



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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Happy Mother's Day!

May 8, 2022, Year C.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson
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contributing automatically to your parish. Sign up
for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Every Sunday Jesus draws us here, as a shepherd draws his flock. "My sheep hear my voice," he says in today's Gospel, "and they follow me." Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He feeds his flock, with his own Body and Blood. He loves his flock, suffering and dying for us. He provides for his flock by sending us the Holy Spirit. At home in the comforting embrace of our Good Shepherd, we join together today in thanks and praise.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 619.

Parish Giving May 1, 2022

Offertory	\$ 7048.00
Parish Bus	\$ 190.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 250.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

ALL MASSES:

In thanksgiving to God for His continued blessings upon Monesha Mason Gallishaw. *Her Family.

In loving memory this Mother's Day & the repose of the soul of our mother, Sadie Chaney (02/20/20). *The Sadie Chaney Family.

5:30pm: For the repose of the souls of Marilyn Jackson, Julia Jackson, Lucille Striggles, Mattie Glover, and Helen White on Mother's Day, *Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus and all MSP Priests as they continue their work in the Lord's vineyard. *offered by the AMSP.

God's Blessings for all mothers. *Knights of Columbus Council 10274.

In loving memory of Beautine Grayson, Michelle Lovewine, and Marie Singleton this Mother's Day. *The Family.

In loving memory of Mary H Simmons. May her soul Rest In Peace. *Ruth Simmons and family.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April Calendar

24 Sun. Orthodox Easter
25 Mon. Feast of St. Mark
28 Thu. Memorial of St. Peter Chanel ; Memorial of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort Yom; (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
29 Fri. Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena
30 Sat. Memorial of St. Pius V

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.

Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound:

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, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

May 7/8

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Edna Mason
9:00am Torrance Garvin Akio Brown
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw* Deborah Ngo-Bakinde

May 14/15

5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Faith Formation

May 21/22

5:30pm Adriene Perry Shirley West
9:00am Melanie White Barbara McGhee
11:30am Joyce Jones* Georgene Jones

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

May 7/8

5:30pm - Edna Mason*
9:00am - Gregory Milton
11:30am - Monesha Gallishaw*

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UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES



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.

REVIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS

There are 2 dates set aside for Choir rehearsals for this year's Revival: Monday, May 17th and 24th at 6:00pm in the Church. Please make every effort to be in attendance. Thank you, Kathy Stewart.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many Congratulations to Monesha Mason Gallishaw in receiving her MBA from Savannah State University on Friday May 6, 2022. Her family and her church family as well are so very proud of her. We wish you success in all your career endeavors! Monesha is the daughter of Edna Mason and granddaughter of Mrs. Delores Robinson.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Please be generous in your sharing.

USHERS MEETING

Ushers meeting Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All interested in becoming an Usher may attend. Thanks, Marion Singleton.

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah...

is recruiting for Contract Auditors to perform site visits to parishes, schools and social service agencies throughout the Diocese. Audits are assigned on a quarterly basis; each audit is budgeted at 56 hours. Three years of audit/accounting experience and a Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or a related field are required; an MBA and/or CPA is preferred. To be considered send a letter of interest and a resume with three references to: jagreen@diosav.org. Preference will be given to those who are Catholic and in full communion with the Church. A complete Job Description is posted at www.diosav.org; Human Resources, Employment Opportunities.

AND SO GOD MADE A MOTHER ...

At the dawn of time, God needed someone He could trust to love His precious children.

And so, God made a mother.

God said, "Life will often be harsh. I need someone with a gentle touch. Someone who can brush a tear, who can kiss away pain and soften blows. Someone who will hold her child's hand firmly, until she has to release it, tearfully...

And so, God made a mother.

"It must be someone who is willing to keep going, even when she thinks she has no strength left. "I need someone who **believes**. Someone who will trust that I have a good plan for her and for her children, even when she can't see it. Someone who will **pray** for her family daily, for sadly, few people will. I need someone who will share my words and **encourage** her children to believe in Me because I am the source of life".

And so, God made a mother.

God said, "I'll place a second pair of eyes in the back of a mother's head, give her bionic ears, and grant her a generous portion of laughter and tears, for she will need them".

"Sometimes she'll feel like she doesn't have what it takes. There will be days when she is overcome with worry, pain, or failure. But when the need arises, she'll be there. And while motherhood will be difficult, she'll come to embrace it with all of her heart." "Yes, this is exactly what I need. To put it simply, I need someone who will love my children like . . . well, kind of like I do", God laughed.

"So, I'll give each mother a limitless heart, and if she'll let me, I'll fill it with my special, **forever-kind** of love. A love that resembles my own". "Once I put a precious baby in her arms, she will never be the same. **One day her children will grow up and move on, but she never will.** As long as she lives, she will fight for her children, pray for them, and sacrifice for them."

And so, God made a mother.

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.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Dr. & Mrs. Alex (Irene) Kalu and family on the loss of their daughter, Ms. Mma Udo Kalu who passed away on Friday April 29, 2022, in Decatur, Georgia. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday May 14, 2022 at 10:00am.

Our thoughts, prayers and support are with the family.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

The Church is returning to normal:

We shall begin having our Unity Mass on the first Sunday of the month. This means that we shall be having only one weekend Mass at 10:00am every first Sunday of the month. This will begin on the first Sunday of June. As before, the birthday celebration repast will be held every three months to enable the three months' Birthday celebrants to combine together to give us grand celebration. These are the months for the repast: March, June, September, December. All ministries and Organizations are to begin having their meetings and functions. Please remember that the wearing of masks is still encouraged. Thank you, Parish Pastoral Council.

FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of Our Souls:

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship and care for his chosen people who were called by his name. "I myself will be the Shepherd of my sheep and cause them to lie down in peace", the Lord God says. "I will seek my lost ones, those who strayed away, and bring them safely home again. I will put splints and bandages upon their broken limbs and heal

the sick" (Ezekiel 34:15-16). The people of Israel also referred to God as their Shepherd "Please listen, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph's descendants like a flock" (Psalm 80:1). "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" (Psalm 23:1). "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100:3).

Apart from God calling himself the Shepherd of his people, he also compares himself to a mother's love. "Can a mother forget her nursing child, or lack compassion for the child of her womb? Even if she could forget, I will not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me" (Isaiah 49:15-16). It is good to hear God affirming our mother's love on a Mother's Day!

Saint Peter tells us that the Lord Jesus is the *Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep – all of us, who follow him and who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit; we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day?

Your Pineapple for the week:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).