



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM

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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July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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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.stbenedictmcc.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We come today to listen God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist. Gathered together in this place, we look around and see our neighbors. Many of them are people much like us. The neighbor in today’s Gospel – the good Samaritan – is not. Samaritans were seen as outcasts by the Jewish people who frequented the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Yet it was this foreigner, this outsider, this stranger, who is the true neighbor to the Jewish victim. May hearing this parable expand our understanding of “neighbor” as it moves our hearts to reach to those not like us.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book – Page 680

**Parish Giving
July 3, 2022**

Offertory	\$5327 .00
Deanery Schools	\$180.00
Parish Bus	\$100.00
Solidarity w/ Africa	\$30.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS:

ALL MASSES:

For your faithful servant Fr. Romanus Ezeugwu who answered your call; may God’s grace and strength be always with him.

*St. Benedict the Moor parishioners.

THE DEFINITION OF “ACTIVE CATHOLIC”

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, Alethea Chaney, Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Laquita Bailey Hazzard, Jessica Jackson, Vera Jennings, Cleveon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Mackenzie Jenkins, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Delores Robinson, 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, Willetta Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

LECTORS’ SCHEDULE

July 9/10	5:30pm Taylor Walden	Edna Mason
	9:00am Dianne Williams	Barbara McGhee
	11:30am Donald Perry	Joyce Jones
July 16/17	5:30pm Dominique Jackson	Adriene Perry
	9:00am Joe Carter	Alicia Carter
	11:30am Faith Formation	
July 23/24	5:30pm Georgene Jones	Shirley West
	9:00am Melanie White	Barbara McGhee
	11:30am Juliette Tolbert	Donald Perry

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

July 9/10	5:30pm Dominique Jackson
	9:00am Emily Williams
	11:30am Atzmayah Bailey
July 16/17	5:30pm Edna Mason
	9:00am Gregory Milton
	11:30am Faith Formation
July 23/24	5:30pm Dominique Jackson
	9:00am Ruth Simmons
	11:30am Joyce Jones

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July Calendar

- 11 Mon. Memorial of St. Benedict
- 13 Wed. Memorial of St. Henry
- 14 Thu. Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 15 Fri. Memorial of St. Bonaventure
- 16 Sat. Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

INFANT BAPTISM

**Infant Baptism will be held on August 21, 2022.
Please call Theresa Garvin (912-507-7553) or
Sharon Carson (912-656-0286) for further
information on what is required.**

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

The New Horizons of Women and Men will be selling Fish Dinners in the Parish Hall on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is fundraiser. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased from any New Horizon member. Please support us in this effort. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE:

The 1st Annual Women's Day Luncheon Presented by: The Traveling Moors will take place on Saturday August 20, 2022 in the St. Benedict the Moor Paish Hall. Time: 12:30pm – 3pm
Guest Speaker: Veronica M. Stanford
Theme: "Embracing the Woman Within"

Come fabulously attired and wear your favorite hat for the optional hat contest!
There will be great words of wisdom, great food, great gifts, and an all-around great time!

Cost \$20 – Tickets available at parish office or from any Traveling Moors member.

FR. ROMANUS' TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AS OUR PASTOR

Fr. Romanus' ten-year anniversary celebration as Pastor of our church will be held this Sunday, July 10th at 4:00pm in the Family Hall. Please make every effort to attend so that we may celebrate this occasion as a church family and make it a memorable one for our beloved Pastor.

Pastor (Matthew 25:21)

A pastor devoted to giving so much, God only knows all the souls that you touch. Committed to serve when you answered God's call, you prove it by being a servant to all.

Look forward to seeing you there!
Parish Pastoral Council.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Father Ezeugwu and Dear Sisters and Brothers, We sincerely thank you for your prayers and support as we mourned the passing of our daughter Mma Udo Kalu. The birth of Mma on April 22, 1992 was the best thing that ever happened to us; her departure to heaven on April 29, 2022 is the most painful experience we have ever had but following that painful experience, we have never felt more loved than what we experienced coming from our church family, St. Benedict the Moor. Your support has been, simply, redemptive; and we express our gratitude to the Pastor and to the kind and pious members of this church. You have been very kind to us and we remain eternally grateful to you. We are happy to report that we are progressively getting better each day. Please accept our **THANK YOU** from the depth of our hearts.

*Alex & Irene Kalu and family.

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.

SUMMERTIME...

And the living is easy: school is out, vacations begin, family reunions, and R & R for the parents, right? **BUT!!! Church is always IN!** Please remember **Sunday Mass every weekend, Mass during the week, and Daily prayer. Consistently use our contribution envelopes to support the parish, even while we are on vacation. Online giving really helps**

the consistency of our weekly offertory **The Nicene Creed**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, bow your head.]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

**God Expects Us To Be Merciful
As He Is Merciful:**

Jesus' parable about a highway robbery gives us a helpful hint. Jesus told this dramatic story in response to a devout Jew who wanted to understand how to apply God's great commandment of love to his everyday life circumstances. In so many words this religious-minded Jew said: "I want to love God as best as I can and I want to love my neighbor as well. But

how do I know that I am fulfilling my duty to love my neighbor as myself?"

Jesus must have smiled when he heard this man challenge him to explain one's duty towards their neighbor. For the Jewish believer, the law of love was plain and simple: "treat your neighbor as you would treat yourself." The real issue for this believer was the correct definition of who is "my neighbor". He understood "neighbor" to mean one's fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel. Up to a certain point, Jesus agreed with this sincere expert but, at the same time, he challenged him to see that God's view of neighbor went far beyond his narrow definition.

Jesus told a parable to show how wide God's love and mercy is towards every human being. Jesus' story of a brutal highway robbery was all too familiar to his audience. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho went through a narrow winding valley surrounded by steep rocky cliffs. Many wealthy Jews from Jerusalem had winter homes in Jericho. This narrow highway was dangerous and notorious for its robbers who could easily ambush their victim and escape into the hills. No one in his right mind would think of traveling through this dangerous highway alone. It was far safer to travel with others for protection and defense.

What does Jesus' story tell us about true love for one's neighbor? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second, our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. So, we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to us.

Your Pineapple For The Week:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **that you** may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and

the good and sends rain on the righteous and the
unrighteous.