



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DIocese of Southeast Florida - Anglican Communion

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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 IN LENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
March 4 AND 5, 2017

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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *and whose sin is put away!
2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *and in whose spirit there is no guile!
3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *because of my groaning all day long.
4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *and did not conceal my guilt.
6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *I will guide you with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Homily (Sermon): 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday:
The Very Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector
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.*

OH, NO! LENT!

What a shame that so many frown at the onset of Lent! If one views Lent only as "giving up" this or that, then the season does breathe of negativity. Actually, Lent means "to spring up". We can liken ourselves to a dirigible tethered to earth by powerful cables that prevent the airship from springing up to fly free. The discipline of Lent cuts these cords of attachment which we all suffer so that we can lead a divine life of love. Jesus, in today's gospel, becomes our pristine example. He rejects unbridled appetite, the demands of self, and the seduction of power. Take note! Jesus overcomes these human temptations with his embrace of God's words. No wonder, even on earth, Jesus lived a life of free flight in God. He was a man of discipline, freedom, and love, and calls us today to join him on the heights of Lenten love.

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COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

BEGINNING Friday, March 10th throughout Lent there will be a devotion of the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday at noon.

Pledge envelopes for 2017 are on the table at the back of the church for those members who have *completed and submitted* pledge cards for 2017. If you give your offerings online, you do not need envelopes – and it saves the church money, too. However, we still do need completed pledge cards. **2016 Pledge Statements** are in the narthex. Please pick yours up today to save the church postage costs.

Following the footsteps of Jesus: HOLY LAND 2017 – Father Albert is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be a truly spiritual "once-in-a-lifetime" experience and a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Bible and the homeland of Jesus. For more information, please contact Father Albert or the Church Office.

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, for our "all new" RECTOR'S FORUM... Father Albert is conducting Anglican/Episcopal Theological reflections and Q & A sessions. We are using the book "What Episcopalians Believe" by Fr. Sam Wells as our guide.

Adult Ed and Theological Reflection: Gethsemane: Mental pain is the worst! Explore with us Monday, March 6 at 7 PM in the chapel, Jesus' travail in Gethsemane and how with him we overcome our own.

Sunday Scripture: Sunday Treasure! Probe with us Sunday at 9:20 AM in the chapel the rich meaning of our Sunday proclamations.

Faith in Music Ministry: We will be finishing Händel's ISRAEL IN EGYPT this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

St. Benedict's Lenten Retreat: We will all gather at 7 PM Wednesday, April 5 in church for our Lenten retreat. Don't miss our outstanding guest speaker.

Without faith, without works, we too quickly become that man in the mirror staring at his face but then forgets the way he looks as soon as he turns away. (James 1:23-24) Christ came down from His throne to dwell among us not only for the forgiveness of our sins and our reconciliation with God the Father, but also to model for us what it is like to live as a Christian. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30 am for Bible Study on the Book of James. The book of James is filled with

practical wisdom for Christians, calling us to live out genuine faith through good works. If you have any questions call (954-530-0901).

Spaghetti Dinner, Movie Screening and raffle to support St. Benedict's UN delegate, Katie Gould on Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 pm. We will be screening *Girl Rising* and discussing the church's priorities for the upcoming UN Commission on the Status of Women. Each ticket will be entered into the raffle for the Director's VIP Tour of Jungle Island for four (\$2800 value). Tickets on sale after service, suggested donation \$15.

Mothers' Union Meeting on March 5th after the 10:00 am Mass in St. Luke's Room.

ATTENTION SENIORS: The Catherine M. Brown Scholarship is now open for you to apply for. This is an ECW Diocese Scholarship that is awarded every year to students. Applicants may be attending or planning to attend any level of education beyond high school, i.e. trade or professional school, junior college, four-year college, graduate school or seminary. The scholarship may be applied to tuition, fees or books at the winner's discretion. Applications may also be submitted by persons needing a scholarship to attend a church conference. The Application Package must include: Applicant Essay (must not exceed one (1) page, one character reference, Letter of Recommendation from an ECW member, Letter of Recommendation from Rector. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered and deadline to apply is Sunday, March 12 by midnight. No late applications will be accepted. Please contact Carla Holness, Lorna Edwards, Susan Brillinger or Cynthia Braaf with any questions.

WOW! WHAT a WEEK our Hope South Florida moms and kids enjoyed this week as guests of Saint Benedicts. We were privileged to have hosted three moms and 3 kids. The DOK is always our Monday night ministry and they delivered a delicious dinner. Candy Mixsell was there to share her talents with arts & crafts activities. Tuesday night the ALTAR GUILD ladies arrived with another delicious dinner. The LACEY FAMILY, MOTHERS UNION, BROTHERHOOD & ECW rounded out the week with more delicious meals and fun & frolic with the kids. And cannot forget to mention our Overnight Angels who spent the night providing safety and security. We are so grateful for all the help and support and the opportunity to give everyone in the parish a chance to get involved & help in some way. The volunteers are too numerous to mention by individual name, but we sincerely appreciate all the help and financial contributions from all of you! With deepest gratitude, Sonia Persico, Candy Farley, Cierra Braaf, & Sharon Smith.

Are you ready to "Tee Off"? The Golf Tournament committees needs your ideas, suggestions, and help. Join a committee and be part of this upcoming Fall event. We need your participation in gaining sponsors, promoting the event, and event activities. Be part of the decisions for this special event. Have a conversation with Kirk at 954-649-3014 where you can best assist the Golf Tournament team.

Relay For Life:

We are going Purple with Plantation Relay For Life event
We are in the fight to end Cancer.
FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22, 2017 6:00 p.m.-9 a.m.
PLANTATION CENTRAL PARK - 9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, FL
Sign up at
<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Benedicts>
Any question please contact Donna Carty stbennyouth@gamil.com

MISSION OF THE MONTH is Little Roses of Honduras: Our Little Roses Ministries works to rescue and transform the lives of homeless girls and has expanded to encompass several interrelated ministries within the larger community. These extended ministries include health and dental clinics, a housing project for poor single mothers with a literacy program, a community bilingual school, retreat center, Jubilee Center for justice issues, a bed and breakfast hostel and hospitality house. This ministry is located in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Spiritual Thought for the Week: *"Music...will help dissolve your perplexities and purify your character and sensibilities, and in time of care and sorrow, will keep a fountain of joy in you. - Dietrich Bonhöffer*

Our offerings to God for February 25 AND 26, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity! Operating Fund: \$8,400

Building Fund: \$2,733
Weekly Total Operating: \$11,133.00

Costs/Budget: \$9,900.00
Over Budget for the week: \$1,233.00