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# **PALM SUNDAY**

**April 8 and 9, 2017**

***At Saint Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

***Our Rector and Parish Priest:***  
**The Very Reverend Albert R. Cutié**  
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# The Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

*Today we gather outside for the blessing of palms and the procession to the church. We do this to recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we enter into the liturgical observances of this Holy Week.*

## THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION & THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon: +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (21:1-11)

*People* Glory to you Lord Christ!

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

*The Celebrant blesses the palms, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches + be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*(The palms are sprinkled with holy water)*

*The Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* Hosanna in the highest!

## THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.  
People *In the Name of Christ. Amen.*

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and join in singing: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR  
The Celebrant goes knocks on the door with the foot of the cross. The doors are opened and the Procession enters, led by the Cross, the Clergy, and Choir, and then the Congregation. Everyone continues singing the hymn as they enter the church.*

### Hymn (from the Hymnal #154)

*All glory, laud, and honor,  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels  
is praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems  
before thee we present. *Refrain*

4 To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All sit to hear the words of Holy Scripture.*

## The Word of God

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (50: 4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? *Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Gradual Psalm

### Psalm 118 (Chanted)

### A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2:5-11)

BELOVED: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Antiphon (Acapella) GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
*All respond: Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**The Passion According to Luke**

*The entire congregation says the **bold** parts marked "Disciples" and "Assembly"*

+The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

**DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

**DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."**

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"**

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."**

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

**ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

**ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"**

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

**ASSEMBLY: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

**ASSEMBLY: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**ASSEMBLY: "Crucify, crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last.

*All kneel in silence for a few moments to remember the death of Jesus on the cross...*

NARRATOR: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*No conclusion is said. Everyone may be seated to hear the sermon.*

## The Homily

The Very Rev. Father Albert Cutié

**The Nicene Creed** *is not said on this day.*

### The Prayers of the People

Let us now join our hearts and voices in prayer to God, our Father, in the name of Jesus, the humble and obedient Servant of God.

That your Church throughout the world may work for the cause of Christ's peace, that Christ would bless our Bishop, Peter Eaton, and the entire Diocese of Southeast Florida, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For forgiveness for our sinfulness, those times when we have not acted as followers of Christ in the face of injustice, or stepped forward to confess what Jesus our Lord would have us do, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the times we have betrayed our friends and relations like the kiss of Judas, not setting aside our own pride to support and defend those who are near and dear to us, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That as Jesus told the women of Jerusalem, "do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children", so we may always work for the safety and care of all women and children, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That our eyes may be opened to the times we have stood silently by while the crowd shouted "Crucify!" at the homeless, the suffering, and the alienated, and that we may have the courage to do what is right, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may imitate the attitude of the humble and obedient Jesus by emptying ourselves for the sake of the poor, the hungry, and the forgotten, and those in any need, especially the sick and infirm members of our parish. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those whom we remember before God, that they may hear Jesus' words "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise", Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That the God of mercy will hear the prayers we now offer aloud and in the silence of our hearts. *[A pause is made for the congregation to voice their intercessions]*

Celebrant: Father of endless love and compassion; hear the prayers of your family gathered around your altar. May we imitate your Son by taking up our cross with joyful obedience, seeking your justice in all things. And may we embrace his example of loving humility, loving and praising you in the compassion and care we extend to one another. We ask these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**The Peace**      *The Celebrant says to the people*  
*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

### Prayer for Healing/Blessings

### Offertory

### Eucharistic Prayer A

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread

### The Fraction Anthem

## OUR INVITATION TO YOU TODAY

This is the Lord's Table where none are excluded and all are welcomed.  
Please come to the altar this morning and share the Sacrament of Christ's Presence with us.

### Communion Hymns

### The Post-Communion Prayer (All)

Let us pray: *Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen*

### The Prayer over the People

*Deacon* Let us humble our heads before God.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, and God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly kingdom where he lives and reigns for ever. *Amen*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## HOLY WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S



### Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week- April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Mass begins at **8:30 am** on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday of Holy Week-April 12<sup>th</sup>

Healing Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week will be held at **7:00 pm.**

Followed by Bible Study – Gospel of Mark - led by Father Albert

### Maundy Thursday-April 13<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday (April 13<sup>th</sup>) there will be no 8:30 am morning Mass – Come to the Evening Service.

