



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"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
December 22 AND 23, 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

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: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God and they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Canticle 15 Page 91, BCP The Song of Mary *Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55*

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: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:39-45)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." 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.*

The Meaning of Christmas!

"I am richer, smarter, and better looking than you"! This has been and remains the goal of too many of us. Even, our nations compete senselessly for greater power. A baby, turned away by an innkeeper, born in a manger, with poor shepherds visiting, rejects totally that control message, and champions a new enlightenment. This world's power wilts before the innocence, truth, and love of the baby. Teaching that meaning explains God's revealing himself on this Christmas day. Jesus expresses this from womb to tomb and beyond. Do we Christians live that lesson, or fit nicely into a pagan culture? Let us learn from a babe who was destined to give his life that we and our institutions might in our lives live his gentle life.

- Deacon Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S



Join us and invite someone this Christmas!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service with Children's Pageant and Live Animals
(Full Choir and all children participating)
10:30 PM – Traditional Solemn Midnight Mass
(Full Choir/Christmas Hymns/Blessing of the Creche)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM – Christmas Day Mass (Christmas Hymns/Simple Service)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND 30TH FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

6:00 PM – Every Saturday "Dog-friendly" Service
8:00 AM (Rite I - Traditional) and 10:00 AM (Rite II) – Every Sunday

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH AND 6TH, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6:00 PM – Every Saturday "Dog-friendly" Service
8:00 AM (Rite I-Traditional) and 10:00 AM (Rite II)

The Sacramental Candle is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Louis C. Thomas from Fran and Family.

Pledge Envelopes for 2019 are available on a table in the Narthex. Please do not use the envelopes until January 2019. Remember that separate checks need to be written for the Operating and Building/Maintenance Funds as these are two different bank accounts. You can also sign-up ONLINE and never have to write another check again. www.saintbenedicts.org

REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2019 at 12:00 pm (Noon). All Heads of Ministries please start preparing your report for the booklet. All reports should be emailed to Wendy at parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org no later than January 14th.

Adult Formation! Monday night meeting and Evening Prayer are cancelled until Monday January 7 when on popular demand we will explore the Book of Isaiah.

Sunday Lesson: Join us at 9:30 am in the chapel to mine the treasure of today's readings.

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.

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: "Giving is an act of worship, for we are giving back to the one who first gave..."
-Anonymous



My dear parishioners:

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. We need your participation today... Don't wait.

I pray that you and your families will be blessed as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus 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 (*Click on the tab marked "Giving"*)