



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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June 4, 2023

*The Most Holy Trinity, Year A
Unity Mass*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
 Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
 Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson
 Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
 Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
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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 come together today to celebrate our triune God, one God and yet three persons. God the Father created the world and everything and everyone in it. God the Son was born into this world, a part of humankind, and chose to sacrifice his life to save us all. God the Holy Spirit was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to be with us always. In our limited imaginations we cannot hope to truly comprehend this sacred mystery, but we join together in praise and thanks to God – Father, Son, and Spirit.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 265

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*Parish Giving
May 28, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4335.00
Special Collection (Catholic Communications Campaign)	\$ 593.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am: In celebration of Jayden Jones and Jhordan Holmes on their graduations. May God’s Grace continue to cover them. *The Simmons and Holmes Families

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Congratulations to Noah Graves who received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 28th. Noah is the son of Marcus and Renita Graves.

Congratulations to Bradaya Broxton, Keilen Brown, and Jordan Fann who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Stephen Parkes on Thursday, June 1st. Bradaya is the daughter of Brad and Adrian Broxton; Keilen is the son of Norissa Brown; and Jordan is the son of Emily Williams.

We are proud of all our students.

Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound:

Louise Allen, Willie Allen, Jr., Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Odessa Bryant, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Jessica Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Ellen Roberts, Delores Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Crystal Williams, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<p>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.</p>

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration for this year’s Vacation Bible School will begin today. The program will run June 26 – 30, 2023 in the parish hall for children in kindergarten – 7th grade. Volunteers (8th – 12th grades and adults) are needed. Anyone age 18 and older must complete the diocesan requirements for child safety. There will be a meeting for volunteers on Thursday, June 15th at 6pm. Contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you.

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UNITY MASS RECEPTION

All parishioners and visitors are invited to come to the parish hall immediately following today’s Mass to take part in the Unity Mass reception. There we will fellowship with our brothers and sisters who are celebrating their birthdays and various anniversaries. Please join us!

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LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

June 4, 2023 Unity Mass
10:00am Donald Perry Joyce Jones*

June 10/11, 2023
5:30pm Adriene Perry Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Dianne Williams Georgene Jones
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Torrance Garvin

June 17/18, 2023
5:30pm Edna Mason* Shirley West
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

June 4, 2023 Unity Mass
10:00am Joyce Jones*

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5:30pm Dominique Jackson*
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Theresa Garvin

June 17/18, 2023
5:30pm Edna Mason*
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

June 4, 2023 Unity Mass
10:00am Marvin Manning

June 10/11, 2023
5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Torrance Garvin, Milenthia Williams, Theresa Garvin
11:30am William Wright, Torrance Garvin, Juliette Tolbert

June 17/18, 2023
5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:30am Theresa Garvin

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.

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June Calendar

4 Sun. Orthodox Pentecost (Julian Calendar Pentecost)
5 Mon. Memorial of St. Boniface; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time begins
6 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Norbert
9 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. Ephrem
10 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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BUS MINISTRY

Anyone wishing for transportation to the 9:00am or 10:00am Unity Mass should call either Dr. Earl Berksteiner at (912) 713-0414 or Mr. James Warren at (912) 655-8717 on or before Friday to schedule pickup. Thank you.

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SITTER SERVICE NEEDED

A reliable sitter is needed for an elderly gentleman Monday – Friday, 1 – 6pm. The person selected will be asked to give prepared medication and serve dinner. The salary is \$300 per week. Contact (912) 484-0815 if interested. Thank you.

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STROKE SCAN INFORMATION

As announced, a representative from Stroke Scan will provide additional information and sign up interested persons at the July Unity Mass. The tests will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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THANK YOU!

The Office of Faith Formation here at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church sends special thanks to all who helped make our program a success this year – Father Romanus, our catechists, parents, parishioners and friends - who contributed in any way to help our children grow in faith. We will be back in September and pray that you will continue to support us in the coming year. Again, thank you!!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

God's Incredible Gift of Love for the World:

Scripture tells us that God is all just and all loving. How does his love and justice go together? God opposes sin and evil with his just wrath (his righteous anger) and right judgment - and he approaches sinful people and evil doers with mercy ("slow to anger" and "ready to forgive") and discipline ("fatherly correction" and "training in righteousness"). John the Evangelist tells us that the Father sent his Son into the world - not to condemn but to redeem - not to destroy but to heal and restore. Paul the Apostle tells us that "the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God does not desire the death of anyone (Ezekiel 18:23,32, Ezekiel 33:11, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13). Instead, he gives us the freedom to choose between life and death - good and evil.

When we choose to sin and to go our own way apart from God, we bring condemnation upon ourselves. Sin draws us away from God and leads to a spiritual death - a death that is worse than physical loss of life because it results in a hopeless life of misery and separation from God's peace and joy. Jesus was sent on a rescue mission to free us from slavery to sin and death and to bring us the abundant life which will never end. His death brought us true freedom and abundant new life in his Spirit - as well as pardon, reconciliation and adoption as sons and daughters of God.

Jesus took upon himself all of our sins and nailed them to the cross (Colossians 2:14). His death was an atoning sacrifice for our sins and a perfect offering to the Father on our behalf. We can find no greater proof of God's

love for fallen sinful humanity than the cross of Jesus Christ. "To ransom a slave God gave away his Son" (from an early Christian hymn for the Easter vigil liturgy). Jesus' mission was motivated by love and obedience. That is why he willingly laid down his life for us. Jesus told his disciples that there is no greater love than for a person to willingly lay down his or her life for a friend (John 15:13). Jesus loved us first - even while we were captives to sin and Satan - in order to set us free and make us friends and beloved children of God. *(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).*

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Diocese of Savannah Black Catholic Ministry will hold its 2023 Revival June 12 – 14, 2023. The revivalist is Father Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ of St. Joseph Seminary, Washington, DC. Please read and save the schedule – you do not want to miss it!

Monday, June 12, 2023

6:30pm – Devotion/Praise & Worship

7:00pm – Revival Service

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1707 Bull Street

Savannah, GA 31401

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:30pm – Devotion/Praise & Worship

7:00pm – Revival Service

Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

441 East Broad Street

Savannah, GA 31401

Youth Night

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

6:30pm – Devotion/Praise & Worship

7:00pm - Mass

Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

112 Fell Street

Savannah, GA 31415