



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 A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
December 8 AND 9, 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

Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (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: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

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The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus (Luke 1: 68-79)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,
*from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

*"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be
made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"*

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

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

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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)

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.***

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Advent Retreat Night and Labyrinth Walk: We will have our first labyrinth walk and a short night of reflection on our newly constructed labyrinth on Dec. 11th following our Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. Leave all your cares behind as you journey towards the center of the labyrinth focusing on our almighty God. Anticipate His presence as you join others in the Rosette. And take Him with you on your journey back. Emmanuel, "God with us."

Mark your calendars! The LUNCHEON GROUP is back... St. Benedict's Christmas Luncheon Group will be having their Christmas party THIS THURSDAY, December 13th at 12 noon in the Deshaies Hall. Father Albert will be our featured Chef... and all are invited to attend! Please call Carol Weller at 954-572-4075 to volunteer or to help. Tickets are \$10.00 and you can easily pay at the door.

The Annual Greening of the Church will be on Sunday, December 16th, during the 10:00 am service. Please wear your holiday colors and join us!

Lessons and Carols (a special Anglican Tradition) will be held on the 4th Sunday in Advent (December 23rd) at 10:00 am. This will be a unique Sunday Eucharist and an opportunity to participate in one of the joyous celebrations of the Advent Season. Spread the word!

Are You A John The Baptist? Our wonderful Monday night adult formation will meet at 7:00 pm in the chapel to discuss John, and how he lives today in us.

Sunday Morning: We meet in the chapel at 9:30 am to explore the readings of the day. Join us.

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

Bible Study: We are studying the coming of Jesus during the Advent Season. Join us Friday mornings at 9:30 in the Conference Room for a study of Advent. Nov. 30 to Dec.21

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9 immediately following the 10:00 am service. We will be having our Potluck Luncheon along with our meeting. All women are encouraged to attend and to bring a dish to share.

The Mission of the Month is St. Laurence Chapel: A ministry of the Episcopal Church in our area which feeds and offers support to the homeless. Please be generous!

Spiritual Thought for the week: *See graphic below...*



My dear parishioners:

We are indeed the "hands of Christ" in our times. We have been entrusted with God's work. Each donation, each pledge card, each special gift to St. Benedict's allows us to be the hands of Christ right here... This is the time and place God has called us to serve.

Please take a moment to pray and reflect on what God is asking of you. End-year gifts for Christmas and the New Year are a special blessing to your church.

I pray that you and your families will be blessed in this holy season of Advent and as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*In Christ,
Father Albert
Your parish priest*

CATCH UP TIME IS HERE: *If you have not completed your pledge for 2018, please try to do so ASAP. Some are also behind in their regular weekly giving. If you need to know the amount, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. We need every pledge to come in, so that we may fulfill all our obligations. Thank you!*

New for 2019!
Take a few minutes to SIGN UP FOR "SUBSPLASH GIVING" at:
www.saintbenedicts.org

There's something new for all of us in 2019! As 21st Century followers of Jesus, we all use our phones, computers, and mobile devices for almost everything. These instruments of modern technology keep our lives organized and we use them daily to communicate with our loved ones, friends, and business contacts... But what if I told you that CHURCH is also a twenty-first century reality and that we can all be instruments of God's work with the daily use of technology?

Please sign-up today for ONLINE GIVING using a new format that is free for our parish and free for you... As of January 12th we will no longer be using Easy Tithe, our present provider. We will save money and help you save time by using ***Subsplash Giving***... and it is even easier and more accessible. This service is also already included in the cost of our St. Benedict's APP - so the good news is that it is free for the parish.

Last day to use EASY TITHE online giving will be 1/12/2019

Thank you for your continued generosity!