



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 OF ADVENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
December 15 AND 16, 2018

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

Canticle 9 Page 86, BCP The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:7-18)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

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

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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)

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.***

Our Greatest Christmas!

How many Christmas seasons have you greeted, and what is your most memorable? For me, it was my 12th year of age when my mother sacrificed to give me my first 2-wheel bicycle, but this Christmas will be my greatest, and I ask you to join me. What if we really listen to John when he declares, "[Jesus} will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire". What if we become a Christ this Christmas; what if we adopted the motives and priorities of Jesus in our relationships? Then, we would realize the words of Silesius, "If, in your heart, you make a manger for his birth, then God will once again become a child on earth". 2018 would become our most memorable Christmas. Deacon Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

This Sunday, December 16th at 10:00 AM "Greening of the Church": *A St. Benedict's Tradition*

Lessons and Carols (a special Anglican Tradition) will be held on the 4th Sunday in Advent (December 23rd) at 10:00 am. This will be a unique Sunday Eucharist and an opportunity to participate in one of the joyous celebrations of the Advent Season. Spread the word!

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Angela Powell-Diaz, on the 5th Anniversary of her passing on December 10th, 2013, from her children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

Meet John The Baptist! We shall meet John Monday at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Don't miss this chance to greet this amazing figure from the Jordan who will address our Christmas of 2018. Vespers featuring the O antiphons will begin at 6:30 pm.

Prepare for 10:00 am Eucharist! We will explore the magnificent Sunday readings at 9:30 am in the chapel.

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

Bible Study: We are studying the coming of Jesus during the Advent Season. Join us Friday mornings at 9:30 in the Conference Room for a study of Advent.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The next meeting will be this Sunday, December 16th in St. Elizabeth's Room promptly following the 10:00 am Mass. We invite all men of the church to come and join us for fellowship. Please see Kevin Walford for more details.

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in our annual Harvest celebration. The event was very successful because of those of you who contributed funds and goods and all of you who purchased items during the celebration. At St. Benedict's we are truly a FAMILY!! Dawn McGibbon"

UPCOMING EVENT - St. Benedict's Parish Directory for 2019. We are again teaming up with Lifetouch to create a new Parish Directory. Photography by Lifetouch is scheduled for January 17-19, 2019 and February 14-16, 2019. Information regarding signing up for your portrait session will be sent out this week. You will be able to sign up online or through one of our coordinators. We are encouraging all church members to sign up as the church will receive a financial bonus based on the number of members who have their portraits taken. Please contact Jennifer Chang, 954-749-9741 or Gloria Rose, 754-224-8944 if you have any questions.

UTO Corner 2018: *Ingathering 2018* was a great success! Many Thanks to **YOU** for the kindness shown to the UTO Ministry. Thanks to Father Albert for blessing the donations at each service. The UTO Ministry wishes you a ***Merry Christmas and a Peaceful 2019!***

The Mission of the Month is St. Laurence Chapel: Saint Laurence Chapel is an Episcopal Church shelter for the homeless located in Pompano Beach. It is a day shelter, providing breakfast and lunch; showers, computer access, ID cards; nurse on duty; food stamps and movies. They also provide canned goods and clothing to help the homeless.

Spiritual Thought:

God
WITH God ALL
things are
Possible

My dear parishioners:

We are indeed the "hands of Christ" in our times. We have been entrusted with God's work. Each donation, each pledge card, each special gift to St. Benedict's allows us to be the hands of Christ right here... This is the time and place God has called us to serve.

Please take a moment to pray and reflect on what God is asking of you. End-year gifts for Christmas and the New Year are a special blessing to your church.

I pray that you and your families will be blessed in this holy season of Advent and as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*In Christ,
Father Albert
Your parish priest*

CATCH UP TIME IS HERE: *If you have not completed your pledge for 2018, please try to do so ASAP. Some are also behind in their regular weekly giving. If you need to know the amount, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. We need every pledge to come in, so that we may fulfill all our obligations. Thank you!*

New for 2019!
Take a few minutes to SIGN UP FOR "SUBSPLASH GIVING" at:
www.saintbenedicts.org

There's something new for all of us in 2019! As 21st Century followers of Jesus, we all use our phones, computers, and mobile devices for almost everything. These instruments of modern technology keep our lives organized and we use them daily to communicate with our loved ones, friends, and business contacts... But what if I told you that CHURCH is also a twenty-first century reality and that we can all be instruments of God's work with the daily use of technology?

Please sign-up today for ONLINE GIVING using a new format that is free for our parish and free for you... As of January 12th we will no longer be using Easy Tithe, our present provider. We will save money and help you save time by using **Subsplash Giving**... and it is even easier and more accessible. This service is also already included in the cost of our St. Benedict's APP - so the good news is that it is free for the parish.

Last day to use EASY TITHE online giving will be 1/12/2019

Thank you for your continued generosity!