. Jesus spoke about the Father who sent him (the Son) and about the Holy Spirit whom he was going to send. He said that the Father had given him (the Son) all that he has and that he in turn has given to the Holy Spirit all that he has received from the Father. In this we see the unity of purpose among the three persons of the Trinity.

In the story of salvation we usually attribute creation to the Father, redemption to the Son and sanctification to the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, though they are distinct as persons, neither the Father nor the Son nor the Holy Spirit ever exists or acts in isolation from the other two persons of the Godhead.

Like St. Augustine and so many other theologians, we may not be able to understand the how of the Trinity but I think it is very important to understand the why. Why did God reveal to us this

mystery regarding the very nature of the Supreme Being? The importance of this doctrine lies in this: we are made in the image of God, therefore, the more we understand God the more we understand ourselves. Experts in religion tell us that people always try to be like the god they worship. People who worship a warrior god tend to be warmongering, people who worship a god of pleasure tend to be pleasure-seeking, people who worship a god of wrath tend to be vengeful, and people who worship a god of love tend to be loving. Like a god, so the worshippers. Therefore, the more important question for us to ask today is: What does the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity tell us about the kind of God we worship and what does this say about the kind of people we should be?

God does not exist in solitary individualism but in a community of love and sharing. God is not a loner. This means that a Christian in search of Godliness must shun every tendency to isolationism. The ideal Christian spirituality is not that of flight from the world like that of certain Buddhist monastic traditions where the quest for holiness means permanent withdrawal to the Himalayas away from contact and involvement with people and society.

We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only in a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with others and a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Then we discover that the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism which is acceptable in modern society leaves much to be desired. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt rather an I-and-God-and-neighbor principle. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people. May the grace of the Holy Trinity help us to banish all traces of self-centeredness in our lives and to live in love of God and of neighbor.