



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 27, 2023

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
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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

“Who do you say that I am?” we hear Jesus ask his disciples today. We are his disciples as well, so we would benefit by imagining him asking us the same thing. Who do you say that Jesus is? We could do worse than echoing Saint Peter’s answer: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” We know now what Peter could not at the time: that Jesus redeemed us when he died on the cross, that he was raised to eternal life with the Father, and that he is still with us today, particularly as we gather together in his name and receive him in the Eucharist. Let the “Amen” we say be our personal affirmation of Peter’s answer.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 319.

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*Parish Giving
August 21, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4253.00
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 322.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Prince A. Jackson, Sr. on the anniversary of his birthday. *Prince A. Jackson, III

11:30am: For God’s blessings on Aiden Mason-Harvey as he celebrates his 16th birthday. (August 29th) *Edna Mason

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Faith Formation classes will begin September 10, 2023. Register your children beginning this weekend after each Mass. Let us help your children grow to know, love, and serve our God. This year, registration cost is \$10 per family. Contact Theresa Garvin (912) 507-7553 or Sharon Carson (912) 656-0286 for more information. Thank you

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, Robert 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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<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 26/27 2023

5:30pm Sharon Carson Shirley West
9:00am Barbara McGhee Akio Brown
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Donald Perry

September 3, 2023 Unity Mass

10:00am Juliette Tolbert Monesha Gallishaw

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

August 26/27, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

September 3, 2023 Unity Mass

10:00am Torrance Garvin

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

August 26/27, 2023

5:30pm Shirley West
9:30am Torrance Garvin
11:30am William Wright

September 3, 2023 Unity Mass

10:00am Gloria Stephens

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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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EUCHARISTIC SPEAKER SERIES

The Diocese of Savannah invites you to the monthly Eucharistic Talk at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1003 E. Victory Drive, Savannah, GA on Monday, August 28th at 6:00pm. Bishop Parkes will be giving the talk and leading us in a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Fellowship and snacks will follow. If you cannot attend, the evening will be available via livestream at <https://diosav.org/real-presence/ess>.

SEPTEMBER UNITY MASS RECEPTION

The September Unity Mass Reception will take place on September 3rd. There will be an important meeting of the members on Thursday, August 31st at 6:00pm. Please make every effort to attend. 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. It is not too late to make a donation. Thank you.

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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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Appreciation:

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank all of you for the love and support you lavish on me in this Parish! I am so humbled by your warm expression of affection and the gifts that I received from you for my Birthday – you are always full of surprises, and I am so blessed that St. Benedict the Moor is my church family! May the Lord bless and reward you for the kindness you have shown me. I appreciate you all!

- Fr. Romanus.

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UNITY MASS CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Unity Mass Choir will take place on Tuesday, August 29th at 6:00pm in the church. All members are asked to attend. Thank you – Areatha Scott, Coordinator

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Who is Jesus for You?

At an opportune time, Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do people say that I am and who do you say that I am?* He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God.

Through faith, Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones.

Jesus then confers on Peter the authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome because it is founded on the rock which is Christ himself. Epiphanius, a 6th-century Scripture scholar who also translated many early church commentaries from Greek into Latin, explains the significance of Jesus handing down the "keys of the kingdom":

“For Christ is a rock that is never disturbed or worn away. Therefore, Peter gladly received his name from Christ to signify the established and unshaken faith of the church... The devil is the gateway of death who always hastens to stir up against the holy church calamities and temptations and

persecutions. But the faith of the apostle, which was founded upon the rock of Christ, abides always unconquered and unshaken. And the very keys of the kingdom of the heavens have been handed down so that one whom he has bound on earth has been bound in heaven and one whom he has set free on earth he has also set free in heaven. (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“But who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15)

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“We Are One Family, United in Faith” Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please scan the QR code below.

