



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

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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October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Rev. Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor

Deacon Torrance A. Garvin, Sr.

Theresa Garvin, Supt. of Religious Education

Dianne Williams, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson

Sandra Best, Parish Finance Council Chairperson

Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary

Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance



www.stbenedict-sav.org

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

We gather as a faith community each Sunday to worship God by celebrating Mass and receiving the Eucharist. In doing so, we are coming here, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "to repay to God what belongs to God." Praise and thanks belong to God for creating us, redeeming us, and making us holy. We make this day and this gathering holy with our presence. We then go forth to serve the Lord as his disciples, repaying God with our prayers, words, and actions.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 338:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 "I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue the nations before him." Psalm 96 "Give the Lord glory and honor." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b "Calling to mind faith, love, and hope." Matthew 22:15-21 "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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Parish Giving
October 11, 2026

Offertory: including Bus & School Support	\$3665.00
Online Giving	\$ 905.00
Southern Cross Subscription Drive	\$ 237.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the peaceful repose of the soul of Julia R. Jackson on the anniversary of her passing.
*Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Donald Cook, IV on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

10:00am For the People and the needs of the Parish.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Today's special collection is for World Mission Sunday. Please be generous in giving to this fund. Thank you.

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, Hilda Johnson, Willie Leachman, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Donald Perry, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Sr. Barbara Shimkus, 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;

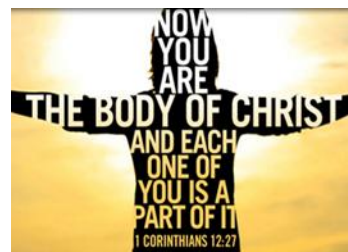
where there is despair, hope;

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 17 - 18, 2026

LECTORS

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Shirley West
10:00am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Edna Mason
10:00am Faith Formation

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy is extended to Mrs. Nova Jean Hayes and family on the loss of her husband, parishioner Carl Hayes, who passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026. Visitation will be held 6 - 8pm on Friday, October 23rd at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will take place 10:30am on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Bynes-Royall Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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MASS OF BEATIFICATION

We are all invited by Bishop Stephen D. Parkes to attend the **Mass of Beatification of the Venerable Servants of God Pedro De Corpa and Four Companions (The Georgia Martyrs)** 11:00am on Saturday, October 31, 2026 at the Savannah Convention Center (Hutchinson Island). There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required to help with planning. Please RSVP at diosav.org. For those who may have problems with transportation, our church bus will be available to take you to and from the water taxi on River Street. Please notify the church office by October 26, 2026 if you would like to take advantage of this service. You don't want to miss out on this special event

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**ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday from 8:30am - 12:00noon (Except 1st Friday of the month). To ensure that our Lord is not left alone, there is 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).

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The next luncheon for our sick and shut-in brothers and sisters will be provided on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Help is especially needed with the delivery of the meals. Let us continue to share the love of Christ. Thank you - Gloria Stephens, Coordinator

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Sacrament of Baptism for children under 7 years of age will take place on Sunday, November 22, 2026. Parents who wish to have their children receive the sacrament will need to contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for more information or to register.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our parish target goal for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is \$33,307.00. As of the last report we received, we have contributed \$19,907.38 which is 59.77% of our target goal. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge today. With God's help, and the generosity of our parish family, we can reach our goal together.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 is collecting baby supplies for children up to age 3. There is a box placed near the stairs in the church for donations. Please contact any Knight if you would like to give or have items picked up for donation. All items will go to the Living Vine Maternity Home. Thank you.

QUARTERLY UNITY MASS RECEPTION

If you are celebrating your birthday and/or anniversary in the months of October, November or December, please contact your coordinator so we can plan the menu for our Sunday, December 6, 2026 Unity Mass Reception. The coordinators are: October: Donna Myers (912) 232-8280; November: Barbara Manning (912) 224-0095; December: Vergie Williams (912) 220-1803. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT

On October 29th, Knights of Columbus 10274 will host a trunk or treat in the old school yard from 5:30 - 7pm. Bring your children out in their best costumes for some fun and treats. For more information or to donate, contact Matthew Jenkins at 912-657-6366.

GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS HIS DUE

Jesus has just told in the past 4 weeks, parables that obviously exposed the Pharisees - viz - the landowner who went out to hire workers, the father of the two sons, the owner of the vineyard who expected a good harvest and got nothing, and finally last week a parable about a king who had lovingly prepared a wedding feast only to discover that those who had been invited refused to come. The Pharisees knew Jesus was speaking about them and they were not happy. So they needed to get even with Jesus.

So we are told: *The Pharisees went away...* They left the company and presence of Jesus and went away - never a good idea! Judas, (John 13.30) too, left the company of the Lord and look what happened to him. It became dark in his life- he walked away from light, and what did he expect? We all know what the fruits of darkness are- destruction, hatred, immorality, drunkenness, etc. To leave the Lord is always a big mistake; to remain in his presence is a guarantee of all things good.

They *went away to work out between them....* How foolish they were, and how confident of their own powers and resources! They were suffering from the same distressing mentality so prevalent today. It's called the '*we-can-fix-it*' mentality. These poor unfortunates had such a serious dose of the disease that they thought, can you believe it, that they could 'fix' Jesus.

They put their heads together and came up with a plan: *to trap Jesus in what he said*. In other words, they were going to 'trap' the Word of God, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and the Word through whom the whole universe was created! Instead of listening to the truth and allowing the truth to change them, they wanted to fix the truth. How so often we operate that way too. We want to fix those who challenge us to grow up; we look for ways to catch them in their words or actions, in our bid for revenge we get so blind and deaf to the truth and consequently we find ourselves working into our own traps.

Confident of success, and yet anticipating the remote possibility of failure, they didn't bother confronting Jesus themselves but sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, another group

who wanted to do away with Jesus. It is typical of cowards, as well as criminals, that they fire their bullets from the guns of others.

And so one of their grand strategy is to flatter Jesus, to awaken his ego and cloud his thinking. Flattery, of course, is not praise, and certainly not worship. So lavish is their fawning that even the most conceited of us would be put on our guard. The impregnable humility of the Master recoils at once from their hypocrisy.

Ironically, every word of flattery they speak to Jesus is the truth, but so full of pretense and blindness are they that on their lips the word of truth becomes evidence of their malice.

The answer that Jesus gave to his opponents left them to ponder as it does even today. The individual has to discern and see what is that which belongs to God and what is under the control of the state. The state has many obligations: public services, water supply, schooling, social welfare for the poor and the aged and the civil protection. Religion's duties are to connect people with God, the ultimate answer to our questions and the basis of our life's decisions. But the dichotomy between the secular and the religious is not absolute. The motivation for public services, schooling, social welfare and care for the aged is often religious. So the boundaries between the two can sometimes be difficult to set and allow many vexing questions to remain. The relationship between the two can remain strained given the fanaticism and secularism that have set in. The question is whether there should be a total division between the two or should they act together so as to build the Kingdom of God. This remains the basis of sane thinking on the matter of loyalty to one's own country and civil obedience.

We all are, in some way, the citizens of two kingdoms: citizens of the political territory where we belong and citizens in God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, they both require certain loyalties from us.