



## 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 16, 2023*

*Fifteenth 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](http://www.stbenedictmcc.org) and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

*Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day*

Today's Gospel begins with the words, "On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea." Many of us may wish to do the same thing on this midsummer day. We can imagine the feeling right now, leaving our home and finding a nice refreshing spot where we can relax. We can further imagine being part of the crowd that walked down to the seashore to listen to Jesus as he got into a boat and preached. May we take this opportunity today to take a break, to listen to the Lord, and to absorb his message for us.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 304

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*Parish Giving  
July 9, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$6019.00
Special Collection: Church in Africa	\$ 45.00

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

**MASS INTENTION**

**5:30pm:** For the peaceful repose of the souls of Marilyn Jackson and Hattilyn Slocum on the anniversary of their birthday (7/13). \*Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the souls of William C. Jackson, Arthur Jackson, and Olga Jackson Bailey on the anniversary of their passing. \*Prince A. Jackson, III

**11:30am** For God's blessings on Mrs. Mariah Bailey as she celebrates her birthday. (July 12<sup>th</sup>). \*The Bailey Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Bobby Locke on his passing. \*Robert Locke

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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**

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.

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**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.  
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**LECTORS' SCHEDULE (\*ANNOUNCER ALSO)**

**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

**July 29/30, 2023**

**5:30pm** Dominique Jackson Edna Mason\*  
**9:00am** Torrance Garvin Barbara McGhee  
**11:30am** Monesha Gallishaw\* Adrian Broxton

**ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (\*LECTOR ALSO)**

**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

**July 29/30, 2023**

**5:30pm** Edna Mason\*  
**9:30am** Theresa Garvin  
**11:30am** Monesha Gallishaw

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

**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

**July 29/30, 2023**

**5:30pm** Dominique Jackson  
**9:30am** William Wright  
**11:30am** Torrance Garvin

**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**

18 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis  
20 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Apollinaris  
21 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
22 Sat. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

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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 this weekend 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. Thank you!

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**BBQ RIB DINNERS**

Come out and enjoy a delicious BBQ rib dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10274 Sunday, July 30, 2023, 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!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Today's special collection is for the Church in Africa Please plan to give generously to this collection. Thank you.

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**How do you listen to God's word?**

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots?

Jesus' parable of the Sower is aimed at the hearers of his word – all of us! There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

One lesson from this parable is clear: *the harvest is sure to come*. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on

good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*)

**Your Pineapple for the Week:**

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was” (James 1:22-25)

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Parish congratulations to Kathy Stewart who was selected to participate in the 13th National Black Catholic Congress choir in National Harbor, Maryland. Kathy is 1 of only 150 individuals chosen from parishes across the country to sing in this year's Congress choir.

Congratulations Kathy!

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**INFANT BAPTISM**

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Parents who wish to have their child baptized should contact Theresa Garvin (912-507-7553) or Sharon Carson (912-656-0286) for information or to register. Thank you.

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**FAREWELL RECEPTION**

Come join us for a reception to wish a fond farewell to Father Sean. The reception will take place after the August 6<sup>th</sup> Unity Mass in the parish hall. Let us give Father Sean a great St. Benedict the Moor send-off!

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