



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!

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January 1, 2023

*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
Mother of God
Year A*

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

How appropriate that on the first day of every year we honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God, for it was her willing obedience to God's plan that enabled the Incarnation and therefore initiated what in time became Christianity. Today is also the World Day of Peace and so we look to Mary, the Queen of Peace — who bore the Prince of Peace — as our model and inspiration for holding peace in our hearts, our communities, and in our world.

Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 193

Parish Giving December 25, 2022

Offertory	\$11,751.00
Second Collection - Diocesan Schools	\$ 414.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AS OF 12/22/22

Goal: \$32,796.00
Received to Date: \$36,358.50

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

For the peaceful repose of the souls of Mr. James Blue on the anniversary of his birthday (1/1) and Mrs. Theresa Blue on the anniversary of her birthday (1/9). * Beverly Blue and family

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to the family of Mrs. Willetta Williams who passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Funeral services will take place 11:00am on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Glennville, GA. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

*Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Year's holiday.
Have a safe and blessed day!*

LECTORS' SCHEDULE *ANNOUNCER ALSO

January 1, 2023	Unity Mass	
10:00am	Edna Mason*	Taylor Walden
January 8, 2023		
5:30pm	Sharon Carson	Dominique Jackson*
9:00am	Melanie White	Barbara McGhee
11:30am	Juliette Tolbert	Donald Perry

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11:30am	Theresa Garvin	

January Calendar

1 Sun. New Year's Day; World Day of Peace; Kwanzaa ends
2 Mon. Memorial of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; New Year's Day (Federal observation)
3 Tue. Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
4 Wed. Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5 Thu. Memorial of St. John Neumann
6 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. André Bessette; First Friday
7 Sat. Optional Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort; Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar); First Saturday

THANK YOU!

The Youth Ministry of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church sends our gratitude to our parish family for your support of our Giving Tree Project this past Christmas. Because of your generosity, numerous families received assistance to help them through the holiday season. May God continue to bless each of you as you have blessed others.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection is for the Black and Indian Mission and will take place on the weekend of January 7 – 8, 2023. 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 Christmas Season and thereafter. Our sessions will resume on January 4th.
*Fr. Romanus



to all of the helping hands that decorated the inside and the outside of the church and parish hall this Christmas... to all of our parishioners who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund, and to all of the ministries that helped to enhance our Masses. We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to the committees that gave our parishioners – young, old, and in between – wonderful Christmas parties. May the New Year bring peace and serenity to you and your families.

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 Powerful Name of Jesus:

What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given, it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or

Theotokos in Greek which literally means "God bearer."

In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11).

The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace" (John 1:16)

