



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL
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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"

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
February 11 AND 12, 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

Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)

The Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

Psalm 119:1-8 *Beati immaculati*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *do not utterly forsake me.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:21-37)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

Homily (Sermon): 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.***

OUR LAW OF LOVE

"I call heaven and earth as witness...choose life that you and your descendants might live, loving the Lord your God." Moses utters these famous words in today's first proclamation from Deuteronomy. Notice he defines life in terms loving God. As we noted last Sunday, Jesus knew very well the Hebrew Testament especially these final words of Moses. He discovered God's love not in the abstract but in his neighbor including his enemies. Jesus prioritizes such love even over offering a solemn gift at the high altar in the temple. Love of neighbor thus our supreme act of worship. Further, in today's gospel, Jesus commands universality of love, especially for women. Not surprising that appropriately and counter-culturally, in his Spirit, we sing to each other, I love you". –

- Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net nbc10@bellsouth.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Pledge envelopes for 2017 are on the table at the back of the church for those members who have *completed and submitted* pledge cards for 2017. If you give your offerings online, you do not need envelopes – and it saves the church money, too. However, we still do need completed pledge cards. **2016 Pledge Statements** are in the narthex. Please pick yours up today to save the church postage costs.

Following the footsteps of Jesus: HOLY LAND 2017 – Father Albert is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be a truly spiritual "once-in-a-lifetime" experience and a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Bible and the homeland of Jesus. There will be an informational meeting at the Rector's Forum this Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 PM for all of those interested in going or just to learn more. If you feel called to come, do not pass up this opportunity!

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, for our "all new" RECTOR'S FORUM... Father Albert is conducting Anglican/Episcopal Theological reflections and Q & A sessions. We are using the book "What Episcopalians Believe" by Fr. Sam Wells as our guide.

Adult Ed and Theological Reflection: Miracles! Did Jesus really perform miracles? Yes, and he still does. How does he do it, and why? Can you name any of Christ's miracles in your life? Come to discuss with so many others this wonderful topic Monday February 13 at 7: PM in the chapel. **Sunday Scripture:** Discover as never before the deep meaning of our Sunday lessons in our discussions in the chapel at 9:20 AM

Faith in Music Ministry: Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be listening to Händel's Judas Maccabäus for two weeks.

Without faith, without works, we too quickly become that man in the mirror staring at his face but then forgets the way he looks as soon as he turns away. (James 1:23-24) Christ came down from His throne to dwell among us not only for the forgiveness of our sins and our reconciliation with God the Father, but also to model for us what it is like to live as a Christian. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30 am for Bible Study on the Book of James. The book of James is filled with practical wisdom for Christians, calling us to live out genuine faith through good works. If you have any questions call (954-530-0901)

It's back...the Valentine Day Raffle! We will be raffling tickets for dinner for two at a 5-star restaurant, limo ride to and from restaurant, bottle of wine and box of candy! Tickets: 1 for \$15.00 and 2 for \$25.00. All proceeds to benefit our Senior Scholarship Fund!

Mothers' Union International Cuisine will take place on February 19th after the 10:00 am service.

Hope South Florida: Looking forward to the week of February 20th when St Benedict's will partner with Hope South Florida in providing food, fellowship & a safe place to sleep to homeless moms and children, a ministry that is totally funded by volunteer contributions. Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful week. We provide home cooked dinners supplied by different parish ministries, arts & crafts volunteers, child care helpers and adult volunteers to sleep overnight. To help defray the cost we have a Generosity Tree set up in the Narthex. The tags decorating it indicate supplies needed for the week. If you would like to help by donating an item and/or Walmart/Publix/Target gift card, please take the tag, make your purchase and leave it under the tree prior to Feb 20th. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation. Any questions can be directed to Candy Farley 954-328-1545, Sonia Persico 954-383-4948, Cierra Braaf 954-240-5016 or Sharon Smith 954-389-5398.

Benjamin Scotchman passed away on Tuesday, February 7th. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Are you ready to "Tee Off"? The Golf Tournament committees needs your ideas, suggestions, and help. Join a committee and be part of this upcoming Fall event. We need your participation in gaining sponsors, promoting the event, and event activities. Be part of the decisions for this special event. Have a conversation with Kirk at 954-649-3014 where you can best assist the Golf Tournament team.

ITS' TIME AGAIN TO RELAY:

**We are going Purple with Plantation Relay For Life event
As a Church Community, we are in the fight to end Cancer.
FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22, 2017 6:00 p.m.-9 a.m.
PLANTATION CENTRAL PARK - 9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, FL
Sign up at
<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Benedicts>
Next sign up day is Feb 25th and 26th, 2017 at church
Any question please contact Donna Carty 954-801-3814**

MISSION OF THE MONTH is Little Roses of Honduras: Our Little Roses Ministries works to rescue and transform the lives of homeless girls and has expanded to encompass several interrelated ministries within the larger community. These extended ministries include health and dental clinics, a housing project for poor single mothers with a literacy program, a community bilingual school, retreat center, Jubilee Center for justice issues, a bed and breakfast hostel and hospitality house. This ministry is located in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Spiritual Thought for the Week: *(God)..He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less. – C.S. Lewis*

Our offerings to God for February 4 and 5, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating Fund: \$8,519.00
Building Fund: \$3,517.00
Total: \$12,036
Weekly Total Operating Costs/Budget: \$9,900.00
Over Budget for the week: \$2,136.00