



# 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 it known"*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two  
December 23 and 24, 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**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says

the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat***

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Epistle: Romans 16:25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:26-38)**

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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)**

### **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.***

### **Merry Christmas!**

Santa; Christmas trees; presents; all symbols of our human affection at Christmas time. But where does this leave the crib, the shepherds and the baby Jesus? Could these be symbols of sublime divine affection? Could Christmas be the greatest celebration of God loving and embracing us so intimately that he must become one with parents, children, and all creation? Gifts and toys point, in the end, to God yearning for each of us. And Jesus represents our full, supreme, and passionate acceptance of this divine embrace. In him, we can touch our God, live the life of the divine, and trust in our eternal future. It's no wonder we exclaim "Merry Christmas", for our greeting resonates with the divine Christmas caress. -*Norm Carroll [spiritual summit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)*

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

**There will be no evening service on December 31<sup>st</sup>** because it lands on a Sunday. We will be celebrating the Holy Name of Jesus on December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> during our regular services.

**Make that Call that only YOU can make...** Often we lose contact with parishioners when they are gone for several weeks and often we do not really know where they went. As we begin a new Church Year, why not pick up the phone and call that person you have not seen in a while and say, "Hey, we miss you at church"? Sometimes we have no way of knowing what is really happening in people's lives. Many times, people do not call the church when there has been an illness, a struggle or a family problem... Let's all try to reach out to each other with love and express our sincere concern. Peace, Fr. Albert.

**Don't forget to fill out your Pledge Cards for your annual PLEDGE to the parish.** Everyone is being asked to "step up in faith" and increase their generous giving... Nothing is impossible with God and we are certain all will respond with faith and love to this appeal. Your church needs you!

**The Sacramental Candle** is given to the greater Glory of God and in memory of Louis C. Thomas from his wife, Fran and family.

**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.

**Exploring our Sunday Proclamations!** Our Sunday readings are filled with divine wisdom. Explore, learn, and be transformed by their message---Sunday: 9:30 am in the chapel

**Monday Evenings:** Our Monday Bible discussion group will meet next again on January 8 in the chapel with prayer at 6:30 pm.

**Faith in Music Ministry:** We will be listening and studying sacred classical music this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**Bible Study:** Fridays from 9:30 am-11:00 am. Paul's letters to the Corinthians mirror the problems and issues that we encounter in the church today simply because Corinth was a city that mirrors the world we live in today. Paul gives us answers to the questions we have living in a world dominated by secularism. Join us in the study of 1 Corinthians. Call 954-530-0901.

**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.

**Sunday School** takes place every Sunday during the 10:00 am Service. Spread the word in our community that we have the best Sunday School around.

**Nursery Volunteers needed** for one Sunday a month. Please see Cheryl Burley or email [ckburley@bellsouth.net](mailto:ckburley@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**Cursillo Prayer Breakfast:** January 13, 2018 at 9:30 am all are welcome and tickets are on sale. Our Contacts are Hazel Mitchell, Candy Mixsell, Barbara McKenzie and Donna Carty.

**The Mission of the month for December is St. Laurence Chapel:** St. Lawrence Chapel is a Homeless Day Shelter where the less fortunate in our community may seek food, medical assistance, showers, clothing, spiritual encouragement, computer access, and a place to rest. They may also use the Shelter as an address and obtain an ID. Please support St. Lawrence Chapel in their valued effort to provide daily sustenance to our sisters and brothers in need.

**Advent Thought for the Week:** *"May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth" – (Anonymous from "Soundings" – Christian Prayer)*

**Our offerings to God for December 16 and 17, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating:	10,006.06
Building Fund:	2,635.00
Total:	12,641.06
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	<i>2,741.06</i>

**Please do what you can to complete your 2017 Pledge... We need your full pledge to finish the year!**



**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Eucharist at 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> Children's Mass and Pageant at 6:00 pm**

*Christmas Eve Choral Concert at 10:00 pm and our Traditional Midnight Mass begins at 10:30 pm*

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Choral Concert at 9:30 am and Mass at 10:00 am**

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> we will have our regular service times 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

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