



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!

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August 21, 2022

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C*

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” come from the same root: Latin disciplina, meaning “teaching”. As disciples of the Lord, we are taught through discipline. We need that discipline when we are tempted to compromise our ethics or ignore our conscience and do something we shouldn’t or fail to do something we should. Hebrews reminds us today that God’s discipline is given out of love, to keep our conscience strong and our feet on the narrow path. May we keep to the discipline of being a true disciple and resolve to learn from our missteps.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book – Page 696

Parish Giving August 14, 2022

Offertory	\$4546.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 10.00
Parish Bus	\$ 25.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 236.00
Assumption	\$ 150.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Felix Walden, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday (August 19th). *Rosemary and Taylor Walden.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Ann) Lipsey and Family on the loss of her brother, Mr. Robert “Bobby” Waters who passed away Tuesday, August 16, 2022 in White Plains, New York. Funeral will take place 10:00am Saturday, August 27, 2022 at St Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Arrangements are being handled by Adams Funeral Services. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate”

Luke 13:24

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 20/21

5:30pm	Rachel Hooper	Taylor Walden
9:00am	Joe Carter	Alicia Carter
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

August 27/28

5:30pm	Adriene Perry	Shirley West
9:00am	Melanie White	Akio Brown
11:30pm	Juliette Tolbert	Joyce Jones

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

August 20/21

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson
9:00am	Gregory Milton
11:30am	Faith Formation

August 27/28

5:30pm	Edna Mason
9:00am	Theresa Garvin
11:30am	Atzmayah Bailey

August Calendar

22 Mon. Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. St. Rose of Lima
24 Wed. Feast of St. Bartholomew
25 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Louis; Optional Memorial of St. Joseph Calasanz
27 Sat. Memorial of St. Monica

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

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

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.

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

Following the Lord requires effort and commitment on our part:

What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week in order to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven - to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Many rabbis held that all Israel would be saved and gain entry into God's kingdom, except for a few blatant sinners who excluded themselves! After all, they were specially chosen by God when he established a covenant relationship with them.

Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered into a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike.

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws.

If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will - our own life for his life - our own way for his way.

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)

Your Pineapple for the Week: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize" (1 Corinthians 9:24).