



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm
SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am
Wednesday-Friday in the Church

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
@ 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.



*This training is required
for Safe Environment
Compliance for any adult
who will come into contact
with youth as part of their
ministry and must be
completed before they*

*begin ministry. Seating is limited, and you
must pre-registration online to save your seat.
To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the
training listed on the Upcoming Events
Calendar.*

Welcome to St. Benedict the Moor
Catholic Church

Our hope is that your presence here
in the 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

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April 10, 2022, Year C

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
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Clarence Davis Member	912-308-4677
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Invitation to the Blessings of the Branches

The palm branches we bless today symbolize the welcome Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem. In riding upon a colt newly pressed into service with people spreading their cloaks on the road before him, Jesus entered the city as the messianic king. Though he was not the Messiah they expected, the victory he went on to win on the cross over sin and death made him a king for all humanity, for all ages. May the palms we raise today be symbols of the praise we give our Savior as he begins the days of his passion, death, and resurrection. "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord".

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 596.

Parish Giving April 3, 2022

Offertory	\$ 5990.00
Parish Bus	\$ 210.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 150.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 25.00
Priests Retire	\$ 25.00
Easter Offering	\$ 20.00
EasteFlowers	\$ 115.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

9:00am: In loving memory & the repose of the soul of Marcus Marcellinus Chaney on the anniversary of his birthday (04/06). *Michael & Michaela Chaney & family.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April Calendar

11 Mon. Monday of Holy Week
12 Tue. Tuesday of Holy Week
13 Wed. Wednesday of Holy Week
14 Thu. Holy Thursday morning and afternoon: Lent ends at sundown. The Paschal Triduum of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of the Lord Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
15 Fri. Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Day of obligatory fast and abstinence
16 Sat. Holy Saturday morning and afternoon: The Paschal Sabbath Preparatory rites for Baptism: Ephphetha and Recitation of the Creed First Day of Passover
16-17 Sat.- Sun. Vigil of Easter: Nightwatch of the Resurrection of the Lord

THE DEFINITION OF "ACTIVE CATHOLIC" for parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic School attendance, etc., requires that a person must be registered, attend Mass regularly and involved in Time, Talent & Treasure (Stewardship.) Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's Mass attendance and ministry involvement. Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

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.



Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Prayer requests-Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an ongoing illness. May they experience fortitude and strength: Willie Allen, Jr., Markeshia Bailey, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, William & Odessa Bryant, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Laquita Bailey Hazzard, Jessica Jackson, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Mackenzie Jenkins, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

Prayer for the Sick ...

Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health. ~ Through Christ our Lord. ~Amen.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

**April 9/10 (Palm Sunday) *Mass begins outside the church 15 minutes earlier. 1st Reader = Narrator
2nd Reader = Speaker.**

**5:30pm Sharon Carson Edna Mason*
9:00am Dianne Williams Torrance Garvin*
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Donald Perry**

**April 14 Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Taylor Walden Edna Mason**

**April 15 Good Friday Ceremonies
Sharon Carson Matthew Jenkins**

April 16 (Saturday Easter Vigil @ 8:30pm))

1st Reading: Dominique Jackson

2nd Reading: Sharon Carson

3rd Reading: Joyce Jones

4th Reading: Taylor Walden

5th Reading: Shirley West

Epistle: Donald Perry

**April 17 Easter Sunday (*Mass at 10AM only)
Akio Brown Deborah Ngo-Bakinde**

April 23/24

**5:30pm Rachael Hooper Georgene Jones
9:00am Melanie White Barbara McGhee
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Matthew Jenkins**

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

April 9/10 (Palm Sunday Weekend)

*****Read announcements inside church & direct everyone outside)**

Saturday - 5:15pm Edna Mason*

Sunday - 8:45am Torrance Garvin*

11:15am Monesha Gallishaw

April 16/17 Saturday Vigil/ Easter Sunday

Saturday - 8:30pm Joyce Jones*

Sunday 10:00am - Gregory Milton

April 23/24

5:30pm - Edna Mason*

9:00am - Ruth Simmons

11:30am - Atzmayah Bailey

April 30/ May 1

5:30pm - Sharon Carson*

9:00am - Theresa Garvin

11:30am - Joyce Jones

Annual Catholic Appeal

"We Are One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church". The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began in January. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please consider doing it this week. Our parish goal is \$32,796. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year. Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church.

