



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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Our mission is "to know Christ's love and to make it known"

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 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

Evening Prayer Daily (Monday-Thursday) – 6:30 PM

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 50

Response (*First sung by choir or said by Lector – then all respond singing or reciting together*)
(R/.): Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory. **R/.**

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people. **R/.**

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge. **R/.**

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." The Gospel of the Lord. **All: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Sermon/Homily: Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am (Rite I) and 10:00 am (Rite II)

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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

Happy New Year!

Yes, it's New Year's Day in our church calendar, and time for our New Year's resolution. For Christians, there really is just one ultimate resolution, and that is to live more authentically the life of Christ. Today's gospel records Jesus referring to terrifying earthen and cosmic destruction. But what of our interior cataclysms? The terror of sacrificing our ignoring Jesus and Bible, of overcoming drinking, overpowering others, or our own hostilities! Imagine substituting my worst fault with a resolution to explore Christ in depth and live his response. Surely, that would be the best news for 2019. We could enliven that amazing exclamation of Jesus; "Heaven and earth will pass away, but not my words". We wish you the happiest of new years. - Deacon Norm Carroll www.spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast: Sunday, December 2nd in Deshaies Hall following the 10:00am Mass. Tickets are \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Youth (ages 12 and under) and will be for sale the day of the event in the Narthex. All tickets previously purchased for the original October 28th date will be honored.

Advent Retreat Night and Labyrinth Walk: We will have our first labyrinth walk and a short night of reflection on our newly constructed labyrinth on Dec. 11th following our Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. Leave all your cares behind as you journey towards the center of the labyrinth focusing on our almighty God. Anticipate His presence as you join others in the Rosette. And take Him with you on your journey back. Emmanuel, "God with us."

Mark your calendars! The LUNCHEON GROUP is back... St. Benedict's Christmas Luncheon Group will be having their Christmas party on Thursday, December 13th at 12 noon in the Deshaies Hall. Father Albert will be our featured Chef. All are invited to attend! Please call Carol Weller at 954-572-4075 to RSVP. Volunteers are needed, if you can help, please let Carol know. Tickets are \$10.00.

The Annual Greening of the Church will be held on Sunday, December 16th during the 10 am service. Please wear your holiday colors and join us for decorating and singing of traditional Christmas Carols.

Lessons and Carols 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 United States of America honored the memory of Nils Eric Pynigar by presenting a flag to Christine Clifford (cousin of Mr. Pynigar) in his honor. Christine has kindly donated the flag to St. Benedict's Church and it flies in our main door flag pole. We are proud of our Veterans and we continually pray for the women and men in uniform throughout the world. God bless them for their sacrifices and serve to our nation.

Are You A John The Baptist? Our wonderful Monday night adult formation will meet at 7:00 pm in the chapel to discuss John, and how he lives today in us.

Sunday Morning: We meet in the chapel at 9:30 am to explore the readings of the day. Join us.

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

Bible Study: A beginner in faith might come to church on the first Sunday in Advent expecting to catch an early glimpse of the baby Jesus. Instead, the sky roils with doom, earthquakes shaking us until our bones rattle. And John the Baptist, dressed in the latest wilderness fashion, denouncing the Pharisees and Sadducees, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from God's wrath to come?... Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matt. 3:7, 10) Why begin the liturgical year with the end of time? Because Advent, in spite of its reputation as a season of preparation for Christmas, and the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem, more importantly, is the coming of Jesus as the Judge of all things at the end of time. Join us Friday mornings at 9:30 in the Conference Room for a study of Advent. Nov. 30 to Dec.21

Attention: Adult and Teen Acolytes and Chalice Bearers: There will be Thurifer Training on December 8 2018 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Hazel Mitchell at hazelpatricia@bellsouth.net.

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9 immediately following 10 am service. We will be having our Potluck Luncheon along with our meeting. All women are encouraged to attend and to bring a dish to share.

UTO Corner 2018: Today is **UTO Ingathering 2018**. Father Albert will bless your donations at all services this weekend. Many Thanks for your prayers and donations to the UTO Ministry. All donations will be sent to The Diocese by Friday, December 22, 2018 in order to be recorded for 2018.

There will be a Blood Drive at St. Benedict's on Sunday, December 2 from 8:15 am – 11:30 am. All donors will receive a free OneBlood Fleece Blanket and a wellness checkup.

From TM Ralph: As part of our continuing care, we have created a special holiday remembrance. At this annual event, called "Holiday Hope", we share specific ways of coping with the season and the coming year. **The evening will conclude with a non-denominational candle lighting, in which your family may participate and remember your loved one.** Each person attending, will also receive a special remembrance gift. This uplifting program is open to the entire community and is helpful to anyone who has lost someone they love. Families and friends are encouraged to attend together. ***"The T.M. Ralph Family and Staff" When: December 4, 2018, 7:00 pm - Parish Hall at St. Benedict Episcopal Church, Please bring an item to display on our memory table. RSVP, not required but appreciated 954 587-6888***

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 for the week: *"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."* — Mother Teresa

Our offerings to God for November 24 and 25, 2018

Operating:	6,368.00
Building Fund:	973.00
Total:	7,341.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Shortfall for the week:	2,559.00

Your committed tithing and consistency in giving is a blessing to your church. Thank you!

Attention: New for 2019!

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

NEW SYSTEM FOR ONLINE GIVING!

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!