



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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August 6, 2023

*The Transfiguration of the Lord
Year A*

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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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, remembering the day when Jesus was transfigured before the eyes of his closest disciples. On that day, our Lord's glory shone through him like the sun, his whole being shining with light. We recall that on the first day of creation, God transformed the world with light. Let us join Peter, James, and John on this holy mountain, where Jesus, who dwells within us, transforms every darkness in our lives to light.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 812.

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*Parish Giving
July 30, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4976.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am For Deborah R. Jones as she celebrates her birthday (August 6th). *Edna Mason and Family

For God's healing touch on our brother Johnny Luke. *The Legion of Mary.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Howard K. Bailey on the anniversary of his birthday (August 9th) *Mariah Bailey and Family

"WE ARE ONE FAMILY, UNITED IN FAITH" PROGRAM

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming "We are One Family, United in Faith" Program at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on August 19 & 20. If you have any questions regarding the "We Are One Family, United in Faith" Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

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, Joyce Jones, 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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<p>PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

August 6, 2023 Unity Mass
10:00am Barbara McGhee Dianne Williams

August 12/13, 2023
5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Monesha Gallishaw*

August 19/20, 2023
5:30pm Rachel Hooper Adriene Perry
9:00am Dianne Williams Melanie White
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

August 6, 2023
10:00am Marvin Manning, Sr.

August 12/13, 2023
5:30pm William Wright
9:30am Gloria Stephens
11:30am Juliette Tolbert

August 19/20, 2023
5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Milenthia Williams
11:30am Sharon Carson

FATHER ROMANUS' BIRTHDAY

Father Romanus will celebrate another birthday on August 14th. Envelopes are available in this week's bulletin to show our appreciation to him. Thank you.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next special collection will be August 13, 2023 for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous with this collection.

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SEPTEMBER UNITY MASS RECEPTION

The September Unity Mass Reception will be here soon. Please contact your birthday/anniversary coordinator: July - Sharon Carson (912-656-0286); August - Yolanda Kennedy (912-507-1435); September - Yvonne Williams (912-657-3841) to find out how you can help. Thank you.

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.

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 at the reception to wish a fond farewell to Father Sean Toole after today's Unity Mass in the parish hall. Let us give him a great St. Benedict the Moor send-off! Thank you!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Parish congratulations to Eveyry-Aspen Scott who is returning to Howard University to complete her master's program in Physician Assistant studies. She graduated from Howard in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Eveyry-Aspen thanks St. Benedict the Moor Church, her family, and friends for their support as she begins this new journey. We are proud of you!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Listen to My Beloved Son:

Why did Jesus appear in dazzling light with Moses and Elijah? The book of Exodus tells us that when Moses had met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (Exodus 34:29). Paul the Apostle wrote that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). After Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, had destroyed all the priests and idols of Baal in the land, he took refuge on the mountain of God at Sinai. There God showed Elijah his glory in great thunder, whirlwind, and fire, and then spoke with him in a still quiet voice. God questioned Elijah, "What are you doing here?" And then directed him to go and fulfill the mission given him by God. Jesus, likewise, appears in glory with Moses and Elijah, as if to confirm with them that he, too, is ready to fulfill the mission which the Father has sent him to accomplish.

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his son because he was faithful and willing to obey him in everything. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be

written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the highest mountain overlooking the summit of the promised land. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light (Matt. 17:2). *(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).*

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 20 23 at 6pm in the church. Let us all come out in joyful celebration of our Blessed Mother Mary. Thank you.

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August Calendar

- 7 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Sixtus II and Companions; Optional Memorial of St. Cajetan; Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time begins
- 8 Tue. Memorial of St. Dominic
- 9 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein); International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 10 Thu. Feast of St. Lawrence
- 11 Fri. Memorial of St. Clare
- 12 Sat. Optional Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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