The Eucharist with the traditional "Washing of the Feet" will begin at **7:00 pm.**

LEV's renew their Commitment to bring Eucharist to the homebound at this service.

The Great Watch will begin Maundy Thursday (April 13<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 pm and will end at 12:00 PM Noon on Good Friday. Please sign up ASAP

### Good Friday-April 14<sup>th</sup>

Community Ecumenical Service at Plantation United Methodist Church (April 14<sup>th</sup>) from **12:00-3:00 pm.**

**12:00 pm** Stations of the Cross in our church – Led by Fr. Bob Deshaies

**3:00 pm** Traditional Good Friday Service with the Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Also includes the Service of Reconciliation and Burning of Sins

There will be a **Fish Fry from 4:00-7:00 PM** on Good Friday.

You may pre-order your dinners or you may purchase them in the Parish Hall.

There will be a **7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross Youth Service on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>,

### EASTER SERVICES-APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Holy Saturday Night (April 15<sup>th</sup>) The Easter Vigil will be at **6:00 pm** with the Baptismal Festival (Children and Adults will be baptized – and all will be invited to renew their own baptism)

Sunday (April 16<sup>th</sup>) Traditional Easter Day Masses will be at **8:00 and 10:00 am.**

**Easter Egg Hunt for all children and families in our community after the 10:00 am service**

## **DESPERATE FOR PEACE!**

Jeremiah (6:14) cried out 2600 years ago, "Peace! Peace! And there is no peace!" Today, we still clamor for peace, and still there's none; neither among nations nor in our hearts. Palm Sunday tells us how we can find this peace. Matthew emphasizes Jesus not mounting a horse, the symbol of aggression and war which earthly kings rode after victory. Rather, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a donkey symbolizing peace and humility. The people throw their cloaks and palm fronds before the donkey as if to form a "red carpet" of welcome for Jesus. Finally, they shout "Hosanna" meaning "Save us now!" Today, we wave our palms for peace (a great symbol), but peace will come only by opening our hearts to Christ. Will you resolve today to "make peace" in his name with a particular brother or sister? - Norm Carroll [www.spiritualsummit.net](http://www.spiritualsummit.net)

**Easter Flowers and Music:** Wednesday, April 12th is the deadline to memorialize flowers or music for Easter. Please fill out the form in the bulletin and place in the plate if you are interested in making a donation.

**Good Friday Youth Program: Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday at 7pm.** All Youth are invited to participate. **Middle and high school Practice Schedule:** Sunday, April 9th from 12-3pm. Wednesday, April 12th from 6-8:30pm, Thursday, April 13th overnight Lock-in 6pm to 11:00am. Meet in the Teen Room. We love new friends. If you haven't participated before or are new to the church, please join us!

\*\*All elementary age children arrive at 5:30pm on Friday to participate.

Please Contact Pam Sahdev 954 802-8744 or Becky Gould 954 993-0228 for more information

**Save the date!!! Vacation Bible School 2017:** June 26-30 from 8am to 12 noon. Early drop-off available. Registration will begin April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Do you know someone who wants to be baptized? Children, youth and adults** will be baptized 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 the services.

**Study the Gospel of Mark with Father Albert!** Our Rector's Forum is every Wednesday at 7:30 pm following our healing mass. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come for a reflective and prayerful reading of Scripture.

**Our Monday Night (April 10) Bible Gathering** is cancelled because of all the events of Holy Week. We will meet again Monday April 17 at 7 PM in the chapel to discuss Resurrection Then and Now. **Come to the chapel at 9:20 AM Sunday** to explore the readings of the day.

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 194-197 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**ECW Meeting** this Sunday after 10 am service in Stephens Hall. Refreshments will be served. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Counters Needed:** Would you give two hours once a month after 10:00 am Mass to be a part of a team counting the weekend offering? If so, contact Candy Farley at 954-328-1545, Dionne Douglas at 954-473-8064, Phyllis Fabara at 954-629-0387 or call the Church Office at 954-473-6578.

