



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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September 4, 2022 (Unity Mass)

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

The Holy Spirit draws us here today to worship our Lord, to listen to God's word, and to celebrate the Eucharist. On this holiday weekend, as we recognize the blessings of human labor and of all those who work, whether they are paid or unpaid, we are also inspired to take part in the Lord's work. May this Eucharist strengthen us as we labor in the vineyard, helping to bring Christ's saving message to a hungry world.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 701

Parish Giving August 28, 2022

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| Offertory | \$3902.00 |
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am Unity Mass: For the repose of the soul of my mother, Bertha J. Lawson, on the anniversary of her birthday (September 5th). *Barbara McGhee

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to the family of Mrs. Gloria Therea Lewis who passed away August 20, 2022. Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, September 3rd at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Please note that the parish office will be closed Monday, September 5th in observance of the Labor Day holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th. Have a safe and blessed holiday.

AMSP MEETING

The regular meeting of the AMSP will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 in the parish hall. All members are asked to attend. Thank you.

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

September 4
10:00am Torrance Garvin Teresa Udowana
Unity Mass

September 10/11
5:30pm Taylor Walden Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Donald Perry Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

September 4
10:00am Ruth Simmons
Unity Mass

September 10/11
5:30pm Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Emily Williams
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

September Calendar

5 Mon. Labor Day (U.S. and Canada)
8 Thurs. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 Fri. Memorial of St. Peter Claver
10 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 continues 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:

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

“Who can know God’s counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends”

Wisdom 9/13

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!



We invite you to come to the parish hall after today's Mass as we celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries for the months of July, August and September. There will be plenty of good food and an opportunity to fellowship with each other. We look forward to having you join us!

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XIII

The New Horizons of Women and Men is offering an opportunity to travel to the National Black Catholic Congress XIII, July 20 – 23, 2023 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Maryland. Transportation and Conference Registration for adults is \$545.00 and \$500.00 for youth (13- 18 years). Anyone planning to attend should indicate their name and contact number on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance and make your non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 per person before **September 12, 2022**. This is a first-come, first serve opportunity. For additional information and payment plan, please contact Vergie Williams or Torrance Garvin of New Horizons. Thank You!

THANK YOU!

The Traveling Moors thank Fr. Romanus and everyone who supported us in making our first Woman's Empowerment Luncheon a rousing success! We appreciate each one of you. Be on the lookout for our next event. *The Traveling Moors

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

The True Cost Of Discipleship:

Why does the Lord Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves (Luke 14:26)? In Biblical times the expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love

is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved - it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the beloved. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His sacrificial death brought us pardon and healing, new life in the Spirit and peace with God.

Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and everything that would keep us from his love, truth, and goodness. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory over sin and death - and glory for our sake as well. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. If we want to share in his glory and victory, then we, too, must 'count the cost' and say 'yes' to his call to "take up our cross and follow him" as our Lord and Savior.

What is the 'way of the cross' for you and me? It means that when my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" for us is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Christ who cleanses us and makes us a new creation in him. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We can never outmatch God in his merciful love and kindness towards us. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and transform your life with the overflowing love and mercy of God?

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)

Your Pineapple For The Week:

"If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:26).