



# ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*We welcome you in the name of the Lord!*

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*The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to "know Christ's love and to make His love known"*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
November 26 and 27, 2016

### Weekend Schedule

**Saturday:** Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** Morning Prayer - 7:45 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am

Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am

*(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)*

### Weekday Eucharist/Prayer in Community

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am

Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm

Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

**Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into

pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum***

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
2 Now our feet are standing \*within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*that is at unity with itself;  
4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.  
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*"May they prosper who love you.  
7 Peace be within your walls \*and quietness within your towers.  
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*I pray for your prosperity.  
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*I will seek to do you good."

**The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44)**

**All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

**Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday:**

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**Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)**

**Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing**

**The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)**

**Post Communion Prayer: BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)**

**Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**Celebrant:** N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

**People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.**

**Celebrant:** May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **People: Amen.**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Today, the first Sunday of Advent begins our new church year, the liturgical journey of 2017. We often hear of Christianity representing a journey: but a journey to where and how do we get there? Today's first proclamation speaks of the highest mountain which symbolizes the house of the Lord. All of us seek its majestic beauty. This jewel of surpassing magnificence sparkles with universal peace. When reflecting on peace, we frequently think of international peace among nations, and that is worthy. However, the Lord calls each of us to pursue personal peace in our own lives. Put down the judgments, insults, and vengeance! Resolve in this new year to climb the Lord's mountain of peace! In the words of Isaiah, let us walk in the light of the Lord! – *Norm Carroll*

### **COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S**

**Don't forget to fill out your Pledge Cards for your annual PLEDGE to the parish.** Everyone is being asked to "step up in faith" and increase their generous giving... Nothing is impossible with God and we are certain all will respond with faith and love to this appeal. Your church needs you!

**A very special Advent Retreat and Concert:** On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Mrs. Kate Eaton will lead us in a night of **MUSIC, MEDITATION AND PRAYER** – An Advent Retreat/Concert that will be held at St. Benedict's to benefit all in our community... Make it a priority to be here. It will be a night of blessing for our entire community!

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Owen Lewis from his wife, Blossie Lewis.

**Attention adult & teen acolytes interested in becoming a Thurifer.** Training sessions will be Sunday November 27 after service, Sunday December 4, after service & Saturday December 10 from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please contact Hazel at 954-594-6281 if you are interested

**Faith in Music Ministry:** *Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be studying Bach's Cantatas 112-114.*

**Adult Ed and Theological Reflection:** WALKING WITH JOHN the BAPTIST - There's no better way to prepare for the Lord's birth than to understand his call by John the Baptist. Learn of John's message, his relationship to Jesus, and how it affects our lives today. Enjoy this meaningful discussion Monday at 7 PM in the chapel.

**The next Sandwich Sunday will be November 27th.** Please remember those who had no thanksgiving weekend.

**It's time to register for the Diocesan Youth Christmas Ball!** The Broward Deanery is planning to have transportation as we did last year. Once you have registered, please let me know if you/your group will need transportation. I need to know by Dec 1st so we can determine whether we need a bus or a cargo van. Also, please note the information about adults attending. Any adult at the dance must have completed Safeguarding. Contact Pam Sahdev.

**JOIN US FOR WINTER WONDERLAND 2016 on Sunday, December 11, 2016** immediately following the 10:00 am Greening of the Church service. We will have a spectacular winter event complete with activities for the children, activities for the adults, a DUNK TANK and much more! The cost is \$5.00 for all activities and a snow-cone. Additional cost for food such as curried and baked chicken, hot dogs, etc. will be available. Please come out and join us. The proceeds for this will go toward scholarships for our graduating Seniors.

**St. Benedict's Luncheon Group** will be holding our 14th Annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. All parishioners and their guests are welcome. Call Connie Desko for your reservation at 954-370-9778.

