



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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August 14, 2022

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson
Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
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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 like to think of Jesus bringing peace and joy, healing and inspiration as he traveled from village to village with his disciples. But at this point in Luke's Gospel he is making his way to Jerusalem, where he knows what he will face, and his message has become sobering. The road to redemption is difficult. Jesus knew that sin and evil must be confronted. Our own encounters with sin and evil can be divisive, as Jesus warned his disciples. Let us pray for the will and the courage to stand up for what is right and good and holy, no matter the consequences.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 694

*Parish Giving
August 7, 2022*

Offertory	\$6393.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 135.00
Parish Bus	\$ 119.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Linda Gayle Rountree on the anniversary of her birthday (8/17). *Sharon Carson and Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Anthony B. Jackson who passed away on August 6, 2022. *Prince A. Jackson, III and Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Roland Glover on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III and Family

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus and all MSP Priests as they continue their work in the Lord's vineyard and for our pastor as he celebrates his birthday. *AMSP

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August Calendar

- 15 Mon. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary
- 19 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. John Eudes; World Humanitarian Day
- 20 Sat. Memorial of St. Bernard

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., Mariah Bailey, 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, Clevon 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

August 13/14		
5:30pm	Adriene Perry	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Torrance Garvin	Dianne Williams
11:30am	Georgene Jones	Donald Perry
August 20/21		
5:30pm	Rachel Hooper	Taylor Walden
9:00am	Joe Carter	Alicia Carter
11:30pm	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

August 13/14	
5:30pm	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Theresa Garvin
11:30am	Emily Williams
August 20/21	
5:30pm	Dominique Jackson
9:00am	Gregory Milton
11:30am	Faith Formation

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 Parish Hall. Time: 12:30pm – 3pm
Guest Speaker: Veronica M. Stanford
Theme: "Embracing the Woman Within"
Invite family, friends, and neighbors! All are welcome!
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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

GOOD NEWS! Faith Formation classes will begin Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:15am. We welcome all of our children to a year of learning about our beautiful Catholic faith. Registration begins this weekend. We look forward to seeing each of you!!

VIRTUS TRAINING ANNOUNCED

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. Four Remote sessions via ZOOM have been added to the schedule:

August 15th – 9:00am – 12:00pm
August 25th – 5:00pm – 8:00pm
September 6th – 9:00am – 12:00pm
September 15th – 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Space is limited to 10 attendees per session 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. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

Thank you,
Joan B. Altmeyer
Director Safe Environment

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS

Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:00pm in the church. Please make every effort to attend.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Prince A. Jackson, III and family on the loss of his brother, Anthony B. Jackson, who passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Funeral services will take place at St. Benedict the Moor on Tuesday, August 16th at 11:00am. Wake service is Monday, August 15th at Adams Funeral Home at 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

UNITY MASS RECEPTION

Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary during the months of July, August or September are asked to contact the following regarding donations for and participation in the September 4th Unity Mass reception: July – Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286; August – Renee Mosley (912) 707-7834; September - Yvonne Williams (912) 657-3841. Thank you.

The Social Apostolate Needs Your Help

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 is spearheading a food drive to help the Social Apostolate for the month of August – September 4, 2022. As we have all seen, food prices are skyrocketing, and kids are back in school, thus increasing their nutritional needs. Assistance is requested in keeping the pantry shelves stocked for these families. **Peanut butter and jelly, snacks items, breakfast staples, pasta sauces, and canned fruits and vegetables** are all extremely helpful. Items can be dropped off in the bin at the entrance of the church or at 502 E. Liberty Street. We thank you all for your ongoing support! *Knights of Columbus Council #10274

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsal for the September Unity Mass will take place on August 23rd and August 30th (Tuesday) at 6:00pm in the church. All choir members are asked to make every effort to attend. *Areatha Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ROMANUS



Happy birthday, Father!
As you celebrate today,
may we give thanks for all
that you do. May God

bless you with many more glorious years of
leading people as wonderfully as you do!
*Your St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
Family

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.

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.**

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Who Do You Love First And Foremost?

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson.

We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives. When Jesus spoke about division within families, he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: *a man's enemies are the men of his own household* (Micah 7:6).

The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ - the Son of God and Savior of the world - a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry.

Jesus challenges us to examine who we love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that we give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse, children or brothers and sisters. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?

Your Pineapple For The Week:

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37).