



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

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December 4, 2022

*Second Sunday of Advent
Year A*

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

“Welcome one another,” Saint Paul commands us, “as Christ welcomed you.” Indeed, the Lord welcomes us here each Sunday as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. But let us not forget the first part, that we are also called to welcome one another. Moreover, as Paul welcomed Gentiles, and the wolf became a guest of the lamb, we are called to welcome those who are not like us: those coming from other cultures, speaking other languages, or expressing other viewpoints. Let us welcome all to this celebration.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book – Page 173

Parish Giving November 27, 2022

Offertory	\$3295.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 35.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AS OF 11/23/22

Goal: \$32,796.00
Received to Date: \$31,269.25

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS:

10:00am: Today’s Mass intention is for all those who are celebrating their birthdays and various anniversaries in the month of December for God’s continued blessings upon them.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Matthew Felix Walden on the anniversary of his passing (December 8th) *Rosemary and Taylor Walden

PARISH CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robert Kennedy, Sr. and Shirley West who are our parish recipients of the 2022 Bishop Francis X. Gartland Recognition of Service Award. The awards were conferred by The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes on Saturday, December 3rd at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. We are proud of Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. West who are so deserving of this recognition. Once again, congratulations!

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, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Odessa Bryant, Alethea Chaney, Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, 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

December 4 Unity Mass

10:00am Georgene Jones Edna Mason*

December 10/11

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Sharon Carson*
9:00am Melanie White Barbara McGhee
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Donald Perry

December 17/18

5:30pm Adriene Perry Shirley West
9:00am Dianne Williams Georgene Jones
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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December Calendar

6 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas
7 Wed. Memorial of St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8 Thu. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the U.S.) (Holy Day of Obligation)
9 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
10 Sat. Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto; Human Rights Day

THANK YOU

To the St. Benedict the Moor family: Thank you all for being kind, loving, and cheerful during this season. Dad (and) mom love the church & each person that is a member. Father Romanus has been a hero for the family and I will always be thankful for you all. Love, Robert "Bobby" Bryant

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection will be taken up on Sunday, December 11th for Religious Retirement. Please give generously to this fund.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY/KNOW YOUR FAITH

Our Parish Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. The teaching of our Catholic doctrines is blended into our bible study to enable us to have a better understanding of the faith that we profess. Please come, let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God at this Advent Season and thereafter.

Fr. Romanus.

THE GIVING TREE

*The Giving Tree is here!!! Let us share our blessings with others and make their Christmas bright!! Select a tag from the tree, purchase the gift, and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached. **All gifts are due back no later than Sunday, December 11th.** Contact Sharon Carson (912-656-0286) for more information. Thank you for your generosity. *Sponsored by the Youth Ministry.*

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

John Pointed Others to The Coming of Christ and His Kingdom:

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leapt in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). Like the prophets of the Old Testament, John devoted his entire life to prayer and the word of God.

He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). The Holy Spirit prepared John for the mission entrusted to him as forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus Christ - the Word of God who became man for our salvation (John 1:1,14). John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world by offering his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sin of the world (John 1:29).

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their

interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Your Pineapple for The Week:

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.” (Hebrews 3:15)

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for our parish youth will take place from 5pm – 8pm on Sunday, December 18th. Come out for games, food, fun, prizes, music by DJ Romeo and perhaps a visit by a special guest. All youth of the parish are invited. See you there!!

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 is holding a winter coat drive beginning this Sunday through the first week of January 2023. Coats and jackets of all sizes and in good condition are needed. Please place your donation in the bin at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Reminder: Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – which is a holy day of obligation – will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8th at 6pm in the church. All are asked to attend.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's back!! We are excited to announce the return of our adult Christmas party on Saturday, December 17th from 7pm – 10pm in the parish hall. Please come join us for an evening of fellowship, food and fun. In order to ensure that we have enough food for all, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church and indicate the number of persons in your party. Looking forward to seeing each of you!!