



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-to-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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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We hear the Chosen People grumble in today's first reading, for they are thirsty and have no idea how long their journey through the desert will last. "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" they complain. Here in this place, where we gather with God's people to worship the Lord, to listen to God's word, and to receive the Lord's body and blood, we can be assured that the Lord is in our midst. Jesus has quenched our deepest thirst with living water, with water welling up to eternal life. Together let us give witness to our faith that God remains always in our midst.

Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 213.

*Parish Giving
March 5, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5982.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

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

11:30am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mr. Alvin Waters on the anniversary of his birthday (3/8). *Mrs. Anne Lipsey

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have made their ACA pledge or one-time gift. As of the last report we received, 19.43% of our parishioners have made a pledge. As a parish family, we can reach our goal in the support of ministries that change lives for the better.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mrs. Wilma Brown who helped make our young adult Valentine's Day party a success with your creative decorations. We truly appreciate you.

Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound:

Louise Allen, Willie Allen, Jr., Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Margaret Betz, 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, Tambra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

March Calendar

12 Sun. First Scrutiny of the Elect; Daylight Saving Time begins: Set clocks forward 1 hour; Girl Scouts' Birthday

17 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. Patrick*

18 Sat. Optional Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

March 11/12, 2023

5:30pm	Adriene Perry	Dominique Jackson*
9:00am	Dianne Williams	Georgene Jones
11:30am	Donald Perry	Joyce Jones*

March 18/19, 2023

5:30pm	Taylor Walden	Shirley West
9:00am	Torrance Garvin	Barbara McGhee
11:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation

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9:00am	Theresa Garvin
11:30am	Joyce Jones*

March 18/19, 2023

5:30pm	Edna Mason
9:00am	Gregory Milton
11:30am	Faith Formation

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.

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.

FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 will sell fish dinners on Fridays during the Lenten season (except March 17th). For \$8.00, you can have a delicious meal of fried fish, red rice, hush puppies and coleslaw. Come out and enjoy!

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISERS

The Youth Ministry of St. Benedict is back with our St. Patrick's Day parking fundraiser. For a donation of only \$25 (\$30 for large SUVs and trucks), you can park your vehicle in our old school yard beginning at 6:30am, enjoy the festivities, and return to pick up your vehicle no later than 6:00pm. Contact the church office at (912) 232-7147 during business hours (10am – 3pm) to reserve your space(s). Also, concessions (hot dogs, hamburgers, fish sandwiches, chips, drinks, etc.) will be sold in front of the Cathedral parish hall on the corner of Abercorn and Harris Streets beginning at 9am until the end of the parade. Thank you for supporting our youth.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The following parishioners (Areatha Scott, Yvonne Williams, Alicia Carter, Adrian Broxton, Kathy Stewart, Phyllis Mackey, William Wright, Sharon Carson, Torrance Garvin and Marion Singleton) are asked to attend an important meeting of the Liturgical Committee on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 10:00am in the church. Please make every endeavor to attend. Thank you – Fr. Romanus.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent, Year A:

Would you do a favor for someone who snubbed you or treated you like an enemy? Jesus did just that and more! He treated the Samaritans, the sworn enemies of the Jews, with great kindness and respect. The Samaritans who lived in middle region of Israel between Galilee and Judaea and the Jews who lived in the rest of the land of Israel had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out.

When Jesus decided to pass through Samaria he stopped at Jacob's well because it was mid-day and he was both tired from the journey and thirsty. Jacob's well was a good mile and a half from the nearest town, called Sychar. It wasn't easy to draw water from this well since it was over a hundred feet deep. Jesus had neither rope nor bucket to fetch the water.

When a Samaritan woman showed up at the well, both were caught by surprise. Why would a Samaritan woman walk a mile and a half in the mid-day heat to fetch her water at a remote well rather than in her local town? She was an outcast and not welcomed among her own townspeople. Jesus then did something no respectable Jew would think of doing. He reached out to her, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He treated the woman like he would treat one of his friends - he greeted her and spoke at length with her. Jesus' welcoming approach to her was scandalous

to both Jews and Samaritans because this woman was an adulteress and public sinner as well. No decent Jew or Samaritan would even think of being seen with such a woman, let alone exchanging a word with her!

Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles alike. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel both in word and deed. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love - our stubborn pride and willful rebellion. (Daily Scripture Reading and Meditation).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” (John 7:37-39).

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2023 STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday at 6:00pm
(Rosary begins at 5:30pm)
Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

March 17 – AMSP, Lectors

March 24 – New Horizons and Traveling Moors

March 31 – CCW and Friends of SBM

April 7 (Rosary at 2:30pm; Stations at 3:00pm) –
Legion of Mary, Choirs, and Youth

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Your spare change can make a difference for our youth! Please place your donation in the jug at the back of the church. We greatly appreciate your support!! *Youth Ministry