



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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June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson

Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

After celebrating the fifty-day season of Easter, culminating with Jesus' ascension to heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, we are emboldened to become disciples ourselves, proclaiming Jesus' message of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven through our words and actions. Let Jesus' final words in today's Gospel propel us on our mission: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Without cost we have received the salvation Jesus won for us; without cost we are to share this gift.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 295:

Exodus 19:2-6a "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Romans 5:6-11 "If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more will we be saved by his life."

Matthew 9:36-10:8 "Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out."

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Parish Giving

June 7, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$5170.00
Online Giving	\$ 805.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am In thanksgiving to God for allowing me to celebrate my 90th birthday (6/15). I pray for His continuous blessings. *Emma J. Preer

For Fr. Anselm and all MSP priests as they continue to labor in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026 IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JUNE 22ND. HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY.

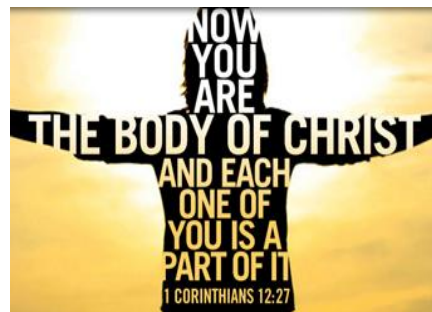
Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Ida Cruse, Juanita Fields, Glenn Grant, Raymond Heyward, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Hilda 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 13 - 14, 2026

LECTORS

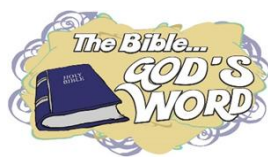
5:30pm Sharon Carson* Shirley West
10:00am Monesha Gallishaw Matthew Jenkins

USHERS

5:30pm Anthony DeShay Richard Baker
10:00am Tyrone Bryant George Moultrie
Sylvester Brown

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
10:00am Aiden Mason-Harvey



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).

Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held on June 20th, 2026, at 11:00 am. Please bring your children out. Thank You - Kathy L. Stewart

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

All men are invited to a wonderful Father's Day breakfast immediately following the 10:00am Mass next Sunday. The ladies want to show how much we appreciate all that you do for our parish and our homes. Don't miss it!

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The next monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will be provided on Wednesday, June 17th. Let's continue to share the love of Christ. Thank you - Gloria Stephens - Coordinator

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It is time to elect new members to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The first step in this process is for parishioners to nominate up to five persons who meet the requirements to serve on the PPC. Nomination forms will be distributed and collected by election committee members immediately following Mass. Before nominating a person, please be sure that they are: at least 18 years of age; a parishioner in good standing in the church; willing to serve on the PPC and attend most of the meetings of the council for the next three (3) years. Please be sure to talk with the person(s) you are nominating to see if they are interested in serving. Nomination committee members will make contact with the individuals to further ascertain their willingness to serve. Ballots will then be created and the election will take place by the end of June. Your participation in this process is vital to the continued growth of St. Benedict the Moor parish and we encourage you to take it seriously. We look forward to your help. *St. Benedict the Moor PPC Election Committee

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

The Jamison-Lanier Family is thankful to God for their beloved matriarch, Emma J. Preer, on her 90th birthday, June 15th. We thank and honor her for love and support. May God continue to bless her in the coming years. *Emily Preer-Williams and Family



This week's altar flowers are donated by Mrs. Emma J. Preer in thanksgiving to God for allowing her to celebrate her 90th birthday (June 15th).

Weekly Reflections

CALLED AND SENT FOR MINISTRY

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to each other by the theme of God's choice of a people consecrated to him for service to their brothers and sisters. In the Old Testament this choice fell on the twelve tribes of Israel and in the New Testament it fell on the twelve apostles. God's people, both in the Old and the New Testament, is called to holiness, that is, to a type of life completely different from others. This life is to become a sign of salvation for all peoples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to minister to a troubled and weary world because "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Christ still looks upon humanity with compassion. He still sees people wandering like sheep without a shepherd. Through our baptism, he calls each of us to bring our unique gifts into service for a world that hungers for God's love.

But how do we do that? Isn't ministry something for professionals — priests, religious, theologians, parish leaders? What could I possibly offer? The beauty of Christian service is that everyone is called to become Christ for others. We each carry unique gifts, life experiences, wounds, and moments of grace that Jesus can use to bring healing and invitation to those who feel troubled or abandoned. Christian ministry does not begin with expertise. It begins with encounter. It begins with our relationship with Christ, a relationship established through our baptism.

The First Reading from Exodus offers us a glimpse of that relationship. God tells Moses on Mount Sinai: If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people... You shall be to me a kingdom of priests.

What beautiful words: 'my special possession, dearer to me than all other people'. Before God calls us to serve, God calls us beloved. If we truly believe that — if we truly believe we are loved by God — it can change not only our lives, but the lives of those around us. Notice that in the Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples by name before sending them out on mission. He knows each of them personally. He knows their strengths and weaknesses, their fears and failings. Yet he calls them anyway.

Let us consider the reality of this small group of apostles and disciples called by Christ. Could any group of people be more human, more ordinary, more dysfunctional, more unpromising? How much more obvious could human frailty be than in this group... in the midst of treachery, cowardice, denial, to name but a few of the weak points of those who would become the "pillars" of our Church! Only when the one called "Rock" realized the full significance of his denial would the ministry of church leadership and unity be placed on his shoulders. Two of them, James and John, displayed such naked ambition. Some would ask questions that clearly revealed their profound ignorance of the master's message and life. Such pathetic frailty and brokenness. He also called Matthew the tax collector, an outsider despised by many of his own people. He even called Judas who would eventually betray him. And today, God calls you and me.

The world is still full of troubled and abandoned souls searching for hope. And Christ still walks among the crowds with compassion. May we open our hearts to hear him call us by name, so that through our words, our kindness, our prayers, and our service, his lost sheep may finally find their way home.