**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 plan to pre-order your dinners. Dinners may be purchased until 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Please help with the Youth Scholarship Fundraising by donating items below. Cash donations will also be accepted. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at church on Sunday, April 9, 2017

- (5) Gallon Vegetable oil
- (1) 5 lbs. flour
- (5) Large bags of salad
- (1) (4 each) sweet peppers, green, red and yellow
- (6) 3 lb. bags onions
- (1) 3 lb. bags of coleslaw
- (2) 1 gallon white vinegar
- (1) (15) bags of matchstick carrots (Publix)
- (1) Gallon Apple cider vinegar
- (1) Large canisters of Iced tea AND lemonade mix
- (8) Cartons of Cherry or grape tomatoes
- (1) 64 oz. mayonnaise
- 2 DOZEN LEMONS
- 2 DOZEN LIMES

**All donations needed BY WEDNESDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Hazel Mitchell at (954) 594-6281 or Cheryl Burley at (954) 433-0956. **Thank You!** Please invite your Family and friends to the Fish Fry

**The Jamaican Ex-Police Association is offering** scholarships to graduating Seniors who have been admitted to a college or university. If you live in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach County, please submit an essay as to why you should be considered including financial need, academic excellence, community service (including church) to Eulett McKnight at emcknigh@mdc.edu. Students applying need to submit their essay and proof of college admission as soon as possible. Speak to Carla Holness if you have any questions.

**Relay For Life:** FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22, 2017 6:00 pm-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 stbennyyouth@gamil.com. **Walkers are needed** please sign up for your schedule ½ hour time slot, and walk out against CANCER. **Dedicate a Luminaria** - Honor every life affected by cancer. Each Luminaria is dedicated to someone we hold close to our hearts. After the sun goes down, we illuminate the bags and take a moment to remember and reflect on each life the light represents. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any Planning team members or email Donna Carty at stbennyyouth@gmail.com

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

**MISSION OF THE MONTH is God's Little Lambs:** God's Little Lambs is a Christian nursery and pre-school right here in Broward County. They are dedicated to homeless and low-income families, with sponsorship from various Churches and organizations in the Ft. Lauderdale area. St Benedict's has been providing an arts and crafts program for them for the past 13 years. Through your generous donations and God's help, we hope to continue this service.

**Spiritual Thought for the Week:** "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."  
-John Wesley, *Letters of John Wesley*

**Our offerings to God for April 1 and 2, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating: \$12,194.00

Building Fund: \$5,853.00

Total: \$18,047

Costs/Budget: \$9,900.00

*Over budget for the week: \$8,147.00*

## *Spread the Word!*



**PLEASE INVITE ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
IN OUR COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND  
ENJOY OUR EASTER EGG HUNT**

ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, AFTER THE  
10:00 AM SERVICE  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Take time to really CELEBRATE Holy Week!**

### **The THREE DAYS or *TRIDUUM***

The liturgies of the so-called Triduum (from the Latin meaning 'three days') are in actuality one liturgy beginning with the Maundy Thursday Eucharist and foot washing, continuing on Good Friday with the veneration of the cross and communion from bread and wine consecrated on Thursday, and culminating with the renewal of our baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of the resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter. Once we commence with worship on Maundy Thursday, we are not formally dismissed until Easter Day. The liturgy of Maundy Thursday commemorates the humility of the Lord in his willingness to do the most lowly of tasks.

The word maundy is an English corruption of the Latin *mandatum*, from the 'new commandment' that Jesus gives his disciples after washing their feet. In our re-enactment and remembrance of those events, the priest washes the feet of the Vestry and other leaders, who in turn wash the feet of the gathered congregation. At the conclusion of our eucharistic feast, we are invited, as were the first disciples, to watch and pray with the Lord on the night before his crucifixion and death. Consecrated bread and wine are removed to St. Mary's of The Lady Chapel, and we keep watch through the night until noon on Good Friday.

It is a solemn, and somber night – for we know what the first disciples did not know: Jesus will soon be arrested, tried unjustly, and put to death.

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