



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 11, 2023

Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Year A

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson
Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
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Carl Hayes Chairman	912-655-7153
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Clarence Davis Member	912-308-4677
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Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

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.stbenedicctmcc.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

This weekend, we come together to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, conscious of the fact that Jesus gave us his Body and Blood to sustain us and nourish us as we continue to carry out his mission. He is the living bread come down from heaven, the bread that is the flesh he gave for the life of the world, the bread that leads us all to eternal life. Let us give thanks to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—for the unique and priceless gift of the Eucharist, to which we are invited every day.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 267

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*Parish Giving
June 4, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$7386.00
Special Collection: Peter's Pence	\$ 40.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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MORE GRADUATION NEWS

Congratulations to Chelsie Winter Jenkins on her graduation from Windsor Forest High School. She plans to attend the respiratory therapy program at Savannah Technical College in the fall. Chelsie is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jeraldine Hamilton. We are proud of you, Chelsie.

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Marion Poole and family on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Gerturde Tyson, who passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 10th at St. Benedict the Moor. Mrs. Tyson was a faithful member of the parish until her health failed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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 has begun. The program will run June 26 – 30, 2023 in the parish hall for children in kindergarten – 6th grade. Volunteers (7th – 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 in the parish hall. Contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you.

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FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

All men of the church are invited to a delicious Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 18th in the parish hall immediately following the 9am Mass. Please come out and let us thank you for all the things that you do for your families. We look forward to providing this treat for you. *Ladies and youth of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

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

June 24/25, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Sharon Carson*
9:00am Torrance Garvin Barbara McGhee
11:30am Donald Perry Adrian Broxton

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

June 10/11, 2023

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

June 24/25, 2023

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Emily Williams
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

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

June 24/25th, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Marvin Manning
11:30am William Wright

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

12 Mon. Tenth Week in Ordinary Time begins
13 Tue. Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua
14 Wed. Flag Day
16 Fri. Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
17 Sat. Memorial of the Immaculate Heart 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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AGNUS DEI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil foe protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you,
to praise you with all your saints
forever and ever.
Amen

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus is the "bread of life"

What is the bread of life which Jesus offers to all who believe in him? It is first of all the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness has no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the Promised Land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the Promised Land also missed the life to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise; it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself - but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come.

When we receive from the Lord's Table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood and partakers of his divine life. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it

the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward (Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51).

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PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY OF FR. ROMANUS

Our Pastor, Father Romanus was ordained into the Priesthood for the Missionary Society of St. Paul on June 24, 2000. This month, we give thanks to God for his 23 years as a Priest. Our church family is blessed beyond measure that of those 23 years, Father Romanus has pastored us here at historic St. Benedict the Moor for 11 years.

Father Romanus was only 12 years as a Priest before "he joined our church family". Please family, let us keep him in our prayers as we show thanks to him for being a true shepherd to us.

Envelopes are available to show our generosity to him as he has always shown to us. The envelopes can be returned in the offertory baskets.

Thank you,
Our Church Family

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SUMMERTIME...

And the living is easy: school is out, vacations begin, family reunions, and R & R for the parents, right? ***BUT!!! Church is always IN!*** Please remember ***Sunday Mass every weekend, Mass during the week, and Daily prayer. Consistently use our contribution envelopes to support the parish, even while we are on vacation. Online giving really helps the consistency of our weekly offertory.***

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The 2023 Revival will be held June 12-14, 2023. (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). Please save the dates. St. Benedict the Moor will host this celebration on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.