



## 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](http://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 18, 2022*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C*

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## *Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day*

Jesus teaches his disciples an important lesson about wealth in today's Gospel. In the parable he tells them, the clever steward is applauded for finding a way to maintain his wealth despite losing his job. But this kind of wealth is not what is truly important, for true wealth is found in God. We cannot allow money (mammon) to be our master. Today, on Catechetical Sunday, let us be reminded that Jesus, our Teacher, continually teaches us the way to eternal dwellings.

Today's Readings are found in the **Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 706**

### *Parish Giving September 11, 2022*

Offertory	\$5257.00
School Support	\$ 50.00
Bus	\$ 45.00
Mission Cooperative	\$ 10.00
Appeal	

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**All Masses:** For the repose of the soul of Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing. \*Prince A. Jackson, III

**5:30pm & 9:00am:** For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones on anniversary of her 107<sup>th</sup> birthday (9/19). \*Johnson and Garvin Family

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

**11:30am:** For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Catherlene Washington on the anniversary of her birthday (9/19). \*Sharon Carson and Family

### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Rosemary Walden on the loss of her brother and Ms. Taylor Walden on the loss of her uncle, Mr. Russell N. Taylor, who passed away Friday, September 9, 2022. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Temple of Glory, 1105 Stiles Ave. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

### **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, Clewon Johnson, Juanita Larry, 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 17/18**

<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Edna Mason*</b>	<b>Shirley West</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Melanie White</b>	<b>Barbara McGhee</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>

#### **September 24/25**

<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Rachel Hooper</b>	<b>Sharon Carson*</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Diane Willams</b>	<b>Teresa Udowana</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Juliette Tolbert</b>	<b>Joyce Jones*</b>

### **ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE \*LECTOR ALSO**

#### **September 17/18**

<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Edna Mason*</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Gregory Milton</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>

#### **September 24/25**

<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Sharon Carson*</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ruth Simmons</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Joyce Jones</b>

### **September Calendar**

18 Sun. Catechetical Sunday  
19 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Januarius  
20 Tue. Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions; National Migration Week begins  
21 Wed. Feast of St. Matthew; International Day of Peace  
22 Thu. Autumn begins  
23 Fri. Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
24 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

### **HOME FURNISHINGS AVAILABLE**

Contact the parish office if you are in need of the following items to spruce up your home: double bathroom vanity; gas fireplace (2); and heating units. All are in good condition.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection for the month of September is for the Mission Cooperative Appeal on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church if you did not receive one in your mailed packets. Thank you for helping others.

### **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 A.M. to 2 P.m. at Nativity Church Parish Hall, 3113 E. Victory Dr. in Thunderbolt. Lots of bargains!

### **UNITY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Unity Mass choir rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> in the church at 6pm. All members are asked to be present. Thank you, \*Areatha Scott

### **THANK YOU!**

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 and the Social Apostolate thank everyone for the many donations to the summer food drive which was a huge success! Because of you, many families – especially those with children – were able to have nutritious meals. May God continue to bless each of you as you have blessed others. Thank you!

\*Knights of Coumbus Council #10274

### **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.

*Thank you to all our catechists!*

## **WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

### **Generous Giving Is Rewarded with Treasure That Lasts Forever:**

What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice, he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts, he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favor with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owned him money. Surely everyone would praise such a generous landowner as the town hero! Since the master could not undo the steward's cancellation of the debts without losing face and making his debtors resent him, he praised the steward for outwitting him and making him appear as a generous and merciful landowner.

What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed

would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need (Luke 12:33). Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others. (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

### **Your Pineapple for The Week:**

*"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings"*  
(*Luke 16:9*).

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### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Zoe Ann Mack and family on the loss of her husband, Mr. Richard Mack, who passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Funeral services will be held 11:00am Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Nicholson Baptist Church, 13319 Old Coffee Bluff Rd., Savannah, GA. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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*"This is my body given for you".*

*Luke 22:19*