



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 10:00 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 25, 2026

Thirtieth 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



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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

Out of love, God created us and the entire world we live in. Out of love, God sent the Son who died for us to save us from our sins. Out of love, God sent the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. No wonder John wrote quite simply that God is love. Because we were created, redeemed, and made holy as acts of love, we are called to love in return. Specifically, Jesus teaches us today that the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbor. May our hearts expand with love as we join with our neighbor to worship God.

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Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on page 341:

Exodus 22:20-26 "If you wrong the widow and the orphan, my wrath will flare up against you." Psalm 18 "I love you, Lord, my strength." 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 "You turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven." Matthew 22:34-40 "You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself."

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Parish Giving October 18, 2026

Offertory: including Bus & School Support	\$4516.00
Online Giving	\$ 892.00
Special Collections: World Mission Sunday	\$ 375.00
Southern Cross Subscription Drive	\$ 75.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Nicholas Thomas Kruse Wright on the anniversary of his passing.
*Robert Wright

For God's healing mercies for Morris and Jean Edmond, Ida Cruse, Yvonne Williams, and the sick members of New Horizons of Savannah and Baltimore, Maryland.
*New Horizons of Women and Men - St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

For the People and the needs of the Parish.

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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Frances Allen, Louise 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 24 - 25, 2026

LECTORS

5:30pm Taylor Walden Edna Mason*
10:00am Adrian Broxton Bradaya Broxton

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5:30pm Richard Baker Robert Kennedy
10:00am George Moultrie Tyrone Bryant
Sylvester Brown

ANNOUNCER

5:30pm Edna Mason*
10:00am Emily Fann

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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). **Please note that although registration for this event has ended, you are still welcome to attend.** 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 – 12:00 noon (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).

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HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

ALL SAINTS DAY – Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:00am

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) – Monday, November 2, 2026 at 6:00pm

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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 \$20,601.72 which is 61.85% 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.

Thank you to everyone for donating your pennies to the Knights of Columbus Charity of Georgia. Your donation of \$200.00 is greatly appreciated.

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.

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!

THANK YOU!!

The Faith Formation family of students, parents and staff thanks the Knights of Columbus #10274 for once again stepping up to provide the annual Pancake Breakfast for our program. Their generosity toward our youth and families knows no bounds and we are eternally grateful to these wonderful men.

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.

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

When the scholar of the law who wanted to trap Jesus posed the question: which of the commandment of the Law was the greatest, he was unprepared for the answer that Jesus would give him; "Love God with your whole mind, your whole heart, and your whole soul, and love your neighbor as yourself". We realize that love for God and love for neighbor are quite inseparable. Love of God is impossible without love of neighbor. But there are a few questions requiring answers if we have to fulfil this command. How does one love God? Who is my neighbor? How does one show love to one's neighbor?

There are many in our world today who equate love for God with appeasement of God. Like the Jewish people, these individuals will offer prayers and sacrifices to God through fasting; they will spend time in Adoration, attend Masses both during the week and on the weekends, they will approach the Sacraments frequently and observe all the norms of religion by adhering to the teachings of the Church. This way these individuals believe they have satisfied God, or should I say they have appeased God. Yet when you watch closely you notice how they are so selfish, unkind and mean in their dealings with other individuals. They are ready to push others out of the way in order to have whatever they want. You can see that the love of God must go beyond fulfilling a list of things; there must be an accompanying attitude. Where there is no love of neighbor, there is no love of God.

Who is the neighbor whom I must love as I love God? My neighbor includes the people next door but it also includes my own family and all the people with whom I am acquainted. Christ's definition of neighbor includes our enemies, our opponents, and our rivals. My neighbor includes the unborn, the elderly in the homes and those with severe learning difficulties. Christ also includes those who are very hard to love. The neighbor also includes those we have not met and do not know. Christianity includes as our neighbors, people at the furthest corner of the globe, people from our inner cities, people whose culture and way of life are quite different from ours. It also includes the prisoner,

the drug addict, the homosexual, the homeless, the criminal, the disabled, and the mentally ill; indeed, all who are marginalized in any way whatever should be considered as our neighbors too.

We must show love to all these group of persons if we want to satisfy the requirement of the law of love as enunciated by Christ. And this is why Jesus taught in Matthew 25:40 "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me". It is easy to love God—he is up there in his heaven and doesn't seem to bother us too much. We can formulate an idea of him and love that. It presents us with few difficulties. But it is much harder to love a person than an idea. Much harder to love is a person who fails to meet up with our expectations, one who challenges our assumptions and one whose ugliness is more than skin deep. We have to show that our love is more than skin deep. We have to be wary of ending up like some social workers. These are individuals who seldom go near a church. For them life is about helping people to develop themselves. Such people can be often very generous, and make all kinds of sacrifice to help others. But there is little or no prayers in their lives, little time for God. They need to find the balance.

The error of the scholar of the Law is still here with us. There are still many Christians who try to separate love of fellow human beings from love of God. Their commitment to faith does not include commitment to human rights and to justice and peace issues. We shall do well to heed the message of Jesus in today's gospel: that true love of God and true love of neighbor are two sides of the same coin. Any attempt to separate them is a falsification of the message of Christ. "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must love his brother/sister" (1 John 4:20-21).