



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

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

@6:00PM (Beginning 9/4/2026)

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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July 5, 2026

Fourteenth 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

Jesus knows that our lives are difficult. The mission he left for us is challenging. Additionally, we have dozens of day-to-day responsibilities and concerns. He's just told his disciples that they must carry their crosses. But he also promises that he will be with us to carry our crosses when we are overwhelmed. Therefore, he is able to assure everyone who labors and is burdened that he will give them rest. His yoke is easy, and his burden light. Gathered here today, let us put our concerns and anxieties in the Lord's hands and allow him to lift our burdens from our shoulders.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 302:

Zechariah 9:9-10 "See, your king comes to you humbly."
Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13-14 "I will praise your name forever, my king and my God."

Romans 8:9,11-13 "If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Matthew 11:25-30 "I am meek and humble of heart."

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Parish Giving June 28, 2026

Offertory: including Bus and School Support	\$3909.00
Online Giving	\$1357.00
Special Collection: Peter's Pence	\$ 488.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dennis Clarence Bailey on the anniversary of his passing (7/1). *Mrs. Mariah Bailey

For the people and the needs of the parish.

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THANK YOU TO MY CHURCH MEMBERS!

Words can say so little when you all have done so much. Thank you with all my heart. May God bless you always.

*Claretha Bivins and Family

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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,

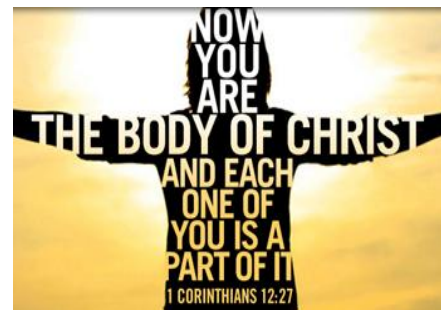
to be understood as to understand,

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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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 5, 2026

UNITY MASS

LECTORS

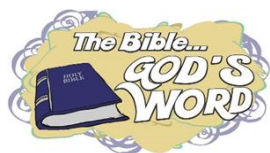
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10:00am George Moultrie Tyrone Bryant
Sylvester Brown

ANNOUNCER

10:00am Emily Fann



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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The next monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will be provided on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Let's continue to share the love of Christ. Thank you – Gloria Stephens – Coordinator.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection will take place the weekend of July 18 – 19, 2026 for the **Church in Africa**. Please be generous with your donation.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: Saturday, August 29, 2026

WHAT: Women's Wellness Event

HOSTED BY: The Traveling Moors

***STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE COMING WEEKS!!**

QUARTERLY UNITY MASS RECEPTION

There will be a meeting to begin planning for the July – September Unity Mass reception on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 5:30pm. Please attend if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during these months. Coordinators are: July – Sharon Carson (912-656-0286), August – Ruth Simmons (912-713-9921), September – Yvonne Williams (912-657-3841). Thank you.

THANK YOU!!

I wish to use this medium to express my gratitude to all the parishioners of St. Benedict the Moor for all the love and support I received from you as I celebrated the 34th Anniversary of my ordination on July 1, 2026.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus #10274 and the Parish Pastoral Council for organizing the reception.

May God reward you all abundantly.

*Fr. Anselm Eke, MSP

Weekly Reflections

14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

At the time of Jesus on earth the Jewish people were going through a difficult period in their history being ruled by the Roman oppressors and also harassed and oppressed by their own religious leaders (the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees and the Chief Priests in the temples). That is why Jesus would look at them at a point as a people abandoned like sheep without shepherd (Matthew 9:36) and he set himself to teach them and provide food for them. There were also those separated from the community because they had leprosy, those humiliated because they were known as public sinners and of course those tormented by demons and were under the influence of evil spirits. And it was to these people that the invitation we have today in the gospel was addressed: "Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt.11:28). And as many as heeded the call received the promised rest, for he healed the sick, showed mercy to the sinners and rehabilitated those ostracized by sin and leprosy.

Our world today is in crisis and we are gripped with fear. There is so much restlessness, suffering, sickness, wars and violence around the world. There are even economic uncertainties with inflation at an unimaginable high. In many parts of the world we have seen protests, sometimes violent, and there is a lot of anguish in the world. Politicians and the media are hyping the rhetoric, leaving us in fear and we are wondering where to turn to and what the future holds for the world. The invitation in the gospel of today couldn't have come at a better time; it is so consoling, as usual Jesus meets us at our point of need. I bet none of us (except the ones who read the gospel before coming to Mass) expected to hear such refreshing invitation at Mass today.

The invitation comes straight from Jesus: "Come to me," he says, "all you who labor and find life burdensome." As it were he is saying: Come to me all you who are working hard but can't seem to fully get your head above water to feel secure; come to me all you who might have lost your jobs or

are uncertain about your jobs; come to me all you who are burdened with anxieties of family life, sickness, marriage or family problems, work, age or health; come to me all you who are weighed down by sorrows, who are grieving the loss of a loved one or are worried about the health of someone close to you; come to me all you who are pressed down by your sins and the harm sins always bring to our lives and to the lives of those around us; all of you, come. No matter what your past have been, bring those sinful hidden closets in your lives for which you are ashamed. It might be some form of drug abuse or alcoholism. Perhaps there is some form of sexual immorality. Maybe you have committed serious sins. You had an abortion or you convinced another to have an abortion. Perhaps you have difficulty forgiving those who have hurt you or maybe you are carrying a guilt that you feel that you cannot be forgiven, Jesus is inviting you to come to him for freedom. His mercy is larger than your sin. Jesus says to you today: "Give me your burdens. I want them, no matter how ugly, how messy they may be." Come and receive rest.

Yes, the Lord promised to give us refreshment if we come to him: "And you will find rest for yourselves, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." The burden of being a Christian, as demanding as it is, is light compared to the burden of carrying our sins to the grave and beyond. Following the way of holiness, being separate from what others consider normal life, is so much easier than being part of the crowd that exalts in its immorality. Holiness is being different. Holiness is accepting the way of the Lord. Holiness is not seeking comfort which the world readily offers us, rather it is aspiring after the greatness for which we were created in the first place. To arrive at this greatness would most often entail carrying our crosses to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. When the Lord says he wants us to learn from him in taking his yoke upon ourselves, he is telling us that we need to take his love upon us and bear our own crosses like he bore his. Love conquers everything; if we carry our burdens with love, then we will discover that they are not heavy, but light, and we will find rest and peace at last.