

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"

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *shall neither slumber nor sleep;

- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:1-17)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

All: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday: The Reverend Debra McLaughlin

8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday: The Reverend Ann Goraczko

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.**

Seeing with A Third Eye

Many have daily repetitive schedules: rise, eat, work, television, and sleep. Our lives can carry a depthless dullness; that is, unless we see God's beloved presence in all our relationships. Then, life becomes a grand glorious experience with the

divine. Jesus summons us to this vision in today's gospel: "You must be born 'from above'". But not all know of this life. Nicodemus questioned, "How can this happen?" Jesus responds: "You are a teacher in Israel, and you don't understand this?" As disciples of Jesus, we are obliged to understand and live this life. Christianity is not just a social or prayerful experience, but, like Jesus, seeing our Father in all circumstances. Jesus asserts, " I came into this world so those who do not see might see." - Norm Carroll spiritualsummirt.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.

We welcome Mother Ann Goraczko who is Celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend.

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.

Adult Searching: Come Monday at 7:00 pm in the chapel to explore with us Jesus as he really was, not as we imagine him. An amazing experience!

Sunday Scripture: We search out the in-depth meaning of the Sunday lessons every Sunday at 9:30 am in the chapel. Come, join us.

Subsplash Online Giving Tutorial Demonstration: Sunday 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 served.

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8, immediately following the 10:00 am service in St. Elizabeth's room. Jacky Lowe, who performs Mission work in Madagascar, will be at our meeting to give us an update on her travels. Please plan to attend. Refreshment will be served. Those walking for Jubilee Center are reminded to bring your walking gear and \$10 as we will leave immediately after for the walk.

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 next 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 sign-up 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.

On Behalf of the Mothers' Union we sincerely thank you for all the food donated to the Cuisine. St. Benedict's is surely blessed as the Scripture says, the more you give the more you will receive. Many Blessings in Jesus' name. Blossie Lewis, Enrolling Member.

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.

Walk or Sponsor a walker for Jubilee Center's **Walk 2 Stop Hunger** on **Sunday, March 8th, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church**, located at 1704 Buchanan St., Hollywood, FL, 33020 (just east of US1.) Non-perishable **Food Donations** appreciated for the Food Pantry. Our own **St. Benedict's Liturgical Dance Team** will be there to entertain you!!!

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: "True Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less." - C.S. Lewis

Our offerings to God for February 29 and March 1, 2020

Operating Fund:	12,310.00
Maintenance/Improvement Fund:	3,567.00
Total	15,877.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
Over Budget for the week:	5,977.00