



# 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"*

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
March 18 and 19, 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**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Psalm 95 Venite, exultemus**

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
3 For the LORD is a great God, \*and a great King above all gods.  
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*and the heights of the hills are his also.  
5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*and his hands have molded the dry land.  
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*and kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.  
9 They put me to the test, \*though they had seen my works.  
10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."  
11 So I swore in my wrath, \*"They shall not enter into my rest."

## **The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (4:5-42)**

### **All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can

he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

**Homily (Sermon): 6:00 pm Saturday** – Father Albert

**8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday** - Father Albert

**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.***

#### **WATER! WATER! WE THIRST FOR WATER!**

Scientists advise that we humans need about 100 ounces of water (eight glasses) per day, and even more in the arid desert of ancient Israel. We need water, or we die! In today's gospel, Jesus uses water to symbolize his giving the Spirit of God. "The water I will give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life" John 4:14. Jesus is calling us to live not so much by rules or teaching as by the Spirit of the eternal God of Love. Just as we need water to live physically, so we need the Spirit of Love to live eternally. Such Christian love embraces the Samaritans of our day: people of other color, religion, sexual persuasion or culture. Our society needs desperately such unconditional love. Will you now name that Samaritan in your life to whom you will reach out with Lenten love, and there by "worship the Father in spirit and truth?" John 4:23. - *Norm Carroll* [www.spiritualsummit.net](http://www.spiritualsummit.net)

### **COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S**

**Confirmation Classes will begin on March 26, 2017:** At 12:00 noon after church, Deacon Debra will conduct the first meeting. It is a mandatory meeting for both High School students (candidates) and parents. This will be an informational meeting from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, and candidates will begin the first class from 1:00 to 3:00 pm Lunch will be provided for parents and candidates. Confirmation will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and St. Benedict's will be the host church.

**We will be having a Baptismal Festival for children and adults** during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us to renew their own baptism. If you are interested in being Baptized, or having your child Baptized, please see Father Albert after one of the Services, on a Saturday evening at 6 pm or Sunday morning at 8 am and 10 am.

**St. Benedict's Lenten Retreat:** Our entire community will gather Wednesday April 5 at 7 pm for our healing mass and Holy Hour led by a well-known Roman Catholic priest who will return to South Florida just for this hour. Mark your calendar! Don't miss this!

**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. For more information go to the Magno Tours website today: [www.magnotoursinc.com](http://www.magnotoursinc.com)

**Please remember that we have our Rector's Forum** every Wednesday at 7:30 pm following our healing mass. This week father Albert will teach on "What does it look like and what happens when we believe what we believe?" - It will be a combination of teaching and personal testimony...

**Every Friday during Lent** there will be a devotion of the **Stations of the Cross** at noon. All are welcome!

**Adult Ed and Theological Reflection: Am I a Caiaphas, a Pilate, or a Christ?** Enliven your Lenten resolve by discussing with us Monday, March 20 at 7 pm the role(s) we play in the passion and death of Christ today. You will find us in the chapel.

**Sunday Scripture:** Remember Sunday at 9:30 am come to the 10 am Sunday Eucharist at 9:30 to join us in the chapel to hunt for treasure in the proclamations of the day.

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 187-190 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**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).

**A Planned Giving Seminar has been scheduled for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:00 in the Deshaies Hall.**

Planned giving includes a variety of ways that gifts can be made to St. Benedict's from current assets. This may include current gifts or gifts at your passing and may include bequests in a will, life insurance, stock, annuities, trusts or other special assets. Come to this informative seminar to learn how you may make a gift to St. Benedict's.

**There will be a Fish Fry from 3:00-7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 14, 2017.** We are asking for volunteers to help with this annual event. Please see Hazel Mitchell or Cheryl Burley for more information. Please plan to pre-order your dinners. Dinners may be purchased until 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Mothers' Union High Tea** will be on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Deshaies Hall. Please see Blossie Lewis for more information or to purchase tickets.

**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.

**Relay For Life:** We are going Purple with Plantation Relay For Life event. We are in the fight to end Cancer. FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22, 2017 6:00 p.m.-9 am. PLANTATION CENTRAL PARK - 9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, FL. Sign up at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Benedicts>. Any question please contact Donna Carty [stbennyouth@gamil.com](mailto:stbennyouth@gamil.com)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH is Little Roses of Honduras:** Our Little Roses Ministries work 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:** *"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst". - John 4:14*

**Our offerings to God for March 11 and 12, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating:	\$6,667.35
Building Fund:	\$990.00
Total:	\$7,657.35
Costs/Budget:	\$9,900.00
<i>Shortfall for the week: \$2,242.65</i>	