



# 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"*

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
AUGUST 26 AND 27, 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

*If you wish to follow along, please use the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book) in your pews...*

**Order of Service: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am Rite II (BCP 355) – 8:00 am Rite I (BCP 323)**

### The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on

the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

#### **Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus***

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*the maker of heaven and earth.

#### **The Epistle: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:13-20)**

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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

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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)**

**"Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church"**

Such a profound statement is used by many to claim religious superiority. That would be the last intent of Jesus. Let's remember Jesus was not founding a church as we know it. He, a Jew, sought to return Judaism from its legalisms and physical aspirations to its loving divine roots. Jesus used the word church (Hebrew qehala) to mean an assembly not a powerful enclave. Such assembly would, through faith in him and with Peter its appointed foundation, form the beginning of the new Israel. Jesus is therefore calling all his disciples to give themselves in his name. Christianity thus becomes today not a group of denominations but one people committed to sacrificial love for all others. Am I, are we, truly Christians? -Norm Carroll [spiritualsummit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)

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

**Spiritual Feast!** Begin our new prayer service Monday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the chapel followed by our Divine Discussion of God In Our Lives.

**Sunday Morning!** Come to the 10:00 am Eucharist at 9:30 in the chapel for an inspiring discussion of the day's readings.

**Please join us for Evening Prayer on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.**

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 199-200 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**Dance Team will resume on Friday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a mandatory meeting for all dancers and parents. Children 7 years and older who are interested in participating in the Dance Team are invited to attend the meeting with their parents. Adults interested in joining the Dance Team are also invited to attend. There will be a rehearsal after the meeting.

**Youth Group:** Our middle and high school youth meet each Wednesday evening in the Teen Room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We invite all Youth to attend youth group.

**Nursery Volunteers needed** for one Sunday a month. Please Contact Sharlene Lacey (754)-234-2214 for further details.

**We are looking for more volunteers for our Greeter's Ministry**, particularly for the Saturday 6:00 pm service and the Sunday 8:00 am service. These are the individuals that welcome new guests and attendees in the narthex prior to each service. For more information, please contact Chery Hill 954-292-8700.

**Donations of any new Birthday or Christmas cards** suitable for children ages 3 - 20 would be appreciated. We have been sending them to "The Little Roses" in Honduras. Leave them in the Narthex marked **Little Roses**. Thank you.

**UTO 2017 Corner:** It is UTO time again! Kindly pick up your little blue boxes and envelopes in the church's hallway as you leave, and please whisper a prayer during the day and make a donation into your boxes until December 3, 2017. Your continued prayers for the United Thank Offering Ministry is greatly appreciated.

**Pledge Statements for the second quarter of the year** are in a box in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order. Please pick up your statement today to save the church postage.

**The Mission of the month for August is Women in Distress:** This is the only licensed shelter in Broward County providing shelter for battered and abused women and their children. They also provide counseling; education for job placement and a thrift store from which the clients may purchase clothing and other needs at a considerable discount, with which to reestablish their lives. Parishioners can donate clothing either to the Thrift Store or bring the items to church on the last Sunday of the month, August 26 and Carla Holness will collect all of the clothing at that time.

**Male or Female, Young or Old** are welcome to attend the Cardio and Pilates Classes every Wednesday starting at 10:00 am here at St Benedict's Church. Call Cheri at 754-816-9698 to sign-up today.

**Spiritual Thought for the week:** *"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."* -C. S. Lewis

**Our offerings to God for August 19 and 20, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

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| Operating:                    | \$7,584.00 |
| Building Fund:                | \$1,485.00 |
| Total:                        | \$9,069.00 |
| Operational Costs:            | \$9,900.00 |
| <i>Shortage for the week:</i> | \$ 831.00  |

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