



## 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 25, 2022*

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C*

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## *Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day*

Too late! While he was alive, the rich man in today's Gospel ignored the beggar Lazarus at his gate. Now he suffers in torment. In death a great chasm separates him from paradise, an expanse he can never cross. It is too late for this man who spent his life taking care of himself and ignoring those in need. But it is not too late for us. No matter our age, we can change our attitudes and behavior. As the seasons change around us, let us consider the possibility of change within us.

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Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 709

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### *Parish Giving September 18, 2022*

Offertory	\$4825.00
School Support	\$
Bus	\$ 10.00
Mission Cooperative Appeal	\$ 25.00

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

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### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**5:30pm:** For Mr. Robert Kennedy, Sr. as he celebrates his birthday. \*Brenda Kennedy

**9:00am:** For God's healing mercies upon Mrs. Juanita Larry as she struggles with her health. \*Council of Catholic Women

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### **PARISH CONDOLENCES**

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Rosetta Brown, Mrs. Ida Cruse, Mrs. Sharon Wingster, and family on the loss of their brother, Mr. Walter Johnson, Jr. who passed away on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Jesus First the Community Church in Garden City, GA. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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### **THANK YOU**

Mrs. Zoe Ann Mack and the Perry family thank our St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church family for your cards, calls, visits, and many acts of kindness during our bereavement. You have been absolutely wonderful to us and we ask God to bless each of 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, 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.

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### **LECTORS' SCHEDULE**

**September 24/25**

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

**October 2**      **Unity Mass**  
**10:00am**

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

**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>

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### **September/October Calendar**

25 Sun. World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
26 Mon. Optional Memorial of Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Rosh Hashanah 5783  
27 Tue. Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul  
28 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Wenceslaus; Optional Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions  
29 Thu. Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael  
30 Fri. Memorial of St. Jerome  
Oct. 1 Sat. Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

### **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> which is today. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church if you did not receive one in your mailed packets. Thank you for helping others.

### **MEETING TIME CHANGE**

The time for Legion of Mary meetings has changed to 12 noon on Wednesdays. We welcome you to come join us in prayer to our Blessed Mother.

### **UNITY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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

**Pro-life Dinner: Saturday, October 8** Did you know that one of the architects of legalized abortion in the U.S. experienced a dramatic conversion and became a passionate pro-life advocate? Hear the full story of Dr. Bernard Nathanson on Saturday, October 8 at St. James the Less Church in Savannah. National pro-life speaker Terry Beatley will share this dramatic story of Divine Mercy at work! Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7 p.m. RSVP is requested by October 1. To sign up, visit or email [ParishLife@StJamesSav.com](mailto:ParishLife@StJamesSav.com) or call 912-355-1523. Childcare is available.

### **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

### Hope in God and his merciful help:

In the parable of the rich man who refused to help the beggar named Lazarus Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts - riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor and a beggar, he was also sick and unable to fend for himself. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself. Dogs in the ancient world symbolized contempt. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings.

The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life! In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave away.

The name *Lazarus* means *God is my help*. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had everything he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to

notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar!

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)

### Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” (Matthew 25:45)

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Parish congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marion (Jeanie) Rivers who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a renewal of their vows on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Congratulations to our catechists who were commissioned to their ministry on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. These men and women have answered the call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Our catechists for 2022 – 2023 are:

Shameka Broadnax	Sharon Carson
Monesha Gallishaw	Theresa Garvin
Torrance Garvin, Sr.	Matthew Jenkins
Fred Jones	Margaret Jones
Edna Mason	Renee Mosley
Carole Pacheco	Karen Polk
Areatha Scott	Beverly Small