



# 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"*

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
September 30 and October 1, 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**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule***

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.  
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.  
4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.  
12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.  
13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*he made the waters stand up like walls.  
14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*and all the night through with a glow of fire.  
15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*and gave them drink as from the great deep.  
16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*and the waters gushed out like rivers.

### **The Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)**

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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:**

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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)**

### **Jesus The Master Teacher**

This morning, Jesus teaches the chief priests and elders the story of a father who orders his two sons to work. One says, "Yes", but doesn't work; the other replies, "No", but then works. Jesus asks, "Which of the two did the will of their father?" Obviously, the one who works. These religious leaders with their piety and long prayers know that Jesus is actually contrasting them with those sinners who perform the life-long work of repentance and conversion. By embracing the latter, Jesus is choosing those of us who have sinned but now seek to follow the "Father" en route to radical love of family, friends, and even apparent enemies. Our journey springs from Christ and leads to Christ under the tutelage of Christ, our master teacher.

- Norm Carroll [spiritualsummit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)

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

**Sunday school will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Spread the word in our community but we have the best Sunday school around...

**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. It is okay to come once or more times each week, as your schedule allows. Our hope is that opportunities like this will help develop a more prayerful and Jesus-centered daily life for each of our parish members. You are welcome to attend and bring a friend...

**The Sacramental Candle** on the altar is given to the greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Pedro Fonseca on the one year anniversary of his passing from his loving family.

**God and Evolution:** We continue our unique and wonderful vespers prayer service at 6:30 pm Monday October 2 in the chapel. Then, we will explore an amazing subject: why Christians can embrace scientific truths without fear. Be ready for an amazing discussion.

**Join us Sunday** before the 10 am Eucharist at 9:30 am for an in-depth look at the morning's gospel in the chapel.

**Bible Study:** On Friday, October 6, from 9:30 am-11:00 am, we will begin a Bible Study on 1 Corinthians. Paul's letters to the Corinthians mirrors 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

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 210-212 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**Clergy Appreciation:** Food, games, and music! Come out for some fun at the Clergy Appreciation Picnic! Immediately following the 10:00 am service on October 22nd. Adults \$10 and Children \$5. Bring lawn chairs for your comfort! Tables will be provided.

**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.

**Nursery Volunteers needed** for one Sunday a month. Please see Cheryl Burley or email ckburley@bellsouth.net for more information.

**ECW News:** Sheena Simon has been voted in as Distinguished Woman and will represent St. Benedict's within the Southeast ECW Deanery. Sheena will be presented as our Distinguished Woman at the Fall Boward Deanery meeting on October 21st and will be recognized at the ECW Sunday service.

**We are looking for more volunteers for our Greeter's Ministry,** particularly for the Saturday 6:00 pm service and the Sunday 8:00 am service. These are the individuals that welcome new guests and attendees in the narthex prior to each service. For more information, please contact Cheryl Hill 954-292-8700.

**UTO 2017 Corner:** Please pray for the continued restoration of our communities and our Caribbean brothers and sisters . We Thank the Lord for all he has done for us here at home. Please continue to make a donation into your little blue boxes until December 3, 2017.

**The Mission of the month for October is Haiti Comfort House:** Haiti Comfort House is an orphanage in Haiti for children who have AIDS and have been abandoned. It is run by Ray and Trisha Comfort, of our parish. We support them with donations of money and supplies that are needed to provide a loving home for these children.

**Spiritual Thought for the week:** "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." – Proverbs 11:24

**Our offerings to God for September 23 and 24, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating:	7,915.00
Building Fund:	1,012.00
Total:	8,927.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Shortfall for the week:	973.00

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**Please remember St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament**

**THE SUMMER IS OVER...**

It's great to see most people back from vacation and summer rest. Our pews are beginning to fill-up again. Yet, there is a very important **someone** missing. That someone is a person that only YOU know. Maybe it's a co-worker or a neighbor. It could also be a family member who has grown spiritually lazy or indifferent and is convinced they do not "need" to come to church. This is the time to lovingly invite people back... Our Sunday School will begin in a few weeks and there are lots of families which have time for sports and other activities, but have not been invited to bring their children or youth to know the Word of God and to live the life of a Christian community. It's your mission as a baptized Christian to be an evangelist!

Take time to invite someone to church today.

In Christ,

*Father Albert*