



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
MARCH 10 AND 11, 2018

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

Evening Prayer Daily (Monday-Friday) – 6:30 PM

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:14-21)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

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

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

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.*

From Snakes to Salvation!

Today's first proclamation introduces cleverly the gospel. The Hebrews come upon a land of snakes that are biting them even to death. Moses, in prayer, decides to make a serpent of bronze, and fix it to a pole. Anyone bitten could gaze upon it, and live. This became the caduceus visible often today in physicians' offices. More importantly, this pole previewed the cross of Christ. If anyone reflects carefully on the crucified, he/she will enjoy spiritual life. This salvation will not spring from some magical atonement but from our living the life of Christ as our ultimate example and mentor. So, the cross feeds our being healed and saved from the snakes of our own selfishness, addictions, and greed.

- Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Pledge Envelopes are here! If you have not as yet picked up your envelopes, please do so today! Envelopes are in the Narthex arranged in numerical order. Thank you.

Going to the Desert with Jesus! We are studying the Mothers and Fathers of the Desert with Father Albert on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm following the Healing Service.

Stations of the Cross: Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 pm and Fridays at noon.

2017 Pledge Statements are on a table in the narthex. Please pick your up today. If it needs to be corrected, please make a note of the corrections to be made on the statement and return to us.

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... We have 269 Pledging individuals and families, with 25 or so still waiting to turn in their cards. Thanks to all who have Pledged for 2018!

New Weekday Service! Join us for Evening Prayer from Monday-Thursday at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. There will be no Evening Prayer on Fridays.

Pilate, Myself and Jesus: We will meet Monday March 12 at 7 pm on our presence at the continuing hearing of Jesus before Pilate. Come to the chapel for this amazing reflection immediately after prayer at 6:30 pm.

Snakes Alive! We will explore the magnificent Sunday readings at 9:30 am in the chapel featuring the snakes of Exodus and the snakes in our lives.

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

Friday Morning Bible Study (9:30 am – 11:00 am) has a special Lenten focus, including repentance and self-examination, prayer, fasting, meditation on God's Word, a Seder and giving alms. Please contact either Alice-Marie Ford or Jerry Mawhinney at 954-530-0901. God's grace, love and peace.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION We invite all baptized youth grades 9-12 to register for Confirmation class. We will participant in the Regional Confirmation being held at St Nicholas Episcopal Church on Saturday May 5th. Classes begin Sunday, March 18^h immediately after church in the Youth Room. The class schedule will be determined by the convenience of the participants. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex or by emailing Pam Sahdev at pamsahdev@aol.com. Please contact Pamela Sahdev for more information. 954 802-8744

Palm Sunday Children's Program On Palm Sunday St Benedict's Sunday School will host a special event for all children on the front lawn. We urge you to invite friends and family with children age 2 thru grade school to experience "Riding into Jerusalem with Jesus." There will be an interactive Palm Sunday lesson, small ponies to ride and a petting zoo. Bring your camera. You will not want to miss this event!

Good Friday Youth Service, Stations of the Cross This year we have an all new interactive Stations of the Cross program. All middle and high school youth are invited to take part. To participate please contact Becky Gould at 954 993 0228.

Thank you for supporting our youth! Thank you, St Benedict's, for your generous contributions to help send our youth to **March for Our Lives** in Washington DC on March 24th. Our delegation will join other Episcopal churches from our diocese along with our Bishop and many clergy, to demand change on violence and gun control. We ask for your continued prayers for all attending the March and urge everyone to participate in the local Marches in our area. If you missed the collection and want to contribute, please drop off a check in the office or contact Pam Sahdev at 954 802-8744.

The Good Friday Fish Fry is March 30 at 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Volunteers and donations are needed. Pre-orders for dinners are available. Please see Cheryl Burley or Hazel Mitchell for more information.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: [1] The next upcoming meeting will be on Sunday, March 18th 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. [2] There are two remaining winners from the Super Bowl 52 fundraiser that need to receive their proceeds. The lucky folks are Ken Chen and Richard Kornier. Please come see Kevin Walford by the Video Presentation Laptop. If the monies are not claimed, the Brotherhood would like to donate them towards the Liturgical Dance Team's trip to Texas later this year.

ATTENTION SENIORS! Applications for the Catherine M. Brown Scholarship are now available. This scholarship is given by the ECW Diocese of Southeast Florida. All applications MUST be turned in by Sunday, March 11, 2018 to Carla Holness, Lorna Edwards, Susan Brillinger or Stacy Gordon of ECW. Please see Pam Sahdev or Sharon Beck to obtain a scholarship application and instructions. Call Carla at 954-309-3298 with any questions.

St. Benedict's scholarship applications are available (table at entrance inside church). All submissions will be due by April 30, 2018. Graduation Sunday is June 3, 2018.

The Special Events Ministry is looking for five dedicated, enthusiastic, and extraordinary people to be welcomed into the ministry! Special Events Ministry meets every second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested, or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pauletta Superville at (754) 366-8394.

Relay For Life: April 7 & 8 is our STOMP OUT CANCER SERVICE. We invite all to attend and please invite anyone you know who is a cancer survivor or who has lost someone to cancer to join us. There will be a slide show of cancer survivors/victims. If you or your loved ones have been affected by cancer and you would like your pictures included email them to jennease@hotmail.com no later than April 1st, 2018. The following weekend April 13-14 is Relay For Life at Plantation Central Park from 6:30pm-9:30am. All are welcome to join us as we STOMP (WALK) OUT CANCER one step at a time. We need volunteers in all areas: walkers, food servers, donations... call 954-224-3535 if you would like to help or you can make a donation at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/stbenedictschurch>

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.

The Mission of the month for March is Our Little Roses: Our Little Roses Ministries works to rescue and transform the lives of girls who come from overwhelming situations of abject poverty, abuse, neglect and abandonment in one of the poorest countries in Central America - Honduras. OLR provides a safe, loving home, nutritious food, clean water, medical and dental care, an education and most importantly the happy childhood that every child deserves.

Thought for the Week: *"Just as the most bitter medicine drives out poisonous creatures, so prayer joined to fasting drives evil thoughts away."* – Aleteia (Desert Mother)

Our offerings to God for March 3 and 4, 2018 – May God bless you for your generosity!

Operating:	8,656.00
Building Fund:	4,400.00
Total:	13,056.00

Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	<i>3,156.00</i>

Your pledge and committed tithing allows the work of God to be done in and through St. Benedict's. Thank you!