

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

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"

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/ THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
JANUARY 11 AND 12, 2020

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of

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

Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:13-17)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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.**

Meet John the Baptist

Have you wondered why John baptized Jesus when Jesus was the greater: The Son of God? Christian scholars, especially John Meier, tell us we so wonder because many of us forget that Jesus was also fully human, and had to learn and mature even as we do. Jesus chose not to study under the prestigious temple priests but with the courageous hero of daring and desert. "By submitting to his message and baptism, Jesus became the disciple, the pupil, the student of this rabbi called John". Now, we come to Jesus our mentor symbolized by our baptism. But we remember Jesus teaches not rules, principles, or mere mortals but a new way of life: his life. Today, on Baptism Sunday, let's renew our baptismal vows, and become another Christ.

- Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

Coming Up @ St. Benedict's

Pledge Envelopes for 2020 are available on a table in the Narthex arranged in alphabetical order. Please remember that **separate checks** need to be written for the Operating and Maintenance/Improvement 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.

Here is a comparison of what we have received in pledges for 2020 to date compared to our 2019 report:

Year to date 2020 Pledge:

Total Pledging Units: 209

Total Pledged \$429,819.00

Pledge Report 2019

249

\$508,284.00

PLEDGE CARDS must be completed every year! If you are contributing in the plate or online and have not completed pledge cards for 2020, we are unable to record your contributions or provide a statement, and you will also not be able to vote at the Annual Meeting. Please complete a card as soon as possible and put it into the Arc (box), or the collection plate. Thank you!

REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: All Heads of Ministries please email your report as a **Word document**. All reports should be emailed to Wendy at parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org no later than Monday, January 13th.

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.

The Sunday School is in need of volunteers for teachers. Please contact Keisha Goodison if you are called to share the word of God with children.

Come to Adult Formation: We are all bound to seek truth and love. Find them Monday at 7:00 pm in the chapel as we probe the mystery of church. Our unique prayer service begins at 6:30 pm.

Sunday Service Begins not at 10:00 am but at 9:30 am in the chapel as we explore the deeper meaning of our Sunday readings.

Faith in Music Ministry will be a combination of Spiritual Music with Spiritual text on Wednesdays from 6:15 pm until 6:45 pm.

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12th immediately following the 10:00 am service. We encourage all women to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Attention all men! You are invited to be part of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th 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.

Abandoned Dog's Rescue Home: Peter Furzer is collecting old, but gently used towels for the Abandoned Dog's Rescue Home. Please see Peter if you can help.

UTO Donations: The ministry of United Thank Offering was truly blessed in 2019 with a grand total of \$1,779.72 in donations. A big **"Thank you"** for always supporting UTO.

The Mission of the Month of January is Jubilee Center. Jubilee Center is a daily soup kitchen and counselling center, located in Hollywood. Their goal is to provide meals to the hungry and social services to the neediest in the community, as well as clothing, food and emergency aid.

Spiritual Thought for the week: "It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love." — *Billy Graham*

Our offerings to God for January 4 and 5, 2020

Operating Fund:	12,786.80
Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	3,656.00
Total:	16,442.80
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Over Budget for the week:	6,542.80

Give ONLINE

**Take a few minutes to SIGN UP FOR SUBSPLASH GIVING at:
www.saintbenedicts.org
(Click on the tab marked "Giving")**