



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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August 13, 2023

Nineteenth 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
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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

At this time of year, the forces of nature can buffet us from every side. Drought and forest fires, thunderstorms and floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes—anything is possible. If we are in a vulnerable position—in a small boat at sea, for example—we can find ourselves in grave danger. Today we see Jesus calmly approach the disciples during a storm as their boat is tossed about by the wind and waves. As we act to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe this season, let us trust in the Lord, who comes to strengthen and comfort us in times of danger.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 314.

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*Parish Giving
August 6, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$6924.00
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“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Anthony Jackson on the 1st anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Roland Glover on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Linda Gayle Rountree on the anniversary of her birthday. (August 17th) *Sharon Carson and family

For God’s continued blessings on Bobbie McIver as he celebrates his 87th birthday. *Shirley West

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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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. 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.</p>

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

August 12/13, 2023

5:30pm Taylor Walden Sharon Carson
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Beverly Blue

August 19/20, 2023

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Adriene Perry
9:00am Dianne Williams Melanie White
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

August 12/13, 2023

5:30pm Edna Mason*
9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Beverly Blue

August 19/20, 2023

5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Greg Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE**

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

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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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's special collection is 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.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Nadine Jones on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Gazela Ann Bell, who passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2023 in Atlanta, GA. Funeral services will be held 10:00am Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church, 112 Fell Street, Savannah, GA. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ROMANUS



Happy birthday, Father!
As you celebrate your day, may we give thanks for all that you do. May

God bless you with many more glorious years of leading His people in the spirit-filled way that you do!

*Your St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church Family

August Calendar

14 Mon. Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe
15 Tue. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
16 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary
19 Sat. Optional Memorial of St. John Eudes; Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Humanitarian Day

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Fight Fear with Faith:

Does the Lord Jesus seem distant when trials or adversity come your way? It was at Jesus' initiative that the disciples sailed across the lake, only to find themselves in a life-threatening storm. Although they were experienced fishermen, they feared for their lives. While Jesus was not with them in the boat, he, nonetheless watched for them in prayer. When he perceived their trouble, he came to them on the sea and startled them with his sudden appearance. Do you look for the Lord's presence when you encounter difficulties or challenges?

This dramatic incident on the Sea of Galilee revealed Peter's character more fully than others. Here we see Peter's impulsiveness - his tendency to act without thinking of what he was doing. He often failed and came to grief as a result of his impulsiveness. In contrast, Jesus always bade his disciples to see how difficult it was to follow him before they set out on the way he taught them. A great deal of failure in the Christian life is due to acting on impulse and emotional fervor without counting the cost. Peter, fortunately in the moment of his failure clutched at Jesus and held him firmly. Every time Peter fell, he rose again. His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intently.

The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for his strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm you, how do you

respond? With faith and hope in God's love, care and presence with you?

(Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations)

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid”
(Matthew 14:27)

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“We Are One Family, United in Faith” Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “We Are One Family, United in Faith” Program. I’m proud to be part of the St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church community. On Commitment Weekend, August 19 & 20, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s greatest gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website @ www.stbenedictmcc.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church!

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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, 2023 at 6pm in the church. Let us all come out in joyful celebration of our Blessed Mother Mary. Thank you.