



## 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 18, 2023*

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time,*

*Year A*

*Father's Day*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education  
Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson  
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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](http://www.stbenedictmcc.org) and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

*Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day*

From today to the end of November, we celebrate a nearly unbroken string of Sundays in Ordinary Time. However, let this not be a sign that nothing special happens until Advent begins. Ordinary Time is merely the period outside the climactic seasons of Christmas and Easter and the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. It is a time to explore the earthly life and ministry of Jesus between his birth and his death and to grow as a Christian disciple. Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few". Let us listen prayerfully so we may discern how he is calling us to be those laborers today.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 295

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*Parish Giving  
June 11, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5970.00
Special Collection: Peter's Pence	\$.00

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**5:30pm:** For the repose of the souls of Prince A. Jackson, Sr.; Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr.; Roland Glover; Edward White; and William Newton on Father's Day. \*Prince A. Jackson, III

In memory of Felix Walden, Jr. on Father's Day; for the peaceful repose of the soul of Matthew Felix Walden on the anniversary of his birthday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. \*Rosemary and Taylor Walden

**9:00am:** In loving memory of Leroy W. Simmons, Sr. in celebration of Father's Day; for the peaceful repose and loving memory of Kenneth B. Simmons on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his passing (June 17<sup>th</sup>). \*Ruth Simmons and Family.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Ruby Wright on the anniversary of her birthday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. \*Margaret Betz and Robert Wright

**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 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and adults) are needed. Anyone age 18 and older must complete the diocesan requirements for child safety. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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

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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY  
EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

**June 17/18, 2023**

**5:30pm** Shirley West  
**9:00am** Gloria Stephens  
**11:30am** Theresa Garvin

**June 24/25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Fr. Romanus and my St. Benedict the Moor Church family for your many expressions of support. Prayers, kind words, visits, cards, phone calls and beautiful, beautiful home going service for our beloved Gertrude Tyson. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Marion Poole & Family

**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**

18 Sun. Father's Day  
19 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Romuald; Juneteenth  
20 Tue. World Refugee Day  
21 Wed. Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins  
22 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Paulinus of Nola; Optional Memorial of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More  
24 Sat. Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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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 after the July 2nd Unity Mass. The tests will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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***A FATHER'S DAY BLESSING***

*Blessed is the Father  
Who lets the Lord  
Be his guiding hand,  
Whose faith brings  
His family courage,  
Whose wisdom comes from God,  
And whose children  
Still stand and honor him.  
Have a wonderful Father's Day – God Bless!*

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**The power of the Gospel to heal and set free:**

Do you believe in the life-changing power of the Gospel and experience its transforming effect in your life? The core of the Gospel message is quite simple: *the kingdom (or reign) of God is very near!* What is the kingdom of God? It is that society of men and women who know God's love and mercy, and who willingly obey and honor God as their Lord and King. In the prayer which Jesus gave to his disciples (the *Lord's Prayer* or *Our Father*), he taught them to pray for God to reign in their daily lives and in the world around them: *May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

When Jesus proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom he also demonstrated the power of the Gospel with supernatural signs and wonders. Jesus healed people who suffered physical, emotional, and mental illnesses. He freed people from spiritual bondage to sin and demonic powers. Jesus gave his disciples the same authority he had to heal and set people free from spiritual bondage.

The Gospel (which literally means "good news") which Jesus proclaimed is just as relevant and real today, *the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* If we believe in the Lord Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, and in the power of the Gospel, we will know and experience the freedom, joy, and power he gives us that enable us to live and witness as his disciples. No one can buy heaven; but if we know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, then we already possess heaven in our hearts! Do you believe that Jesus can change and

transform your life and share with you the power and authority of God's kingdom? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

**Your Pineapple for the Week:**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17)

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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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**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The next special collection will be for Peter's Pence on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously to this fund. Thank you.