



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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June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Year A

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 and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Life is difficult. Terrible things happen to us, to others across the planet, and to the world in general. But our faith gives us hope. We know that God watches over us, cares for us, and has given us the promise of eternal life. We come here today to praise and thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us, blessings that help us cope with the misfortunes, the wrongs, and the evil that we suffer. Let us glory in God’s love and mercy.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 297

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*Parish Giving
June 18, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$ 4141.00
Special Collection: Peter’s Pence	\$45.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

9:00am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Edward Robinson in thanks for his legacy of Birdsong and Flashing Wings.

For the peaceful repose of the souls of Fred and Celeste Betz in gratitude for their example of faith, constancy, compassion, and practicality on their 85th wedding anniversary (June 28th). *Margaret Betz.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Rivers on the 28th anniversary of her passing. *Onizine Rivers.

In memory of the New Horizons of Women & Men deceased members as we celebrate our 18th anniversary: Gloria Vinson (5/15/07), Ella Maxwell (6/29/10), Jackie Cain (5/5/15), Beautine Grayson (6/10/18), Ida Branch (2/16/19), Georgetta Blair-Simmons 1/19/20), Charles Luten 4/30/20), and Willetta Williams 12/20/22). *The New Horizons.

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 (out-of-town).

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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 is still going on. The program will begin tomorrow June 26th and runs through Friday, June 30th 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. We invite everyone to join us for our closing Mass on Friday at 7pm. Contact the parish office if you have questions. Thank you.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today’s special collection is for Peter’s Pence. Please give generously to this fund. Thank you.

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ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY ATTENDEES

Please note that on June 28th only, Bible Study will meet in the Old School Building on the top floor due to Vacation Bible School in the parish hall.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

June 24/25, 2023

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

July 2, 2023 Unity Mass

10:00am Taylor Walden Adriene Perry

July 8/9, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson Sharon Carson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Joyce Jones

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

June 24/25, 2023

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

July 2, 2023 Unity Mass

10:00am Edna Mason

July 8/9, 2023

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE**

June 24/25, 2023

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

July 2, 2023 Unity Mass

10:00am Torrance Garvin

July 8/9, 2023

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:30am William Wright

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a most important Town Hall Meeting on Saturday July 1, 2023 at 6 o'clock in the Parish Hall specifically to discuss the Old School Building. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Thank you, Fr. Romanus.

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PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Think you know your Bible? "... lean not on your own understanding .." (Proverbs 3:5). You can never stop learning or growing in 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

27 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria
28 Wed. Memorial of St. Irenaeus
29 Thu. Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul
30 Fri. Optional Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Jul. 1 Sat. Optional Memorial of St. Junípero Serra; Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Canada Day (Canada); First Saturday

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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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STROKE SCAN INFORMATION

Reminder that a representative from Stroke Scan will be here next week at the Unity Mass to provide additional information and sign up interested persons after Mass in the parish hall. The tests will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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UNITY MASS CHOIR

Rehearsal for the July Unity Mass will take place on Tuesday, June 27th at 6pm in the church. All members are asked to attend. Thank you – Areatha Scott.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Fear Not - You Are of More Value Than Many Sparrows:

Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (Psalm 34:4,9,11)

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's heart, mind, and soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of cowardly fear and sinful pride that refuses to do what is right, good, and just - especially in the face of opposition and evil. Do you trust in the power of God's love and truth that can conquer every fear and form of evil and wrongdoing? The Lord Jesus willingly embraced the cross for our sake to atone for our sins and to free us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Do you believe in the power of his cross and victory over death, despair, and sin?

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God, he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod. The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

Fear Not - You Are of More Value Than Many Sparrows. If then God is not ignorant of anything that happens in creation, and if God loves us more truly

than the best human father, and if God loves us so as to have numbered our very hairs, then we need not be afraid. Jesus said this not to indicate that God literally has a number placed on the very hairs of our head but rather to show that God has perfect knowledge of everything about us and providentially cares for everything about us. Therefore, if God both knows all things that happen to us and is able to save us and willing to do so, then whatever we may be suffering, we need not think that God has forsaken us in our suffering.

Don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows.' Don't you see that God views your fear with more concern than the lives of many sparrows? He already knows the secrets of your heart. Hence Jesus adds, 'Do not fear.' For even if that which you dread prevails, it prevails only over your body; this is the limited part of yourself, which nature will surely take in due time and bring to an end." (Daily Scripture Readings and meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? (Matthew 6:26-27)

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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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CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER ROMANUS!

Your church family congratulates you Fr. Romanus on this, the 23rd anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. We are so blessed to have you as our shepherd and wish you many more years of priestly service. Thank you for your loving example of self-sacrifice and generous service to others. May you be richly blessed! We love you!!

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