



# 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"*

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
September 2 and 3, 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**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the

Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c *Confitemini Domino***

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*make known his deeds among the peoples.  
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*and speak of all his marvelous works.  
3 Glory in his holy Name; \*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*continually seek his face.  
5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*O children of Jacob his chosen.  
23 Israel came into Egypt, \*and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.  
24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*he made them stronger than their enemies;  
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
26 He sent Moses his servant, \*and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
45 Hallelujah!

### **The Epistle: Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:21-28)**

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?

Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." 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)**

### **Journeying On!**

Many speak of life as a journey, and surely that's true, but a journey from what to what? That's the question! Jesus gives HIS answer in today's gospel: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Obviously, he's not referring to following him physically but from the core of our whole being (a spiritual following). Jesus is urging us to replace self with HIM as our standard of belief and behavior. For example, capitalism requires maximum profit in business dealings; Jesus suggests a just profit; competitiveness demands overpowering others; Jesus requests that we serve. Yes, our life-long journey is from self to Christ. That means our courageous introspection, dramatic change, and profound intimacy with the Lord. -Norm Carroll [spiritualsummit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)

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

**New Weekday Service!** Join us for Evening Prayer from Monday-Friday at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. Evening Prayer allows us to develop the daily habit of "praying in community" and it is one of the most ancient Christian customs. It is okay to come once or more times each week, as your schedule allows. Our hope is that opportunities like this will help develop a more prayerful and Jesus-centered daily life for each of our parish members. You are welcome to attend and bring a friend...

**Labor Day Holiday:** Adult Formation will not meet Labor Day night, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Morning:** Explore, learn, and enjoy the Sunday liturgy lessons as never before at 9:30 am in Our Lady's Chapel.

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

**Mothers' Union Meeting:** The next Mothers' Union Meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Luke's Room following the 10:00 am Service.

**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.

**The Nursery** will be hosting an open house on September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10 a.m. service. Parents are invited for refreshments and to meet nursery volunteers.

**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 Cheryl 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<sup>rd</sup>, 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 September is LifeNet4Families:** LifeNet4Families has over 30 years of providing service to the hungry and homeless of Broward County. While reducing hunger is the primary goal of the organization, LifeNet4Families works to help clients regain or maintain stability by providing clients with access to on-site shower facilities, haircuts, clothing, counseling, referrals, job readiness preparation, emergency financial assistance, mailing address usage, and mail retrieval services.

**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:** The cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses, and arguments...The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, "Me too." — Rob Bell*

**Our offerings to God for August 26 and 27, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating:	10,673.91
Building Fund:	1,295.00
Total:	11,968.91
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	2,068.91

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**Please remember St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament**

**THE SUMMER IS OVER...**

It's great to see most people back from vacation and summer rest. Our pews are beginning to fill-up again. Yet, there is a very important **someone** missing. That someone is a person that only YOU know. Maybe it's a co-worker or a neighbor. It could also be a family member who has grown spiritually lazy or indifferent and is convinced they do not "need" to come to church. This is the time to lovingly invite people back... Our Sunday School will begin in a few weeks and there are lots of families which have time for sports and other activities, but have not been invited to bring their children or youth to know the Word of God and to live the life of a Christian community. It's your mission as a baptized Christian to be an evangelist!

Take time to invite someone to church today.

In Christ,

*Father Albert*