

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"

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
FEBRUARY 8 AND 9, 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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 112:1-9, Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:13-20)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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.**

Tear the Walls Down

Do you recall church requiring our fasting on certain days of the year under pain of sin? Fasting is surely a worthy act of penance, but, through Isaiah, God speaks differently of fasting in today's first reading: "The fast that I choose [is] to loosen the bonds of injustice...to let the oppressed go free". Jesus surely studied this passage, and dreamed of people of all ages, nationalities, religions, and races to bond together in holy war by tearing down the walls of apathy, oppression, and bias in all forms. Jesus gave his life to initiate this movement, and called it the Kingdom of God. Most importantly, he "begs" us to commit powerfully to him and his crusade-to embrace his life from this moment now and forever.

- Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

Coming Up @ St. Benedict's

Join us for special services on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 am for Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of ashes (approx. 25 minutes) - **12:00 Noon** Holy Eucharist (approx. 25 minutes) with the imposition of ashes and **7:00 pm** Holy Eucharist with music. We realize that for many it is a busy workday, for this reason, a variety of services will be offered so you can come and get to work on time. Your clergy will also have "Ashes to Go" for all in the community on NW 5th Street. All are welcome!

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.

Please remember that PLEDGE CARDS must be completed each 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. Please complete a card as soon as possible and put it into the Arc (box), or the collection plate. Thank you!
Pledge statements for 2019 are on the table in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order.

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.

Luther: Calling all members and guests of St. Benedict's to the chapel, 7:00 pm Monday to discuss the famed reformation of Christianity and how it affects our lives today.

Sunday Secrets: We look into the depths of wisdom which reside in our Sunday readings. Come to the chapel Sunday at 9:30 am for an enlightening experience.

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

Mark Your Calendars: The Annual Mothers' Union International Cuisine will be on February 16th. Tickets and information available after today's service.

Come and join us for the St. Benedict's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 am-12:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Alicia Kelly at the 6:00 pm service, Merline Antoine-Archer at the 8:00 am service and Barbara McKenzie at the 10:00 am service.

ECW has been given 2 round trip vouchers on Jet Blue - from any city to any city! We will raffle these off separately from the Gift Baskets. Price for tickets is \$10.00. Drawing will be held on February 23, 2020. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to receive 2 round trip vouchers to a destination of your choice!

ECW 5 FABULOUS GIFT BASKET RAFFLE! Purchase raffle tickets to win one or more wonderful gift baskets from local vendors. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Drawing to be held on February 23rd. Please help support our scholarship fundraising effort. Tickets available at each service or by contacting any ECW member. For more information, please call Karen Froniewski at 954-292-0068 or Carla Holness at 954-309-3298. Thank you and God bless.

Our Beloved St. Benedict's Family: We sincerely thank you for all your cards, calls, messages, and especially your prayers, since our recent accident and the loss of Jerry's brother, Gordon. We cannot express in words the strength and encouragement and comfort your heartfelt love has given us. We pray for blessings for each and every one of you. Alice and Jerry

St. Ambrose is having "An Evening in Italy" Italian Dinner (A 5 Course Italian Dinner) on Saturday, February 15 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 presale until February 12th. \$30.00 at the door. Children 12 and under \$10. Tickets can be purchased by using Zelle: StAmbroseFL@outlook.com and add "for Italian Dinner" in the memo line along with the names of guests, or call 954-439-3160 for information.

Relay for Life. Yes, it's that time of year again – time to start gearing up for the 2020 Relay for Life in Plantation. This year, the relay is scheduled for Friday, April 17 through Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Plantation Central Park. The first organizational meeting for individuals from St. Benedict's who are interested in participating will be Sunday, February 2nd after the 10 am service. We can use all kinds of help, from food planning, decorations, fundraising, and walker organization, so if you are interested, please join us. For more information, call Cheryl Hill at 954-292-8700 or email at cheryl.novavillage@gmail.com.

Abandoned Dogs' 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.

The Mission of the Month of February is Hope South Florida: Through the Faith In Action program HOPE South Florida provides emergency overnight housing for families & veterans at a local church or hotel, so they are not forced to sleep on the streets while they wait for permanent housing to become available. HSF provides transportation, meals, showers, and other support services to homeless families & veterans recovering from homelessness.

Spiritual Thought: "No one heals himself by wounding another" – St. Ambrose of Milan (340—397)

Our offerings to God for February 8 and 9, 2020

Operating Fund:	9,249.75
Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	3,142.00
Total	12,391.75
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Over Budget for the week:	2,491.75