



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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January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
 Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
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Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to your parish. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbenedictmcc.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We call this period of the liturgical year “Ordinary Time,” but this time after Christmas is not ordinary at all, for it is now that we learn about the first days of Jesus’ public life. In today’s Gospel, John testifies that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus when John baptized him, meaning that the Holy Spirit joined in Christ’s entire mission. The Holy Spirit descended upon us in our own baptism as well. May we be conscious of that divine presence as we join in Christ’s mission during our own ordinary time.

Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 273

Parish Giving January 8, 2023

Offertory	\$6223.00
Second Collection: Black and Indian Mission	\$ 651.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS:

All Masses: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Edward Robinson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing. *Delores Robinson and Family

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Lt. Col. Hester Jackson on the anniversary of her passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary E. Grove who passed away on December 28, 2022.

*Prince A. Jackson, III

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL FEAST DAY

The Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) would like to invite all parishioners, families and friends to attend the 13th annual Conversion of St. Paul Mass Celebration on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 6:00pm. There will be a short program and reception following the Mass. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Thank you for your support. *Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) - St. Benedict the Moor

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.

LECTORS’ SCHEDULE *ANNOUNCER ALSO

January 14/15, 2023

5:30pm	Edna Mason	Shirley West
9:00am	Georgene Jones	Teresa Udowana
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation*

January 21/22, 2023

5:30pm	Rachel Hooper	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Joe Carter	Alicia Carter
11:30am	Deborah Ngo-Bakinde	Joyce Jones*

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January Calendar

16 Mon. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
17 Tue. Memorial of St. Anthony
18 Wed. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
(January 18–25)
19 Thu. Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
20 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. Fabian; Optional
Memorial of St. Sebastian
21 Sat. Memorial of St. Agnes

EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY NEWS

The next Evangelization Ministry seminar will take place on Saturday, January 28th in the church at 10:00am. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Director of Evangelization for the diocese will lead us in this retreat.

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. *Fr. Romanus

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 are invited to the Gold and Silver Anniversary Mass February 11, 2023, 10am at the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah. RSVP by January 25th to 912-201-4100 or diosav.org/gold-and-silver.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for the Unity Mass Choir will take place on January 24th and January 31st (both days are Thursdays) in the church. All members are asked to attend. *Areatha Scott

INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the 11:30am Mass. Please contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for more information or to register your child. Thank you!

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 Holy Spirit reveals the true nature of Jesus - the Son of God and Savior of the world:

John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan

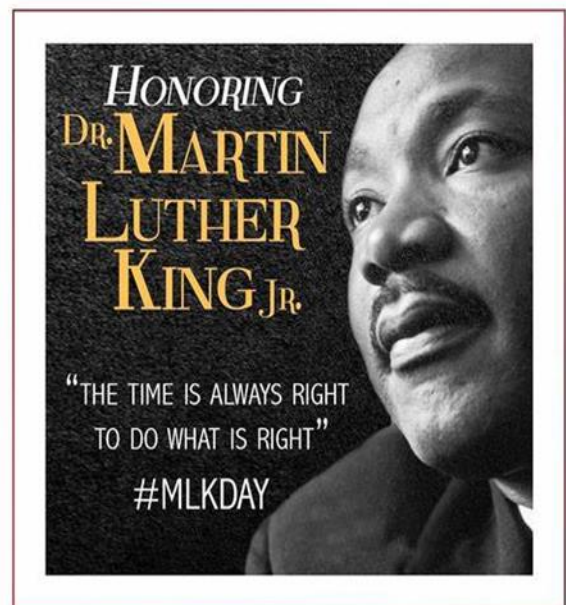
of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

(Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations)

Your Pineapple for the Week:

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come (John 16:13).



Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Have a blessed and safe day!