



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DIÖCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA - ANGLICAN COMMUNION

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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"

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1, 2019

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

Book of Common Prayer

Order of Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355)

Holy Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 am (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: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

1 I was glad when they said to me, **"Let us go to the house of the LORD."*
2 Now our feet are standing **within your gates, O Jerusalem.*
3 Jerusalem is built as a city **that is at unity with itself;*
4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, **the thrones of the house of David.*
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: **"May they prosper who love you.*
7 Peace be within your walls **and quietness within your towers.*
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, **I pray for your prosperity.*
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, **I will seek to do you good."*

The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 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.***

A Happy and Peaceful New Year!

Today's first lesson from Isaiah rings in the new church year with a challenging resolution for each of us: peace. Christ's peace, and thus ours, has no enemy whether of nation, religion, culture, or individual. However, these days, peace seems like the impossible dream. Is Christ asking too much of us to consecrate this as a year of personal peace in our most troubling relationship? Some folks will reject any offer you make, but at least you have tried. Often however, they will accept your apology or invitation. In either case, you are blessed, for you have become a peacemaker, and the prophetic words of Isaiah will apply to you: "You have beaten your sword into a plowshare", and, "walked in the light of the Lord".

- Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S



Saturday, December 7th - Deacon's Retreat for the Diocese of Southeast Florida 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Sunday, December 15th - Greening of the Church at 10:00 AM

Monday, December 16th - Vestry Celebration (with Spouses) 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18th -Parish Advent Night of Preparation and Reflection (Retreat) 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 22nd - Lessons and Carols (A uniquely Anglican Service of Prayer and Song) 10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

*6:00 PM Service with Children's Pageant and Live Animals (Full Choir) Petting Zoo for children before the service

*10:30 PM Traditional Solemn Midnight Mass (Full Choir/Christmas Hymns/Blessing of the Creche)

Wednesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Tuesday, New Year's Eve Mass, December 31st at 8:00 PM (New Year Blessing – Holy Name of Jesus)

Our Nursery is open every Sunday during the 10:00 am service for infants and toddlers ages 6 months to 3 years. Please see Cheryl Burley or Yvette Dawson for more information, or to volunteer.

Called To Be A Baptist: Whatever your name, you are called with John to be a forerunner of Jesus. Come Monday at 7:00 pm to the chapel as we search our Advent biblical calling. How's that for a church new year's resolution!

Sunday Service: Come to the chapel for the 10:00 am Eucharist at 9:30 am, and discover the divine wisdom hidden in today's lessons.

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

UTO Corner 2019. Ingathering is this weekend--Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1. Please return your little blue boxes or envelope and Father Albert will bless your donation in union with your prayers offered to The United Thank Offering Ministry. Many Thanks you for your kindness.

ECW invites you to our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Luncheon this Sunday, December 1st following the 10:00 am service. Feast on spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad and dessert! Tickets - \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Help us support our graduating Seniors by purchasing a ticket and having an excellent after service meal. Tickets are on sale after services or contact Carla Holness at 954-309-3298 or cholness618@gmail.com for more information. Ciao!

Blood Drive: The Blood Mobile will be at St. Benedict's on this Sunday, December 1st from 8:15 am to 11:30 am. All donors will receive a free blanket and \$10 e-gift card, as well as a wellness checkup including blood pressure, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Are you a cancer survivor, undergoing treatment, or caregiver? Please come to our new cancer support prayer group - Circle of Hope - the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 4pm in the Chapel beginning December 3rd. For more information, contact coordinator Jim Dunmire at dunmirej@bellsouth.net

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Maybe you don't feel joyful this year... Please join us for a "Holiday Hope" A program of hope and remembrance, sponsored by T.M. Ralph on Tuesday December 3rd, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Deshaies Hall. We will be sharing specific ways of coping with the season and the coming year. The evening will conclude with a non-denominational candle lighting, to remember loved one. Please bring a small framed photo or remembrance item to include on the memory table. Reservations requested, but not required. For more information or to make reservations, please call T.M. Ralph at 954-587-6888. Refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendars!! Forever Young Christmas Party and Luncheon will be on Tuesday December 10th at 12:30 pm in the Deshaies Hall. All are invited to come for lunch, fun, and games. Tickets are \$10. Please call Carol Weller at 954 572-4075 to RSVP by December 3rd, so that we can give a count to the caterers.

Attention all men! You are invited to be part of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 8th in the St. Elizabeth's Room promptly following the 10:00 am Mass. Through the disciplines of Prayer, Study and Service, the Brotherhood aims to always bring men and youth closer to Christ. The Brotherhood also maintains the Brotherhood Corner located in Deshaies Hall where members of the St. Benedict's community who need assistance with various projects around their homes are able to reach out. We invite all men of the church to come and join us for fellowship. Refreshments are usually provided. For information please contact Kevin Walford at: AquaOrangeGreen@gmail.com.

Brotherhood Fundraising Breakfast: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be hosting a Fundraising Breakfast on Sunday, December 15th in Deshaies Hall following the 10:00 am Mass. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Youth (ages 12 and under) and will be on sale in the Narthex at each service. Please contact Kevin Walford or any of the Brotherhood members for more information.

The *Buprost* (Business Professionals Skills and Talents) Directory is intended to showcase our business owners and their many professional skills and talents within our church and the larger community. This is an excellent opportunity for us to support each other and spread good news. Please pick up a questionnaire, fill it out and return it to Satnarine Ricketts-Weller, Janet Findlay, Carla Holness, or Winston Plummer. For more information please contact Satnarine at 516-647-0873 or email Satnarine@outlook.com

Are you 18-35 years old? Looking for a group to be a part of? NextGen might be right for you! We meet every other Sunday in the afternoon/evening in the conference room. We are always welcoming new members. If you are interested contact Ashley at 954-591-0647 or Nayomi at 954-802-9272

The Mission of the Month of December is Coins For Change: "Each year Coins for Change partners with missions and parishes all across the island of Cuba to provide Vacation Bible Schools to children and their parents. For many children and adults, this will be their first significant experience with Jesus Christ and the Church after decades of oppression and religious persecution. They will sing songs, play games, listen to stories, pray, do arts and crafts, and make memories that will last a lifetime. But most of all, they will come to know God's love through the clergy and lay leaders serving them. Your change makes a difference."

Spiritual Thought for the week: *"Giving generosity blooms from a thankful heart"* - 2 Corinthians 9:11.

Our offerings to God for November 23 and 24, 2019 – Thank you for your generosity!

Operating	5,255.00
Building Fund:	3,077.00
Total:	8,332.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Shortfall for the week:</i>	<i>1,568.00</i>

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