



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"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
DECEMBER 14 AND 15 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

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: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:2-11)

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

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

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector

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 Lord Saves

Herod held John the Baptist captive in his dank dungeon, and John knew he would soon die. But John had spent his entire life seeking to identify the Messiah, and that urgent question still remained. Desperately, John sent messengers to Jesus to ask: "Are you the one who is to come?" Jesus responds with Isaiah's magnificent words from our first reading indicating, "Truly, Yes, but my redemption will be neither political nor militaristic but spiritually powerful and humanly peaceful. However, John despite realizing his imminent death, rejoiced that he had been a success, for he had introduced the savior. Now, John heard the clatter of the soldiers' swords and clubs. Never mind! The savior has come with the death of death for John and all who embrace Jesus. - Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S



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)

Christmas Pageant 6:00pm Service Christmas Eve: All children age 4 through high school are encouraged to participate in the Annual Christmas pageant. Practice is each Sunday for the next two weeks immediately after the 10:00 am service until 2:00 pm. There is a part for everyone! Lunch will be provided at practices. The church provides costumes. We need Adult volunteers to help with dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd, and on Christmas Eve. Please contact Pam Sahdev for questions and more information. 954-802-8744 or Pamsahdev@yahoo.com

New Beginnings: Start anew with our Sunday 10:00 am Eucharist and its introduction at 9:30 am in the chapel.

Merry Christmas: The Nativity scene is most charming, but come Monday night at 7:00 pm in the chapel to discover its mighty meaning and challenge. And don't forget our unique and creative prayer service at 6:30 pm.

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.

Sunday Service: Do come to our exploring Sunday's proclamations at our Sunday 9:30 am gathering in the chapel. Eucharist will come alive and you will be prepared to understand and embrace the Word of God.

Our Monday Message: We will explore the birth of Christ in us (the real meaning of Christmas) at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Meet folks and make new friends from 5 different churches. And don't forget our prayer gathering at 6:30 pm.

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

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 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Next meeting December 17. For more information, contact coordinator Jim Dunmire at dunmirej@bellsouth.net

UTO Corner 2019: Please continue to return your UTO boxes and envelopes until December 22, 2019. All donations must be sent to The SE Diocese before December 31, 2019. Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020 new year from the UTO Ministry!

Office Hours: During the Christmas holidays the office will be closed from December 20, 2019 until January 2, 2020.

Brotherhood Fundraising Breakfast: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be hosting a Fundraising Breakfast this Sunday, December 15th in Deshaies Hall following the 10:00am 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.

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: "The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name"
– *Mary in the Magnificat (Luke 1:49)*

Our offerings to God for December 7 and 8, 2019 – Thank you for your generosity!

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| Operating | 8,968.00 |
| Building Fund: | 3,090.00 |
| Total: | 12,058.00 |
| Operational Costs: | 9,900.00 |
| <i>Over Budget for the week:</i> | <i>2,158.00</i> |