UNITY CHOIR EASTER REHEARSALS

On Monday, April 11, there will be a final rehearsal for the Unity Choir in preparation for the upcoming Easter Masses. I am asking that all members to please be in attendance. -Kathy Stewart.

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

INVITATION TO LUNCH

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, Dr. and Mrs. Suresh Persad will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for all the blessing He has bestowed upon him and his family. They are inviting all of us for luncheon in the Parish Hall at 10:15am or immediately after 9:00am Mass that day. A signup sheet is placed at the entrance of the Church to help them determine the quantity of food to prepare, so please make sure you place your name on this sheet.



The 2022 Revival will be held June 13–15, 2022. (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). Please save the dates. St. Benedict the Moor will host this celebration on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH - JOB OPENING

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an opening for a **DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**. This is a full-time exempt position, reporting to the Director of Stewardship and Development. This position is responsible for a variety of data entry tasks as they relate to donations and donor communications. In addition, some grant writing and grant communication functions are essential components.

Candidates must be practicing Catholic, in full communion with the Church and possess a sound working knowledge of the Catholic faith. Possess excellent written, verbal and computer skills and be able to work collaboratively with others.

This position requires experience in Query/reporting and proficiency in Excel. A minimum of an Associate Degree in computer related field is preferred; content management and grant experience is a plus.

The Diocese offers a competitive salary and benefits package. To make application send a resume with references to: jagreen@diosav.org. 2170 E. Victory Dr., Savannah, GA 31404.

THE SEASON OF LENT

"A Season of Spiritual Preparation"

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary will be said every Friday at 5:30pm before the Stations of the Cross.

April 15 ---- Ida Cruse

2022 STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday at 6:00pm

***April 15** (Good Friday) -Legion of Mary, Choirs,
and Youth

**Stations of the Cross will take place at 3:00pm &
Good Friday Ceremonies begin at 6:00pm**

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Tuesday, April 12 – Chrism Mass
7pm-The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday
5:30pm – Passover Meal (Parish Hall) / 7:00pm - Mass
of the Lord’s Supper

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 12
mid-night

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday
3:00pm (Stations of the Cross)
Good Friday Ceremonies @ 6:00pm

Saturday, April 16 - (Holy Saturday)
8:30pm (Easter Vigil Mass)

Sunday, April 17 - (Easter Sunday)
10:00am Mass- Note: There is ONLY ONE Mass on
Easter Sunday

**Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of
abstinence.**

**Devotion & Celebration
THE DIVINE MERCY**

**Divine Mercy Novena
April 15 – April 23 at 3pm
Begins Good Friday after 3pm Liturgy**

**Divine Mercy Service
Sunday April 24, 3:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration
Chaplet of Divine Mercy + Homily
Followed by reception
St. James Catholic Church**

FR. ROMANUS’ REFLECTIONS:

**Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of My
Heart, Mind, Life, and Home:**

As we begin Holy Week, let us remember that only you and I can make this week holy. If we treat this week as ordinary week, without making some room in our schedules for reflection and prayer, the Holy Week will only be holy in name.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has always emphasized the theme of mercy. This Passion Sunday reminds us of how merciful God is in that he sent his Son to us, not to condemn us, but to save us, and how desperately he wants to lead us to holiness and to our heavenly home.

Today, we listened to two Gospel readings: Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the Passion story. Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Does the King of Glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart?

We must be ready to surrender our lives to Jesus during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of our life as our Lord and Savior, singing “Hosanna”. Today, we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them in a place where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts, and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life. Let us remember that He is the One with Whom we will be spending eternity. Let us be reminded further that our careers, our education, our finances, our homes, all of the basic material needs in our lives are only temporary. Let us prioritize and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done this that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world.

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Praise the LORD, O my soul! With all that is within me, praise his holy name!” (Psalm 103:1).