



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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October 23, 2022

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C*

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We gather together today in the presence of God and neighbor to worship God and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us that those who exalt themselves will be humbled and that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Our presence here testifies that we are humbled before God, acknowledging that ultimately we are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we achieve. Let us take this opportunity to thank God for all the blessings we have received.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book – Page 719

Parish Giving October 16, 2022

Offertory	\$4866.00
School Support	\$ 45.00
Bus Ministry	\$ 20.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AS OF 10/13/22

Goal: \$32, 796.00
Received to Date: \$25, 198.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm For the repose of the soul of John Kenneth Golden on the anniversary of his birthday. *Louise Allen

For the repose of the soul of Julia Jackson on the anniversary of her passing. *Prince A. Jackson III

For the repose of the soul of Donald Cook IV on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson III

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry will sponsor a Day of Reflection on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Saint Benedict the Moor Church 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.. 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 New Horizons of Women and Men urges anyone planning to attend the National Black Catholic Congress XIII next year to also attend the Day of Reflection at St. Benedict the Moor on October 29th.

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 22/23

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

October 29/30

5:30pm Taylor Walden Edna Mason*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw Deborah Ngo-Bakinde

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE *LECTOR ALSO

October 22/23

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:30am Gregory Milton
11:30am Theresa Garvin

October 29/30

5:30pm Edna Mason*
9:00am Emily Williams
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw*

October Calendar

23 Sun. World Mission Sunday
24 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret; United Nations Day
28 Fri. Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude
29 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.

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

Today is the special collection for **World Mission Sunday**. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please give generously to this special collection. The next special collection will be on November 6 for the **Archdiocese for Military Services**. Thank you.

Greetings my beloved Parishioners,

Scammers have been preying on some of our Parishioners, pretending to be me, and asking you for financial favor through text messages and email. Please, do not respond to them or do whatever financial favor they ask you for I am not the one. I do not ask my Parishioners for personal financial favor, and even if I will do that, it will not be through text messages or email. The scammers did not hack my email or phone number – their email address and the phone number that they use in sending those messages are not mine. Please beware! I love you all.
-Fr. Romanus.

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. Come join us!

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

God Hears The Prayer Of The Humble:

The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbor. How can we expect God to hear our prayer if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbor closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favor. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by

God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)

Your Pineapple For The Week:

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Matthew 23:12).

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

This year we will celebrate **Priesthood Sunday on Sunday, October 30, 2022.** We set aside this special day to honor Fr. Romanus' commitment to the priesthood and to show how grateful we are for his service, gifts, and talents here at St. Benedict the Moor. It is also a day for us to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Please take time to remember our Pastor who has made a positive impact in our lives and to also remember him in your prayers. Special envelopes have been placed in the bulletin for your use.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints' Day for the year 2022 is celebrated/observed on Tuesday, November 1st, and then the day after on Wednesday, November 2nd **All Souls Day** will be observed. Mass will be at 6:00pm both days. There will be no morning Mass on November 2nd. These two days represent a time to reflect and remember the saints, martyrs, and the faithful who have died. Please plan to attend.