



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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February 12, 2023

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A*

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

During this brief period between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, we are invited to learn from Jesus the Teacher. This is the third of four consecutive Sundays when we hear passages from his Sermon on the Mount. Picture the scene: Jesus has gone up the mountain and sat down, and his disciples have gathered around him. We too are disciples of the Lord and we have gathered here to be with him. Let us take this opportunity to be enlightened by his teachings.

Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 283.

*Parish Giving
February 5, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$8245.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS:

5:30pm & 11:30am: In loving memory of Ismay Bain on the anniversary of her passing. *The Persad and Naidoo Families

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus and all MSP priests as they continue their work in the Lord's vineyard. *Offered by the AMSP

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
"faith, hope, charity"

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all He does for us. If you are not able to pledge at this time, please consider a one-time gift.

THANK YOU!!

Parish thanks to the Friends of St. Benedict the Moor who generously donated \$1200 for the parish school subsidy. Your hard work and generosity are greatly appreciated. Again, thank you!! *Fr. Romanus

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, Tamba Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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.

February Calendar

- 12 Sun. World Marriage Day; Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Tue. Memorial of Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
- 17 Fri. Optional Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- 18 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

February 11/12, 2023

5:30pm	Adriene Perry	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Georgene Jones	Joe Carter
11:30am	Juliette Tolbert	Deborah Ngo-Bakinde

February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday

8:00am	Sharon Carson	Yvonne Williams
6:00pm	Georgene Jones	Teresa Udowana

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

February 11/12, 2023

5:30pm	Sharon Carson*
9:00am	Theresa Garvin
11:30am	Emily Williams

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.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Baker McCullough Funeral Home will be hosting an educational seminar on funeral preplanning on Saturday, February 25th at 12pm in the parish hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for anyone interested. This is a free event with no registration required. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. For additional questions, please contact Jon Williams at (912) 486-0508. Thank you.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next Special Collection is for *Aid to Central and Eastern Europe* and will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Please be generous in giving to this fund.

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2023 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 8 – 18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities. Space is limited so reserve your spot, or if you have any questions, please contact Joseph Powers at 912-596-3735 or flag_unit@savannahsaintpatricksdays.com

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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.

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SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

St. Benedict the Moor Parish is responsible to help the Social Apostolate with groceries during the month of February.



Suggested items are: Packaged or canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef stew), or hearty chunky soup. Canned pork & beans, canned vegetables & fruits, canned spaghetti with tomato or meat sauce. Breakfast cereal, granola bars, individually packaged oatmeal or grits, evaporated milk. Peanut butter & jelly, breakfast bars, and healthy snacks including nuts. The Social Apostolate is our Catholic outreach to the poor! Thank you so much! Please place all items in the container provided. Thank you for your participation and sharing in this ministry.

National Black Catholic Congress Attendees

The New Horizons of Women and Men would like to remind Congress attendees of the February 13th deadline for payment of Congress registration, transportation to Congress and the Reception at the National Museum. If you have not already done so, the hotel room deposit is due March 13th. There is no guarantee that your room will be held without your deposit. Please feel free to contact Dianne Williams or Vergie Williams should you have any questions. Thank you!

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Essence of God's Law:

For the people of Israel, the "law" could refer to the ten commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law because it placed burdens on people which God had not intended.

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another.

Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord.

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn't prepared and doesn't carry out those instructions, will be severely punished” (Luke 12:47).

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THE SEASON OF LENT

It seems like we just rang in the new year, but Lent is fast approaching and now is the time to start preparing for it. Ash Wednesday is **February 22, 2023**. Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** and **6:00pm**. The Lenten season provides the opportunity for fasting, prayer, and reflection. People are seeking ways to connect with Jesus more deeply through encounter and learning more about God and our faith. With just a bit of planning ahead anyone can have a successful and fruitful Lent filled with many graces.

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UNITY MASS PLANNING MEETING

There will be a quick first quarter celebration planning meeting on Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:00pm in the parish hall. For questions or donations, contact monthly representatives: January – Wilma Brown (912) 659-8941 or Gigi Jones (912) 604-7394; February – Rosetta Brown (912) 232-8921 or Jacqueline Bailey Patterson (912) 660-3952; March – Edna Mason (912) 247-1671 or Brenda Kennedy – (912) 660-3464. Thank you.

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