



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 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that his heavenly Father will watch over them so vigilantly that every last hair on their heads will be accounted for. On Father's Day, let us celebrate our fathers and father figures who watch over us, guide us, and do their best to make sure that not a hair on our heads will be harmed.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 297:

Jeremiah 20:10-13 "He has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked."

Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 "Lord, in your great love, answer me."

Romans 3:12-15 "The gift is not like the transgression."

Matthew 10:26-33 "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body."

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Parish Giving June 14, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$4477.00
Online Giving	\$1595.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the souls of Prince A. Jackson, Sr., Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Roland Glover, Edward White, and William Newton on Father's Day. *Prince A. Jackson, III

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Leroy W. Simmons on Father's Day. *Ruth Simmons

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to the family of parishioner Margaret Weston Burke who passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2026. She was a faithful member of the parish until her health began to fail. Funeral service will take place 10:00am on Tuesday, June 23rd at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church – Savannah. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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, 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**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 20 - 21, 2026

LECTORS

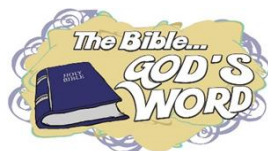
5:30pm Dominique Jackson Taylor Walden
10:00am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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5:30pm Robert Kennedy Anthony DeShay
10:00am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS

5:30pm Deborah Jones
10:00am Faith Formation



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.

Please note: Our Bible study group will not meet during the months of July and August.

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).

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection will be for Peter's Pence on June 28th. Please be generous with your donation to this fund. Thank you.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Don't know what to do with all of those pennies you have been saving now that they are being taken out of circulation? Well, the Knights of Columbus Council #10274 will be happy to take them off your hands and give them to a charitable cause through their **Pennies From Heaven** fundraiser. Bring any pennies you don't want and put them in the white bucket at the front entrance of the church beginning this week. May you be blessed as you bless others, thank you!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The election process for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) continues this weekend as the names of the top four nominees are presented on the ballot for election. All parishioners are asked to vote on two of the four individuals for open PPC vacancies. Your participation in this process is important to the future of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Thank you for taking time to vote.

POLICE CHIEF SWEARING IN

Please join us as Savannah State University welcomes Chief Torrance Garvin during his official swearing-in ceremony as Chief of Police. This occasion marks an important moment for our campus community as we reaffirm our shared commitment to safety, service and the well-being of every Tiger. We invite students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members to gather as Chief Garvin takes the oath of office and begins this new chapter of leadership at Savannah's University. Event takes place:0

Monday, June 22, 2026

Student Union Ballroom

Savannah State University

3219 College Street

Savannah, GA 31404

Come and celebrate our very own

Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

Weekly Reflections

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: **THE COURAGE TO BE A WITNESS**

We have received the call to be witnesses to Christ. It takes tremendous courage to give witness to Christ. Perhaps we don't have to be afraid of being put to death for Christ as so many of the martyrs were, or as so many Christians still are in territories under totalitarian dictatorship or Communists leaders or radical Islam. But we certainly risk being seriously hurt by the most influential people we might know.

Standing for the Lord, being His Witness, will trigger the worst in those who cannot fathom why we should be serious in allowing God to determine our lives. Sure, they will go to Church and give lip service to their faith, but when it comes to living that faith, they simply don't. And they cannot stand a person who refuses to join their immoral lifestyle. The person who does not sleep around, get drunk or use drugs, who is faithful to marriage, who does an honest day's work, etc. is an abomination to those who engage in some if not all of these. So, what do they do? They denounce the person. They talk about him or her. "You know, she says she's virtuous, but she isn't," "She makes believe that she is honest, but she is the biggest liar around," and a person's reputation is instantly destroyed.

They think they have us, these so-called friends. They think they know us, but they don't. They know that it is natural to be concerned with what others are saying about us. But they don't know that is not our main concern. Our main concern is being witnesses for Jesus Christ.

And so, like Jeremiah in today's first reading, we trust in the Lord to protect us. Jesus said in today's Gospel, "Fear no one." Instead, proclaim from the housetops what you have heard. Don't be concerned with those who can destroy your body, but not your soul. Be concerned with losing your soul, your very self, for the sake of protecting your standing with these forces of darkness.

Do not be concerned if people call you names because you have the courage to live your faith. Don't be concerned if people make stories up about you because what they really want to do is deflect attention away from their own shortcomings. Instead, recognize this, when we stand with God we stand with the Victor. Jesus Christ will win the battle. After all, our battle as witnesses is His battle.

God is aware of the times we say, "No, that's wrong." or simply, "No, that's not my style." God is aware of the times that we stay away from certain people or certain places. He is also aware of how we are treated by some when we give witness to His Presence.

We are worth more than many sparrows. Our Heavenly Father cares for us. His Son loves us. His Spirit fills us. Sure, it is a normal reaction to be concerned with what others are saying about us. Sure, we are all afraid of being the butt of other people's jokes. We hate being mocked. But we have to recognize that good is always going to be opposed by evil. We cannot be afraid. When we stand up for that which is right and true, the Lord will win the battles for us. Maybe we might not get that promotion we want. Maybe we might not be part of the in-crowd. But it is infinitely better to be part of the in-heaven crowd than the in-crowd on earth.

By the very fact of our living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in our dealings, if we are ready to pay justly to others what is due to them, if we treat all human persons as our brothers and sisters, if we show respect towards others, we are true Christians. We have to be the light shining in darkness and being the shining lamps in the world of today. Remember, witnessing to Jesus and following God's way also helps others in the crowd who are lacking courage to follow Jesus. We must be proud of our faith as Christians and profess it boldly and courageously, even in the face of opposition.