



# 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 it known"*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two  
DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 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**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. **The Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, judicium***

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
2 That he may rule your people righteously \*and the poor with justice;  
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*and the little hills bring righteousness.  
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*from one generation to another.  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*like showers that water the earth.  
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*who alone does wondrous deeds!  
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

**The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12)**

**ALL: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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.***

### **Advent Lives**

The poet John Masefield lamented, "The jingle of the cash register has sadly silenced, "O come, O come Emmanuel". Advent is no more". Could Masefield be right: that the great introduction to Christ's birth is gone? Have we abandoned Christ for Santa, repentance for tinsel? Jesus calls us to repent in its true meaning: not beating our breasts in penance but living the Baptist's message: becoming a whole new person: new in motivation, goals, and courage: all modeled on Jesus. John's voice still rings down the centuries preparing us for Christ. Gifts, cards, and greetings carry meaning, but John summons us to examine, revere, and commit to Jesus as never before. This Advent, the cash register will not have the final word in our Christly hearts: Jesus will. - Norm Carroll [spiritualsummit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)

## **COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S**



**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Greening of the Church at 10:00 AM

**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** - Vestry Celebration (with Spouses) 7:00 PM

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

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

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

**Tuesday, New Year's Eve Mass, December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 three 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, and on Christmas Eve. Please contact Pam Sahdev for questions and more information. 954-802-8744 or [Pamsahdev@yahoo.com](mailto:Pamsahdev@yahoo.com)

**The annual Greening of the Church** will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 am service. Please help us celebrate this beautiful tradition by wearing your festive colors. There will be beautiful music and a surprise visitor for the children!

**The Funeral Service for Hilda Silvera**, a beloved parishioner, will be at St. Benedict's on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. May she rest in peace.

**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.

**A heartfelt thank you** to all you 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"

**ECW/CPC) Thank you everyone for your donations.** We raised a total of \$412 to help with CPC. National Book fund and Miles of pennies. Together we can change the world one book at a time. Bless our gifts and those who receive them.

**UTO Corner 2019:** A Big **THANK YOU** from the UTO Ministry. Ingathering was very successful. Thanks to Father Bob and Father Albert for blessing all the donations received. Please continue to return your little boxes and envelopes until the weekend of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**Dear Parish Family** - Thank you, thank you so much for the support of my 69th Birthday Benefit Beatles Bash before Thanksgiving. It was a huge blast - lots of dancing, singing along, yummy tacos, margaritas, and cake and pumpkin pie! And thanks to you and friends from all over, we raised \$3000 plus for Jubilee Center of South Broward, a great help to them in feeding 120 people daily! With God's love and grace, Your Deacon, Deb.

**Are you a cancer survivor, undergoing treatment, or caregiver?** Please come to our new cancer support prayer group - Circle of Hope - the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 pm in the Chapel. For more information, contact coordinator Jim Dunmire at [dunmirej@bellsouth.net](mailto:dunmirej@bellsouth.net)

**Attention all men! You are invited to be part of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew:** The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the St. Peter'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](mailto:AquaOrangeGreen@gmail.com).

**Brotherhood Fundraising Breakfast:** The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be hosting a Fundraising Breakfast on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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:** "Purity of heart is what enables us to see." — *Pope Benedict XVI*

**Our offerings to God for November 30 and December 1, 2019 – Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating	9,582.00
Building Fund:	3,785.00
Total:	14,832.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	<i>4,932.00</i>