



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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July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year A

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
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

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Carl Hayes Chairman	912-655-7153
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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

Even as we come here to celebrate the Eucharist, the burdens of life may weigh heavy on our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. We may be tired from working six days a week. We may be anxious about the health of a family member. We may be mourning the loss of a loved one. We may be just plain weary, physically or emotionally. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages the crowds, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." He says the same words to us today. Let us turn to the Lord for comfort, for his yoke is easy and his burden light.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 302

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*Parish Giving
July 2, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5750.00
Special Collection: Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00
Church in Africa	\$ 25.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mr. Robert Locke and family on the loss of his father, Mr. Bobby Locke, who passed away Thursday, June 29, 2023. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 8, 2023 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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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, 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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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist is forming a Children's choir! Members will learn the treasured repertoire of the Church, including chant and liturgical anthems, plus develop their musicianship skills and receive vocal training. Rehearsals will be Monday afternoons from 5-6 p.m. (snacks provided) and the choir will sing one Saturday Vigil Mass per month from October through May. Open to students in 2nd -8th grades from families registered in any Catholic parish. Hearings will be held August 7 and August 14. Please contact Colleen Crafton or Nancy Thornock at youthchoir@savannahcathedral.org to schedule a hearing.

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Our monthly lunch for the sick and shut-ins will take place on July 12, 2023. Volunteers are welcomed to assist with preparations the day before (July 11th) and with the cooking and deliveries on July 12th. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you – Gloria Stephens, Coordinator.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

July 8/9, 2023

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

July 15/16, 2023

5:30pm Taylor Walden Shirley West
9:00am Georgene Jones Teresa Udowana
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

July 22/23, 2023

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Adriene Perry
9:00am Melanie White Teresa Udowana
11:30am Donald Perry Juliette Tolbert

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

July 15/16, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Faith Formation

July 22/23, 2023

5:30pm Edna Mason
9:00pm Emily Williams
11:30pm Atzmayah Bailey

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

July 8/9, 2023

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:3am William Wright

July 15/16, 2023

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Torrance Garvin
11:30am Theresa Garvin

July 22/23, 2023

5:30pm Shirley West
9:00pm Jabria Wesley
11:30pm Juliette Tolbert

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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July Calendar

11 Tue. Memorial of St. Benedict
13 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Henry
14 Fri. Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
15 Sat. Memorial of St. Bonaventure

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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

The Stroke Scan representative will be here after each Mass the weekend of July 15 – 16, 2023 to provide additional information and sign up interested persons in the parish hall. The testing will take place in the parish hall on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

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BBO RIB DINNERS

Come out and enjoy a delicious BBQ rib dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10274 on Sunday, July 30th 10am – 2pm. Rib dinners with all the fixings are a bargain at **\$15.00** each and you know that the Knights can throw down when it comes to the grill. So don't worry about cooking during the hot summer – pick up and enjoy a great rib dinner from the Knights of Columbus #10274. You won't regret it!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Simplicity and Lowliness of Heart:

Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "little children" in the sense that they see purely and simply without any pretense or falsehood. They instinctively recognize their utter dependence and reliance on others - especially those who can teach and form them to live strong, healthy, mature lives. No one can grow in wisdom and maturity unless they are willing to be taught and formed in how to live wisely and to distinguish between good and evil, truth and falsehood.

Simplicity of heart is closely linked with humility - the queen of virtues that forgets oneself in order to love and serve others for their sake. The humble of heart are the freest of all - emptied of vanity and self-concern they can single-mindedly focus on the welfare of others. The Lord Jesus is our model. He proclaimed to his disciples, "I am gentle and lowly of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus' "gentleness" is not weakness or powerlessness. It is "strength under control" which is at the service of good rather than evil.

Jesus humbled himself to lift us out of our misery and slavery to sin in order to raise us up to glory with him and the Father. Jesus came not to bruise the weak but to heal, to pardon and not to condemn, to restore us to abundant life by defeating sin, Satan, and death. It was love for his eternal Father and for each one of us that motivated Jesus to humble himself to death on the cross in order to rescue us from slavery to sin and death. The Lord Jesus shows us the true path of love and victory, freedom and joy, through the cross that defeated pride and hatred, greed and selfishness, guilt and condemnation.

True humility - which is the opposite of false modesty or feeling bad about oneself - frees us to

pursue what is good, right, holy, and true. Scripture tells us that *God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble* (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6). Only the humble in heart can receive the wisdom which comes from God and the understanding of God's perfect goodness and plan for our lives. Do you acknowledge your utter dependence on God and do you trust him with your whole heart, mind, and being? (Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30)

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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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ALL ARE INVITED!

Picnic at the Pastoral Center

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS - GAMES
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

MUSIC LOGAN THOMAS DEMETRI CHRISOS RYAN + TASHA BEKE CYRIL DURANT	FOOD TRUCKS BOWTIE BBQ CHAZITOS JENNI'S TREATS ON THE STREET
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: DIOSAV.ORG/PICNIC

CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER
2170 E VICTORY DRIVE
SAVANNAH, GA 31404

JOIN US FROM
5:30-9:00PM
PARKING ON 43RD ST.
AND IN PLANET FITNESS LOT

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