



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 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Rev. Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor

Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education

Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson

Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary

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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

Jesus and the prophets teach us how to be generous. A woman in the small village of Shunem regularly invites the prophet Elisha to dine at her home when he passes through town. Eventually, she and her husband arrange a room for him to stay overnight. Elisha responds to her generosity by promising that she will bear her first son within a year. Jesus tells the apostles that anyone who gives just a cup of cold water to a disciple will be rewarded. Even small acts of human generosity reflect the divine generosity of God. May we all be generous in ways great and small.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 300:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a *"Elisha is a holy man of God, let him remain."*

Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 *"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."*

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 *"Buried with Christ in baptism, we shall walk in the newness of life."*

Matthew 10:37-42 *"Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you, receives me."*

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Parish Giving June 21, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3876.00
Online Giving	\$ 948.00
Special Collection: Peter's Pence	\$ 15.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

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PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY MASS

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 marks the 34th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP. Our Pastor invites everyone to join him for a Thanksgiving Mass at 6:00pm on July 1st. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish hall. Thanks for your support for our Pastor. **Note: Please, there will be no morning Mass on Wednesday, July 1st, 2026.**

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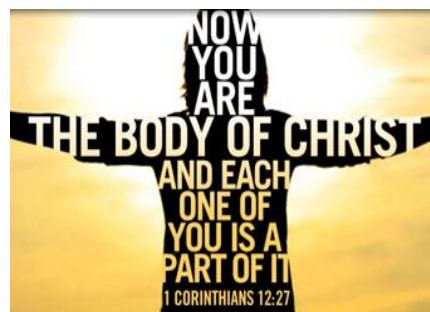
Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Ida Cruse, Juanita Fields, Glenn Grant, Raymond Heyward, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Hilda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

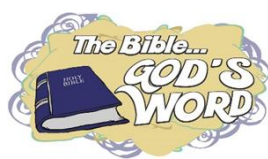
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June 27 - 28, 2026

5:30pm	Beverly Blue	Edna Mason*
10:00am	Juliette Tolbert	Georgene Jones

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

5:30pm Edna Mason*
10:00am Gregory Milton



The Bible is not just information or a historical book. It is not just for quick inspiration. One of the

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.

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.

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Parish sympathy is extended to the family of parishioner Marion “Mac” Singleton who passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time of bulletin printing and will be announced later. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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This weekend's special collection is for Peter's Pence. Please be generous with your donation to this fund. Thank you.

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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!

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Rehearsal for the Unity Mass Choir will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:00pm. Please be in attendance – thank you. *Kathy Stewart

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Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in recognition of Independence Day. Have a safe and blessed holiday.

Barbara McGhee and Ruth Simmons are our newly elected Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members. Congratulations!

Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP – Pastor
Deacon Torrance Garvin
Sharon Carson – Superintendent of Religious Edu.
Taylor Walden – Youth Rep.
Matthew Jenkins – Knights of Columbus
Yvonne Holmes – CCW
Rosetta Brown – AMSP
Vergie Williams – New Horizon of Men and Women
Barbara McGhee – Elected
Ruth Simmons – Elected
Dianne Williams – Appointed by the Pastor
Alex Kalu – Appointed by the Pastor
Finance Council Chair

Weekly Reflections

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Today's scripture readings call us to a total, radical generosity. We are called to go beyond ourselves to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters as a way of fulfilling our Christian vocation. As a Christian one must be prepared to give up seeking one's own comfort and seek to serve God and the neighbors; this is in line with the example of Jesus who gave up his place in heaven to come to earth in obedience to the will of the Father to save us. God first showed us generosity when he gave us his only begotten son to die for our sins.

The first reading presents a woman who in her generosity anticipated the needs of the prophet Elisha. Yes, she was a woman of means; she could have just offered Elisha some money to go take care of himself. But that wasn't what she did, instead she had to go the extra mile of cooking him a meal and preparing a room for the Prophet in her house. She understood that the Prophet had given up his family and undertaken this radical vocation of being the mouth piece of God, so he needed acceptance and encouragement. Sometimes what people need more is hospitality, someone to understand them and accept them more than people just dashing them money. Hospitality is the type of kindness that cannot be quantified and that is what God truly demands of us as Christians and it comes from a truly generous heart. This woman understood that giving money wasn't just enough, she had to do more and she did it not seeking a reward, but just helping in the advancement of the mission of God through Elisha. And because she did this, she was abundantly rewarded with the gift of a child. We can never outdo God in generosity. If we work for God and his people, he works for us in unimaginable ways.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus makes a very radical demand on his disciples and the intending disciples: "Whoever loves Father or Mother more than me is not worthy of me; whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me". Here comes one of those

teachings that leaves us wondering if Jesus was truly expecting anyone to accept him and follow his teaching. And yet he meant every word in that statement; at no point did Jesus try to sugar coat what it meant to follow him. He was very open to his disciples, outlining the difficulties and benefits of following him and he wanted anyone who aspired to follow him to do so consciously and freely. In the course of following Jesus and serving the cause of truth and justice, there will be times when one has to disagree with one's family, take a stand that will be at odds with friends and relatives or even make oneself uncomfortable in order to stand with Jesus and his teachings.

This requires a radical form of generosity in one's character; are we ready for that level of discipleship? If one's parents were teaching their children to hate, by refusing to control their own anger, promoting bigotry and hating others, how would a Christian child of such parents respond? If a child were to choose to follow parents leading her or him to sin, then that child would be loving father or mother more than God. The child would not be worthy of God, at least not until he or she rejects sin. A parent who turns a blind eye to the excesses or shortcomings of his/her children instead of correcting them, all in the name of loving them, is not worthy of Jesus.

Following Christ is not easy, he calls us to a sacrificial love; a love that seeks more the good of the other. Jesus tells us to pick up our crosses every day, he means all the time, not just for one day, and not sometimes. He encourages us to lose our lives and not try to find them, not try to seek reward or comfort. This is a tough ask and yet that is what we must do if we are to be faithful and effective disciples of his. May be the second part of the prayer of St. Francis which we recite at every Mass in our parish here will make a lot of sense today as we meditate on what true discipleship and the radical generosity in serving God entail: "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we awake to eternal life". Amen