

SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL/ANGLICAN 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"

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel

with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (4:5-42)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew

the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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.**

Drinking at The Well

Weary, Jesus sits at a well, unable to drink because he has no bucket. Despite unforgiving Jewish law, he asks a sinful foreign woman for help. This generates discussion in which Jesus likens this well- water, needed for physical life, to God's Spirit needed for spiritual life. He helps her to overcome racial, gender, moral and religious bias, and welcomes her into discipleship. Today, Christ speaks with us in the same way. He urges us to recognize God's Spirit of love in all our relationships and experiences. Everything in your life and mine calls for a Spirit-filled response. Like the woman at the well, let's leave our physical water jars, and radiate the Spirit of God to all whom we touch.

-Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net

Coming Up @ St. Benedict's

Lenten Bible Study/Rector's Forum

Please join Father Albert to study the book of Psalms every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross in the church on Fridays at noon.

The Sacramental Candle is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Potash on the anniversary of his death on March 15th from John and Nickie Quinn.

Subsplash Online Giving Tutorial Demonstration: Sunday, March 15th, after 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. The Stewardship Committee will conduct a 20-minute class, demonstration and Q & A on how to establish online "automatic giving". Never write another check for your pledge again! Refreshments will be offered to the participants.

We Are Family! 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. Sign-up ONLINE and set up your "automatic giving" - never write another check again. www.saintbenedicts.org.

Pledge statements for 2019 are on the table in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order.

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. **Our Nursery is also 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: Get the most out of Sunday Eucharist by understanding its rich wisdom in the readings. We explore such at 9:30 am every Sunday in the chapel, and the Bible lessons come alive.

Monday Nights Are Special: Understand Jesus as never before. Monday night in the chapel at 7:00 pm we reflect on his personality and culture and come to appreciate his divine greatness. Also, don't miss our prayer service at 6:30 pm that changes with our needs each week.

The Military Ministry will be meeting after the 10:00 am service on March 15th in the chapel. If you are a committee member, or are interested in supporting the Military Ministry, please plan on attending.

Attention all men! You are invited to be part of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The next meeting will be this Sunday, March 15th 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 generally provided. For information please contact Kevin Walford at: AquaOrangeGreen@gmail.com.

It is time to renew CPR certification: If you have not taken a class in several years, CPR class will be held on March 22nd following the 10:00 am service in the Hall. This class is open to everyone. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

Mark your calendars!!! The Forever Young March Luncheon will be on March 24th at 12:30 pm at Las Vegas Restaurant (Cuban Cuisine), 7015 W. Broward Blvd. Plantation 33317. Lunch specials from \$7.95 to \$14.95. All are invited!!! Please call Carol Weller at 954-572-4075 to RSVP by March 19th.

The Special Events Ministry is hosting a trip to the Holy Land in Orlando, FL on **March 28th**. There is one bus with 55 seats available. Contact Pauletta Superville at 754-366-8394 or Tanya Holmes at 954-850-9386 for more info. Price \$74.00 for adults and \$59.00 for children 5-17 years old.

Scholarship applications for the ECW Scholarship, the Chang Family Scholarship and the St. Benedict's Church High School Graduate Scholarship are now available for all graduating Seniors. Please see Cheryl Burley for applications for all scholarships, or individually see Carla Holness (ECW), Jennifer Chang (Chang Family) and Cheryl Burley (St. Benedict's). All applications must be filled out as directed and returned by Sunday, April 30th, 2020. Unfortunately, late applications will not be accepted.

We will be having a Good Friday Fish Fry on April 10th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Pre-orders for dinners are available. Order forms can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Pearl Sinclair no longer has a car and would like to attend Sunday Services. Her address is: 2271 NW 47 Terrace, Apt 106, Lauderhill, FL 33313. If you are willing to give her a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings for the 10:00 am service, please call her at 954-294-9581 to make arrangements. Thank you!

LifeNet4Families sandwich donations - last Sunday of each month: We hit a record month in pounds donated to the program in 2019 and would like to keep the momentum in 2020. Please continue your service and commitment to the program and bring items **separately** - bread/meat/cheese. This program is a critical service to the community and serves hundreds of meals daily. THANK YOU for your generosity!

Relay for Life: Our participation is crucial in the fight against cancer! We need volunteers to walk during the event and to help with the set-up. Relay for Life is scheduled for April 17th, 2020, from 6pm to 9am the next day – in recognition of the fact that cancer never sleeps. You can walk for as long (or as short) as you like. It will be held at Central Park in Plantation, on the track by the football field. Please register online at RelayForLife.org or by calling 1-800-227-2345; be sure to register under St. Benedict's. For more information, contact Cheryl Hill at 954-292-8700.

St. Benedict's Quilt Group will be updating the flag quilt located on the east wall of our sanctuary; if your country flag is not represented, please e-mail either Juli Reid (julireid@comcast.net) or Josette Thomas (jmother15@bellsouth.net) with the name of your country.

Are you 18-35 years old: If so, and you or anyone you know is looking for a young adult group to be a part of, come check us out. Text Ashley Vaz the President at 9545910647 or Nayomi Braaf the VP at 9548029272 for more info. We'd love for you to join us.

The Mission of the Month of March is Our Little Roses: Our Little Roses Ministries works to rescue and transform the lives of girls who come from overwhelming situations of abject poverty, abuse, neglect & abandonment in one of the poorest countries in Central America - Honduras. OLR provides a safe, loving home, nutritious food, clean water, medical and dental care, an education and most importantly the happy childhood that every child deserves.

Spiritual Thought:

Our offerings to God for March 7 and 8, 2020

Operating

Fund: 8,962.96

Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	2,064.00
Total	11,026.96
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	<i>1,126.96</i>