**If you are interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer** or wish to know more about what we do, there will be a meeting on Sunday January the 8th after the 10 am service for 1 hour. Chalice Bearers help serve the holy sacraments at communion. They also help with the service. You must be 16 and confirmed to be a Chalice Bearer. Acolytes can come if they are 15, but cannot serve until they are 16 and confirmed. If you have any other questions about serving, you

can ask Jon Farley; as well as, Dennis Kelly at 6 pm, Christine Clifford at 8 am, Winston Plummer at 10 am, and Hazel Mitchell at 10 am. They are the MCs of each service. Also, if you have any questions about acolytes, you can ask, Hazel Mitchell or me. If you have any questions about the Chalice Bearer workshop, please call or email me at [Joncandy@comcast.net](mailto:Joncandy@comcast.net) or 954-474-4730. Jon Farley, Head of Altar Ministries.

**The MISSION OF THE MONTH is Seafarers' House:** Seafarers' House at Port Everglades, is open every day of the year as a safe, friendly place where mariners can connect to their families, relax, ask questions about the community, and get emergency help if needed. St. Benedict's collects calling cards; provides donations for their shoebox Christmas and Valentine's Day lunch. Guidelines for the shoeboxes are available on the table at the back of the church.

**UTO Corner 2016: UTO Ingathering is next week Sunday, December 4, 2016.** A big **THANKS** for your prayers and donations given to this wonderful ministry. Please return your boxes and envelopes and Fr Albert will bless your donations next week. **Please Give and the Universe will Bless You.**

**Blood Drive:** This holiday season please share your lifesaving gift with patients in need. The Blood Mobile will be at St. Benedict's on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm.

**Parish Directories:** If you have not got your directory yet, please pick one up from the Bookstore.

**Nova Southeastern University presents *It's All About the Holidays.*** Shows are on December 2, at 8:00 pm at Church of the Little Flower, 1805 Pierce Street, Hollywood; December 4 at 4:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 W. Palmetto Park, Boca Raton; December 6 at 7:30 pm at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 2000 Marietta Drive, Ft. Lauderdale and December 9 at 8:00 pm at Sunshine Cathedral, 1480 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ft. Lauderdale. Tickets are \$15.00 if purchased from Gail Armagost or \$20.00 at the door.

**Spiritual Thought for the Week:** "*Advent: the time to listen for footsteps, but you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself.*" -Bill McKibben

**Our offerings to God for November 19 and 20, 2016 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating Fund: \$7,743.00  
Building Fund: \$ 960.00  
Total: \$8,703.00

***CATCH UP TIME IS HERE:*** *If you have not completed your pledge for 2016, please try to do so ASAP. Some are also behind in their regular weekly giving. If you need to know the amount, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. We need every pledge to come in so that we do not fall behind... You can easily give ONLINE and set up your regular weekly/monthly offering for free by visiting [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org) or by using our CHURCH APP*

**A Special Message from your priest: YEAR-END GIVING 2016**

Dear parish family:

Starting with #GivingTuesday on 12/1 and rolling through New Year's Eve, December always becomes a critical month for the ministries of this and every church in America. The average church in the USA has 200 members. We have twice that many. It is estimated that charities, on average, receive 40% of their annual contributions in the final weeks of the year – and especially for church members, Christmas is the season of giving. I really need this December to be a month of spontaneous, big gifts. *On December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will have a special financial meeting to address our ongoing and very significant short-fall in pledging.* Yet, even if our pledging was perfect – 100% - Year-end gifts are still part of almost every church's life. And they make a huge difference!

**Faith Direct** [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) shares these figures:

Over half of year-end donations are made in the last week of the year.

20% of these year-end gifts made on December 31.

The average year-end donation amount was \$286.

If every pledging member makes a special ONE-TIME Christmas gift to the Lord, we will be in much better shape as we end the year. The truth is that we are behind in giving and pledging. Please take it to prayer and do what you can to make a YEAR-END gift to St. Benedict's. Thank you!

Wishing all of you a holy Advent and blessed Christmas,  
**Father Albert**