



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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August 9, 2026

Nineteenth 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

Carl Hayes, Parish Finance Council Chairman

Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary

Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance



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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

How often do we cry out to God, wondering if we will be heard? How often do we look in vain for our Lord in the world? Well, we're not the only ones. In today's first reading, Elijah expected to sense the divine presence in strong winds, earthquakes, or fire, but God was not in any of them. In the Gospel, the disciples fail to recognize Jesus during a violent storm as he walks towards them across the churning waters. Let us take a moment and realize that God is with us right here and now as we worship together. God is with us wherever we celebrate the Mass. God is with us when we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We may not always be aware of it, but God is always near.

Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 314:

Isaiah 55:1-3 Come to the Lord.

Psalms 145 "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Romans 8:35, 37-39 Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Matthew 14:13-21 The people ate and were satisfied.

Parish Giving August 2, 2026

Offertory: including Bus, School Support, & Assumption	\$ 4225.00
Online Giving	\$ 1659.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the souls of Anthony Jackson and Roland Glover. *Prince A. Jackson, III

10am: For the repose of the soul of Marcus Marcellinus Chaney on the anniversary of his Passing. (08/06/19) *Brothers & sister.

For the People and needs of the Parish.

Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Frances Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Alethea Chaney, Otis Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Ida Cruse, Juanita Fields, Glenn Grant, Raymond Heyward, Jessica Jackson, Mary Jackson, Christine James, Ebonee Jarrett, 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, Tambra 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**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 9, 2026

LECTORS

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Shirley West
10:00am Monesha Gallishaw Joyce Jones

USHERS

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

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Edna Mason
10:00am Atzmayah Bailey

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 monthly luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will take place on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. Please consider volunteering to help with the deliveries. Call the parish office if you have any questions. Let us show the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator

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!

QUARTERLY UNITY MASS RECEPTION

Just a reminder to those who are celebrating their birthday or anniversary during the months of July, August or September to contact your coordinator to see how you can help with the quarterly Unity Mass reception scheduled for September 6th. Coordinators are: July – Sharon Carson (912-656-0286), August – Ruth Simmons (912-713-9921), September – Yvonne Williams (912-657-3841). Requested donation is \$25 which can be given to any of the coordinators listed above or dropped off to the parish office. The next planning meeting will be August 14, 2026 to finalize details. Thank you.

ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning September 4, 2026, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month through June 2027. We invite you to take part in this beautiful prayer as we raise our hearts and minds to God.

Then beginning September 11, 2026, through June 2027, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday from 8:30am – 2:00pm. To ensure that our Lord is not left alone, there will be a sign up sheet for participants to indicate when they will plan to be available to spend time in the church with the Blessed Sacrament (at least 30 minutes or more). More information will be provided soon.

Faith Formation/Youth News

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry **registration** for the upcoming year begins this weekend, August 8-9, 2026.

A Catechist will be available out front after each Mass. Please take the time to complete forms for your child/ren. Thank You!

PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord, we lift all teachers, students, and school staff as they prepare for this next school season. Fill them with the tools they need to complete the year with success. Amen.

19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

Today's gospel tells us what happened after the event of the feeding of the 5000 (Mt 14: 13-21). Everybody was very excited about the miracle which Jesus had performed, so the people went home with their stomachs filled, the disciples embarked on a boat ride to the other side, meanwhile Jesus went up to the mountain. Why did he go to the mountain? He went up to encounter God his Father- the mountain was always a place of encounter with God for all the prophets of Israel, including Jesus. He went to the mountain to pray, to give thanks to God for what he has accomplished through him and as it were to recharge for the tasks which lay ahead. Jesus was a person of prayer who understood that everything he did came from God and he constantly gave thanks to God. What about us? Are we people of prayer who always turn to God in all circumstances of our lives? Do we recognize that whoever we are and whatever we have comes from God?

While Jesus was at prayer, he noticed what was happening to his disciples in the sea, they were being tossed about by the waves – they were in distress, the wind was against them. The compassionate and caring Jesus started walking towards his disciples on the sea. In our lives as individuals, as a faith community, even the Universal Church, and as a nation we have had times when we have been tossed about by the waves of the sea of life. Even today with all that is happening with the economic and political upheavals around the world, the uncertainties about what constitutes true morality in our society and the palpable fear in our world; can we not conclude that the wind is against us? But you know what? Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever; he is walking on the sea with us to calm the storm for us. We just have to trust him.

Trust him was what Peter did when he asked Jesus to let him walk on the sea with him. Jesus obliged him, and as long as Peter kept his focus on Jesus, everything was good. But at a point Peter started sinking, why? Possibly two

factors were in play here: self-confidence (Pride) and fear. These two factors made Peter to remove his focus from Jesus. He started thinking what a great guy he was and how cool it was for him to walk on the sea like his master. He started focusing on himself and immediately he started sinking. Without Jesus we can do nothing, he is our strength. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. For us to make any progress in this life, spiritual or material, we must remain focused on Jesus and attached to him (John 15:5).

The second possible reason why Peter started sinking was because he started thinking about the immensity of the sea and danger around him. He removed his focus from Jesus and his ultimate power to save. He allowed fear to take control and he started sinking. Fear is our greatest enemy; fear works against faith. If we give in to fear, we will not realize how much God loves us and we tend to hide or turn away from God. The Jews believed that the sea was the domain of supernatural demonic forces. A rough and stormy sea was regarded as the work of these hostile spirits. By walking on the raging waves and calming the stormy sea Jesus is showing himself to be one who has power and total control over these hostile spiritual forces.

The reality is that there are many times when we are tempted to give in to fear; when the winds of doubt, uncertainties and worry surround us, when our loved ones are sick and battling for their lives, when we lose our jobs or when our crops are not doing as well as we would want them to do, and the list can go on. Today we are called upon to look through the dark cloud of the wave and storms of life and see Jesus walking towards us and cry out for help as Peter and the other disciples did. I pray today that the Lord may increase our little faith so that in all the storms of life we shall have our eyes and our trust constantly fixed on Jesus and his power and not on ourselves and our weaknesses.

Have a Blessed & Safe week!