



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 B – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
December 2 and 3, 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

If you wish to follow along, please use the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book) in your pews...

Order of Service: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am Rite II (BCP 355) – 8:00 am Rite I (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 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved
4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24-37)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake-- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Sermon/Homily: Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am:
The Reverend Patsty McGregor (Guest Preacher at all services)
The Reverend Robert Deshaies (Celebrant at 6:00 PM)
The Very Reverend Albert Cutié (Celebrant at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM)
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)

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.

The Day of the Lord

"The end is near!" "Christ is coming in the clouds!" "Fear the worst!" So shout many preachers today. This; despite Mark writing in the very same passage, "Of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son." Mark describes herein monstrous cosmic chaos, but could this dramatically illustrate the massive conversion needed for humanity to become a Christly people of compassion and goodness? Many scholars advise this growth in Christ, our beloved, represents his 2nd coming- that this is the universal incarnation. It's not to be feared but to be lived. Truly, today is the day of the Lord, and we are its dawning. Mark concludes: "What I say to you, I say to all, Watch!"

- Norm Carroll www.spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

SPECIAL ADVENT ACTIVITIES

AS WE "PREPARE THE WAY" FOR THE LORD...

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 PM Special Advent Bible Study: *"What the Bible says and DOES NOT say about the Birth of Jesus" (Rev. Michael Lewis)*

Sunday, December 17th at 10:00 AM "Greening of the Church": *A St. Benedict's Tradition*

Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 PM Parish Advent Retreat: *A Night of Song, Prayer and Meditation as we "Prepare for the Lord" (Deacon Debra and Father Albert)*

ADVENT IS HERE! Don't forget to make that Call that only YOU can make... Often we lose contact with parishioners when they are gone for several weeks and often we do not really know where they went. As we begin a new Church Year – First Sunday of Advent – Why not pick up the phone and call that person you have not seen in a while and say, "Hey, we miss you at church"? Sometimes we have no way of knowing what is really happening in people's lives. Many times, people do not call the church when there has been an illness, a struggle or a family problem... Let's all try to reach out to each other with love and express our sincere concern. Peace, Fr. Albert.

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!

UTO 2017 Corner: This weekend December 2 and 3, 2017 is United Thank Offering Ingathering. This is the time to **Give Thanks** and bless your donations to the UTO ministry. Please return your boxes and envelopes as soon as possible. Sheena Simon will continue to collect boxes until the week ending December 17 and 18, 2017. All funds will be sent to the SE Diocese of Florida on behalf of our church before December 31, 2017. Many thanks for your donations.

Maybe you don't feel joyful this year... At T. M. Ralph Funeral Homes, we know one of the most strenuous events for families is celebrating the holidays without their loved ones. As part of our continuing care, we have created a special holiday remembrance. At this annual event, called "Holiday Hope", we share specific ways of coping with the season and the coming year. The evening will conclude with a non-denominational candle lighting, in which your family may participate and remember your loved one. Each person attending, will also receive a special remembrance gift. This

uplifting program is open to the entire community, and is helpful to anyone who has lost someone they love. Families and friends are encouraged to attend together. Join us on December 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Deshaies Hall. Please bring an item to display on our memory table. RSVP, not required but appreciated [954 587-6888](tel:9545876888)

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10 immediately following the 10 am service. This will be ECW's holiday party and we are asking all women attending to bring a dish to share. Please contact Carla Holness, Lorna Edwards or Susan Brillinger with questions.

The annual Greening of the Church will be held on Sunday, December 17th during the 10 am service. All parishioners are asked to wear their Christmas colors and bring their Christmas spirit with them!

New Weekday Service! Join us for Evening Prayer from Monday-Friday at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. Evening Prayer allows us to develop the daily habit of "praying in community" and it is one of the most ancient Christian customs.

ARE YOU in CHRIST? Discover what that means according to Paul Monday at 7 pm right after prayer at 6:30 in the chapel.

Sunday Readings are the subject of our discussion at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings in the chapel.

Faith in Music Ministry: We will be listening and studying sacred classical music this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Bible Study: Fridays from 9:30 am-11:00 am. Paul's letters to the Corinthians mirror the problems and issues that we encounter in the church today simply because Corinth was a city that mirrors the world we live in today. Paul gives us answers to the questions we have living in a world dominated by secularism. Join us in the study of 1 Corinthians. Call 954-530-0901.

Youth Group: Our middle and high school youth meet each Wednesday evening in the Teen Room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We invite all youth to attend youth group.

The Special Events Ministry would like to thank our wonderful Church Community for donating and buying items at the Harvest Festival. Again, your generosity made our Harvest Festival a huge success. All the funds collected were donated to our Building Fund.

Life Line Screening will be at St. Benedict's on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Pre-Registration is required. To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450. There are brochures with more information on the table at the back of the church.

Relay for Life: It's time for the Relay for Life! We are in need of a new Team Captain for 2018. Relay is a team fundraising event where teams take turns walking around a track to "Walk Out Cancer." Plantation Relay is 16 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that CANCER never SLEEPS. Please see or call Donna Carty at 954-801-3814. Relay for life will be April 20-21, 2018 at Central Park, Plantation, FL.

The Mission of the month for December is St. Laurence chapel: Saint Laurence Chapel is a shelter for the homeless located in Pompano Beach. It is a day shelter, providing breakfast and lunch, showers, computer access, ID cards, nurse on duty, food stamps and movies. They also provide canned goods and clothing to help the homeless.

Advent Thought for the Week: This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ. ~ Frank McKibben

Our offerings to God for November 25 and 26, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating:	6,127.10
Building Fund:	859.00
Total:	6,986.10
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Shortfall for the week:</i>	2,913.90

Please do what you can to complete your 2017 Pledge... We need your full pledge to finish the year!