



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"

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
December 9 and 10, 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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of The LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a

high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:1-8)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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)

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.*

Just Call Me John!

In today's gospel, God calls John to introduce the coming of Jesus. John responds with baptism and a cry for repentance. God is also calling us to introduce Christ today, and so, in our lives, we proclaim, "Repent! Repent!" That word in Christian Testament Greek means not just beating our breasts but transforming our lives: our becoming new Christly persons. It's time for a new beginning. These weeks of Advent summon John to announce the birth of the savior centuries ago and his birth today in each of us. Isaiah writes nearly 3000 years ago, "Behold I send my messenger," God is calling through Isaiah not only John but you and me to prepare the way of the Lord.

- 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!

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!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The next upcoming meeting will be on Sunday, December 17th in St. Elizabeth's Room promptly following the 10:00 am Mass. We invite all men of the church to come and join us for fellowship. See Kevin Walford for more details.

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.

Sunday School takes place every Sunday during the 10:00 am Service. Spread the word in our community that we have the best Sunday School around.

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

Cursillo Prayer Breakfast: January 13, 2018 at 9:30 am all are welcome and tickets are on sale. Our Contacts are Hazel Mitchell, Candy Mixsell, Barbara McKenzie and Donna Carty.

UTO 2017 Corner: Thank You for the beautiful UTO Ingathering Service last week. Your prayers and your donations work together to fulfill the Ministry of UTO. Please pray that your donations meet the needs of the organizations awarded the grants this year. Thank you to both Father Bob and Father Albert for their continued support to UTO and for blessing all the donations. Please continue to return your boxes and envelopes until the week end of December 16 and 17, 2017

ECW: CPC would like to say, Thank you to everyone for your donations & for making a difference with spreading the word of God with printed and related materials throughout the world to those who cannot otherwise obtain it. We collected \$732.00

The Mission of the month for December is St. Laurence chapel: We welcome the representatives of St. Lawrence Chapel, the Homeless Day Shelter where the less fortunate in our community may seek food, medical assistance, showers, clothing, spiritual encouragement, computer access, and a place to rest. They may also use the Shelter as an address and obtain an ID. Please support St. Lawrence Chapel in their valued effort to provide daily sustenance to our sisters and brothers in need. *Mary Moran*

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 December 2 and 3, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating:	8,912.00
Building Fund:	4,034.00
Total:	12,951.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over budget for the week:</i>	<i>3,051.00</i>

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



Saturday, December 23rd Holy Eucharist at **6:00 pm**

Sunday, December 24th Holy Eucharist at **8:00 am and 10:00 am**

Christmas Eve, December 24th Children's Mass and Pageant at **6:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Choral Concert at 10:00 pm and our Traditional Midnight Mass begins at 10:30 pm.

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass at **10:00 am.**

Sunday, December 31st we will have our regular service times **8:00 AM** and **10:00AM.**