



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

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - *Since 1874*

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October 16, 2022

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

The Holy Spirit draws our community to this place each Sunday, where we encounter Christ in the word of God, in the Eucharist, and in each other. This weekly celebration of the Mass is the center of the Church's life, and it renews and strengthens us in our faith and our mission. Nourished by Christ's body and this gathering of the body of Christ, may we go forth and give witness to our faith.

Today's Readings are found in the **Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 716**

Parish Giving October 9, 2022

Offertory	\$4722.00
Second Collection - Southern Cross	\$ 239.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AS OF 10/6/22

Goal: \$32, 796.00

Received to Date: \$24, 478.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm For Toland Wright on his birthday in thanksgiving for all the blessings and grace God has bestowed upon him in his life. *Sara Wright

OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry will sponsor a Day of Reflection on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Saint Benedict the Moor Church 441 East Broad Street Savannah, Georgia from 10 AM to 1 PM.

The Day of Reflection is in preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress XIII to be held on July 20 - 23, 2023 in National Harbor, Maryland. "Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to Thrive" is the theme of the National Black Catholic Congress XIII.

Please share this information with others and know that everyone is invited to participate in the Day of Reflection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 912-232-5258 or by email at rechaney@diosav.org. *Reverend Robert E. Chaney

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, William & Odessa Bryant, Alethea Chaney, Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Laquita Bailey Hazzard, Jessica Jackson, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Mackenzie Jenkins, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Ellen Roberts, Delores Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Willetta Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE *ANNOUNCER ALSO

October 15/16

5:30pm	Adriene Perry	Shirley West
9:00am	Torrance Garvin*	Teresa Udowana
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

October 22/23

5:30pm	Dominique Jackson	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Georgene Jones	Melanie White
11:30am	Donald Perry	Joyce Jones

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October Calendar

16 Sun. Last Day of Sukkot
17 Mon. Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss's Day; International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18 Tue. Feast of St. Luke
19 Wed. Memorial of Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
20 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross
22 Sat. Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II;
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.

UNITY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for the November 6th Unity Mass will take place on Tuesday, October 25th at 6pm and Sunday, October 30th immediately following the 11:30am Mass. All choir members are asked to be present. Thank you. *Areatha Scott

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection this month is on October 23rd for World Mission Sunday. Please give generously to this special collection.

DECEMBER 4TH UNITY MASS RECEPTION

Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary during the months of October, November and December should contact the following regarding participation in the Unity Mass reception: Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553; Barbara Manning (912) 224-0995; Vergie Williams (912) 220-1803. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

Come join the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor on a fun-filled trip to the Fox Theater in Atlanta to see *Tina – The Tina Turner Musical Tour* on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Cost is \$225.00 per person and includes box lunch and dinner. Deposit of \$100.00 is due immediately and final payment is due by November 27, 2022. Contact Clarethia Bivins or Ruth Simmons for more information.

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

Always Pray and Do Not Lose Heart:

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defense and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly Father for his grace and help.

In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6). Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow

and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple For The Week:

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8).

LEGION OF MARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please make an effort to come out one-half hour before Mass time to help the Legion of Mary with the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Your life will never be the same!

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Educational Building. See you there!

WHITE MASS

Bishop Stephen D. Parkes invites all Catholic healthcare professionals, medical students and guests to the White Mass on the Feast of St. Luke, Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:00pm in the St. Mary's Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory Dr., Savannah, GA 31404. In recognition of the dedicated work of Catholic healthcare professionals, this special Mass is extended to recognize the ministry of those who protect life and care for others as God intended. Please join us after Mass for a reception with special guest Dr. Richard Rowe, Committee Chairman of the Catholic Medical Association.

RSVP to Kimberly Carter-Johnson at kjohnson@diosav.org or 912-201-4060.