



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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June 7, 2026
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) Year A

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Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor
www.stbenedict-sav.org

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 a scientific fact that the human body cannot last long without food or drink. We need to eat and drink to survive. But what Jesus offers is food and drink of another sort. It is the food and drink of eternal life. Today we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, which he gave as a sacrifice for our sins and continues to give each time we celebrate the Eucharist. We consume his Body and Blood so that we can be nourished in carrying out his mission in the world and sustained on our journey to eternal life. Let us raise our voices in thanksgiving for our Lord's gift of his very Body and Blood.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 267:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a *"He gave you a food unknown to you and your fathers."*

Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 *"Praise the Lord, Jerusalem."*

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 *"The bread is one, and we, though many, are one body."*

John 6:51-58 *"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."*

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Parish Giving
May 31, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3052.00
Online Giving	\$1745.00
Special Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 40.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am In thanksgiving for the graduation of Keilen Brown on May 19th. *Emily Brown Ruth

In thanksgiving for my birthday (6/6). *Emily Brown Ruth

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, Tandra 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

**June 7, 2026
Unity Mass (10:00am)**

LECTORS

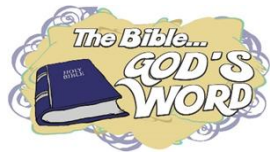
Joe Carter Mary Alicia Carter

USHERS

Rosetta Brown Brenda Kennedy
Michael A. Chaney

ANNOUNCER

Ruth Simmons



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!

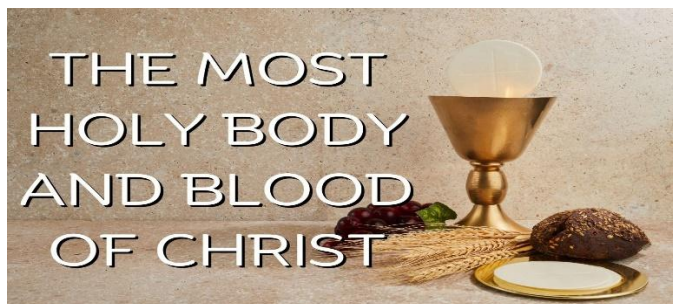
Every Wednesday evening @6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

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).



CONGRATULATIONS!

We joyfully recognize Elizabeth "Lizzie" Johnson for her outstanding academic achievements at St. Vincent Academy. Lizzie has earned High Honors for being on the Honor Roll each semester during the 2025-2026 school year. She will also be attending Law Camp this summer at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. We celebrate her dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence. Way to go, Lizzie!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

Today we recognize and bless our young people who have met the requirements to graduate at the high school, college, or post-college level. Please pray for them as they continue on the path God has laid for them.

Keilen Brown graduated from Islands High School on May 19th. He received two cords in Marketing and Business to represent his Career, Technical, Agricultural and Educational Pathway to Gulfstream. Keilen has been a member of Gulfstream's Student Leadership program since 10th grade. His goal is to receive an engineering degree from Savannah, State University along with employment at Gulfstream.

Wesley White graduated from Whale Branch Early College in Seabrook, SC on June 1st and from Technical College of the Low Country with an Associates Degree in the Arts and two additional certifications on May 8th. He will attend Allen University beginning this fall. Wesley has signed a letter of intent to participate on the wrestling team at the University.

Tori White graduated from South Carolina State University on May 8th. She received her Bachelors of Science degree in biology. Tori plans to attend graduate school and eventually enroll in medical school.

ShaRonda Battle recently graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching Elementary Education (Grades P-5). Throughout her graduate studies, she maintained Good Academic Standing and earned an overall 3.6 graduate GPA. ShaRonda also achieved multiple semesters with a 4.0 GPA. This fall, she plans to begin her teaching career with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. ShaRonda looks forward to making a positive impact in the lives of elementary students and their families.

Weekly Reflections

THE MOST HOLY BODY BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This special Feast is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in his memory. This feast also invites us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Eucharist, both as a sacrament and a sacrifice. The Feast owes its existence to Blessed Juliana of Liege, who began devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in around 1230. Largely through her insistence, in 1264 Pope Urban IV commanded its observance by the universal church.

In the readings of this Mass we are reminded of the importance of the Eucharist. The first reading reminded us of the sustenance God provided for the people of Israel during their wandering years in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. He gave them Manna to eat and that gave them the necessary strength to overcome all the difficulties they encountered on their journey. We are also on a journey, but this time a journey to eternal life and that is why in the gospel of today, Jesus has left us with a food that is more precious than Manna. He has given us his Body and Blood: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:54).

On the occasion that Jesus proposed this gift to the people there were several of them who murmured and complained: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" They lacked the necessary faith to realize the spiritual importance of the gift Jesus was giving them. Unfortunately, there are still many among us who do not approach the Eucharist with the requisite faith, devotion and reverence. The celebration of today invites us to recognize the divine presence in the Eucharist so that we may truly receive the life and strength therein.

The Eucharist is the mystery of commitment. The commitment is to do the work of the Kingdom. Whenever we receive Communion we reaffirm our role in the battle to transform the world into the Kingdom of God. When we step up to receive Communion, the minister always says: 'the Body of Christ' and we respond: 'Amen'. That Amen is our way of saying that we believe that this is truly Jesus Christ and that we are committed to his way of life and are willing to spread his love in our world. Then we are able to say, with Paul, I live, not I, but Christ lives in me.

The Eucharist is also the mystery of strength. The strength that we need for the Great Journey is the very presence

of Jesus within us as Church and as individuals. Along the journey we will encounter many situations and obstacles, but it is important for us to remember that we are not in this alone. We carry the Lord, our strength. Do we have a difficult decision to make? We ask Jesus within us for guidance after we receive. Do we feel that our lives are falling apart? We ask Jesus to keep us together. Are we searching for a way to serve the Lord? We give ourselves over to the Lord within us. Are we sick, gravely sick, even terminal? We ask Jesus within us for healing and strength not to fall into temptation. Do we feel alone? We stop and pray before Jesus in the Tabernacle and realize that we are never alone when we are with the Lord.

The Eucharist is the most distinctive mark of the Catholic Church and at the center of the Catholic faith. It is the source and summit of our Christian life. We must guard it with pride, respect, honor, and reverence. Someone advised priests and indeed all of us, "Take each Mass as your first Mass, your last Mass, and your only Mass." This means that we are required to, prayerfully, give every Mass our maximum attention and participation. The command that we continue to celebrate the Eucharist is the last will of Jesus. Just as we take people's last will seriously, more so, we are to take Jesus' last will very seriously.

My dear brothers and sisters, today's celebration invites us to a renewal of our faith in the Eucharist. We are invited to assess our attitude to the Eucharist and see if we approach the Eucharist with the right disposition and give the Jesus Christ in the Eucharist the reverence that is his due. We are to receive the Eucharist worthily. We do not receive the Eucharist because it is "time for Holy Communion," or because everyone else in the pew is proceeding to receive. Spiritual Communion is good enough for those who, for some reason, are unable to receive the Holy Communion. We must not disregard what St. Paul said in 1 Cor. 11:28-29, "Let each one, then, examine himself before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup. Otherwise, he drinks his own condemnation in not recognizing the body." This is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to prepare for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We are encouraged to participate actively at Mass through our responses and joining in the prayers and songs, and not just be there, as a way of affirming our faith in the Eucharist. I pray today that our reception of the Body and Blood of Christ lead us to eternal life. Amen.