



## 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.



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah and must be completed before they begin their ministry.

Seating is limited, 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.

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 30, 2022

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C

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

In today's Gospel, Zacchaeus has to climb a tree in order to see Jesus. We likely had it much easier to come here today to encounter our Lord. We don't have to go up a tree; we experience Jesus' presence right here and right now in the company of other believers, in the hearing of God's word, and in the Eucharist itself. At the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells the repentant Zacchaeus that salvation has come to his house. May the Lord's mercy bring salvation to this house as well.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book - Page 721

### *Parish Giving October 23, 2022*

Offertory	\$4893.00
School Support	\$
Bus Ministry	\$
Special Collection - World Mission	\$ 671.00
Sunday	

#### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AS OF 10/20/22

Goal: \$32, 796.00

Received to Date: \$25, 288.00

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

**9:00am** For the peaceful repose of the soul of Nicholas Kruse-Wright. \*Robert Wright

For God's healing mercies upon Barbara Stokeld.  
\*Carole Pacheco

**11:30am** For the peaceful repose of the souls of Isabelle Dowse Waters and Isaac Dowse on the anniversary of their birthdays. \*Anne Lipsey

#### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS; ALL SOULS DAY

**Solemnity of All Saints Mass** (Holy Day of Obligation) will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6pm. **All Souls Day Mass** will be on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. There will be no morning Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan to attend.

**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday,  
November 6, 2022. Don't forget to set your  
clocks back one hour before retiring the  
night before!!**

#### 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, 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, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Willetta Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

#### LECTORS' SCHEDULE \*ANNOUNCER ALSO

##### October 29/30

**5:30pm** Taylor Walden Edna Mason\*

**9:00am** Joe Carter Alicia Carter

**11:30am** Monesha Gallishaw

##### November 1 **All Saints Day**

Sharon Carson Yvonne Williams

##### November 2 **All Souls Day**

Sharon Carson Yvonne Williams

##### November 6 **Unity Mass**

Donald Perry Joyce Jones

#### ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE \*LECTOR ALSO

##### October 29/30

**5:30pm** Edna Mason\*

**9:00am** Emily Williams

**11:30am** Monesha Gallishaw

##### November 6 **Unity Mass**

Gregory Milton

### **October/November Calendar**

31 Mon. Halloween  
Nov. 1 Tue. Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)  
2 Wed. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)  
3 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Martin de Porres  
4 Fri. Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday  
5 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 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.

### **UNITY MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Rehearsal for the November 6<sup>th</sup> Unity Mass will take place on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 11:30am Mass. All choir members are asked to be present. Thank you. \*Areatha Scott

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The next special collection will be on November 6 for the **Archdiocese for Military Services**. Envelopes can be found in today's bulletin. 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

### **The Lord Is Near to Those who Call On Him, To All Who Call On Him In Truth:**

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus, he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives. The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

*(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)*

## Your Pineapple for the Week:

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).



Today we celebrate **Priesthood Sunday** 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 such a positive impact in our lives and to especially remember him in your prayers. **We love, thank, and celebrate you, Father Romanus!!**

### **DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> UNITY MASS RECEPTION**

The December 4th Unity Mass reception committee will meet immediately after the November 6<sup>th</sup> Unity Mass in the parish hall for persons celebrating their birthday or anniversary in the months of October, November, or December. Contact persons are Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553; Barbara Manning (912) 224-0995; Vergie Williams (912) 220-1803.

### **INFANT BAPTISM**

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at the 11:30pm Mass. Parents should contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for more information or to register your child for the sacrament. Thank you.

### **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

The **Annual Blessing of the Graves** will take place at the historic Catholic Cemetery on Wheaton St. on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. In commemoration of All Soul's Day, the names of those who have died during the last twelve months will be read, the rosary will be recited, and the graves will be blessed. Everyone is welcome to attend.