



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!

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September 17, 2023

*Twenty-fourth 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

Today's readings remind us how important it is to forgive. More than that, they teach us to be forgiving people, showing mercy to all those who have wronged us, whether in matters great or small. After all, at the end of our lives we believe we will be completely reliant on God's mercy to forgive our many sins, great and small. Let us resolve to forgive our neighbor, to heal our relationships, and to live lives of kindness and mercy.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 325.

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*Parish Giving
September 10, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$6280.00
Mission Cooperative Appeal	\$ 15.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III

5:30pm & 9:00am: For the peaceful repose of the souls of Mrs. Allie Bell Jones on the anniversary of her birthday (9/19) and Mrs. Wilhelmina Butler Chisholm on the anniversary of her birthday (9/13)

For Torrance and Theresa Garvin on their 26th wedding anniversary; and for Jamil Chisholm as he celebrates his birthday. *The Garvin and Johnson Families

5:30pm: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mrs. Catherlene R. Washington on the anniversary of her birthday (9/19). *Sharon Carson and Family

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal will take place next weekend. Please be generous in giving to this fund.

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, Clevon 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)

September 16/17, 2023

5:30pm Edna Mason Shirley West
9:00am Torance Garvin Georgene Jones
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

September 23/24, 2023

5:30pm Rachel Hooper Sharon Carson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Deborah Ngo-Bakinde

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

September 16/17, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Gregory Milton
11:30am Faith Formation

September 23/24, 2023

5:30pm Sharon Carson*
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE**

September 16/17, 2023

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

September 24, 2023

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:30am Milenthia Williams
11:30am William Wright

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to the family of Mr. David Marshall who passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023. Funeral service was held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Mr. Marshall was a faithful member of the parish for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today we thank God for those who have been called to understand and teach His Word, leading others to know and love Him. As we commission our catechists, we ask each of you to pray for them and with them that they will be Christ's teachers here on earth. The commissioning service will take place at the 11:30am Mass.

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Brandi, We will Miss You!

Our sister, Brandi Bos will be leaving our Parish for her new job at Greenville, South Carolina. Brandi worked at Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah as an Infection Disease Preventionist. When Brandi arrived in Savannah, she visited some Catholic Churches in our deanery, looking for a place of worship. But on visiting St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, she found, not only a place of worship, but a Church family. She wasted no time in registering as a Parishioner and immediately joined the 9am and Unity Choirs. With her soft melodious voice and calm demeanor, Brandi has led the choir in singing many Responsorial Psalms at 9am Mass, Unity Mass, and on special occasions. Brandi is a very devoted member of our Parish choir and a dedicated member of St. Benedict the Moor Church Family. We will surely miss you, Brandi! May the Lord be with you as you transition to your new place, and please, know that St. Benedict will always be your Church family! WE LOVE YOU!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus Council #10274 invites you to the 4th Degree installation service on Wednesday, September 20th at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. We would love to have you attend!

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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.

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.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

No limit to granting forgiveness and pardon:

Jesus makes it clear that there is no limit to giving and receiving forgiveness. He drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money - millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province - more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however, bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt.

No offense our neighbor can do to us can compare with our own personal debt to God for offending him! We have been forgiven an enormous debt we could not repay on our own. That is why the Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely and willing gave up his life for our sake to ransom us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Paul the Apostle states, "you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 7:23) and that price was Jesus' death on the cross.

The Lord Jesus sets us free from a futile mind and way of living in sin and spiritual darkness. "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers ...with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18). Christ "gave himself to redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14). Iniquity describes the futile ways of wrong thinking, sinful attitudes and wrong behavior, and disregarding or treating God's commandments lightly. We have been forgiven an enormous debt which we could never possibly repay. We owe God a debt of gratitude for the mercy and grace he has given us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbor. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? (Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

"Judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13).

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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.

