



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"

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
February 4 AND 5, 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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 112:1-9 *Beatus vir*

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *and have great delight in his commandments!
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *and their righteousness will last for ever.
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *and to manage their affairs with justice.
6 For they will never be shaken; *the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:13-20)

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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.*

TO IGNORE THE BIBLE IS TO IGNORE CHRIST! - ST. JEROME

Jesus certainly knew the Scriptures, but for him the Scriptures were the Hebrew Testament. He interpreted those stories as a mighty tidal wave of love sweeping through all creation, and so he pledges in today's gospel to promote and fulfill this divine tsunami. The scribes and Pharisees, however, missed this message because they didn't know their Bible. They tried merely to follow the Law. As disciples of Jesus, do we seek to discover, speak, and live God's words of wisdom as intended by Jesus and the biblical authors: the central work of our lifetime? Do we attend any biblical gathering? Paul admonishes us in today's epistle: "We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages, for our glory." 1 Cor 2:7. - *Norm Carroll* 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 on 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: Why Parables! Why didn't Jesus come right out with it; why these parables? Could he have believed their messages resound so powerfully for his listeners and for us that he had to clothe them in story form? Come Monday at 7 PM to the chapel to meet Jesus and discuss his "revolution in love".

Sunday Scripture: Wow! Come 30 minutes to the chapel before the 10 AM Eucharist each Sunday for the "wow" experience of understanding and embracing the Sunday lessons. Eucharist will come alive, and our Lord's messages will change your life

Faith in Music Ministry: Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be studying 19th century American Christmas Music, featuring the style of the "Southern Harp."

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)

Mothers' Union Meeting and Get-Together will be on Sunday, February 5th after the 10:00 am Mass in St. Luke's Room.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will be hosting a SUPERBOWL PARTY, Sunday Feb.5 at 5:30 PM in Deshaies Hall. It is suggested that you bring your own drinks and a dish to share. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship with friends and family.

The Blood Mobile will be at St. Benedicts on Sunday, February 5th from 9:30 am -1:30 pm. All donors will receive a free T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

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.

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. April 21st 6:30 pm, Plantation Central Park. If you are interested in joining the planning team, 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: *"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining- they just shine." – Dwight Moody*

Our offerings to God for January 27 and 28, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating Fund: \$7,827.00

Building Fund: \$1,058.00

Total: \$8,885.00

Weekly Total Operating Costs/Budget: \$9,900.00

Shortfall for the week: \$1,015.00