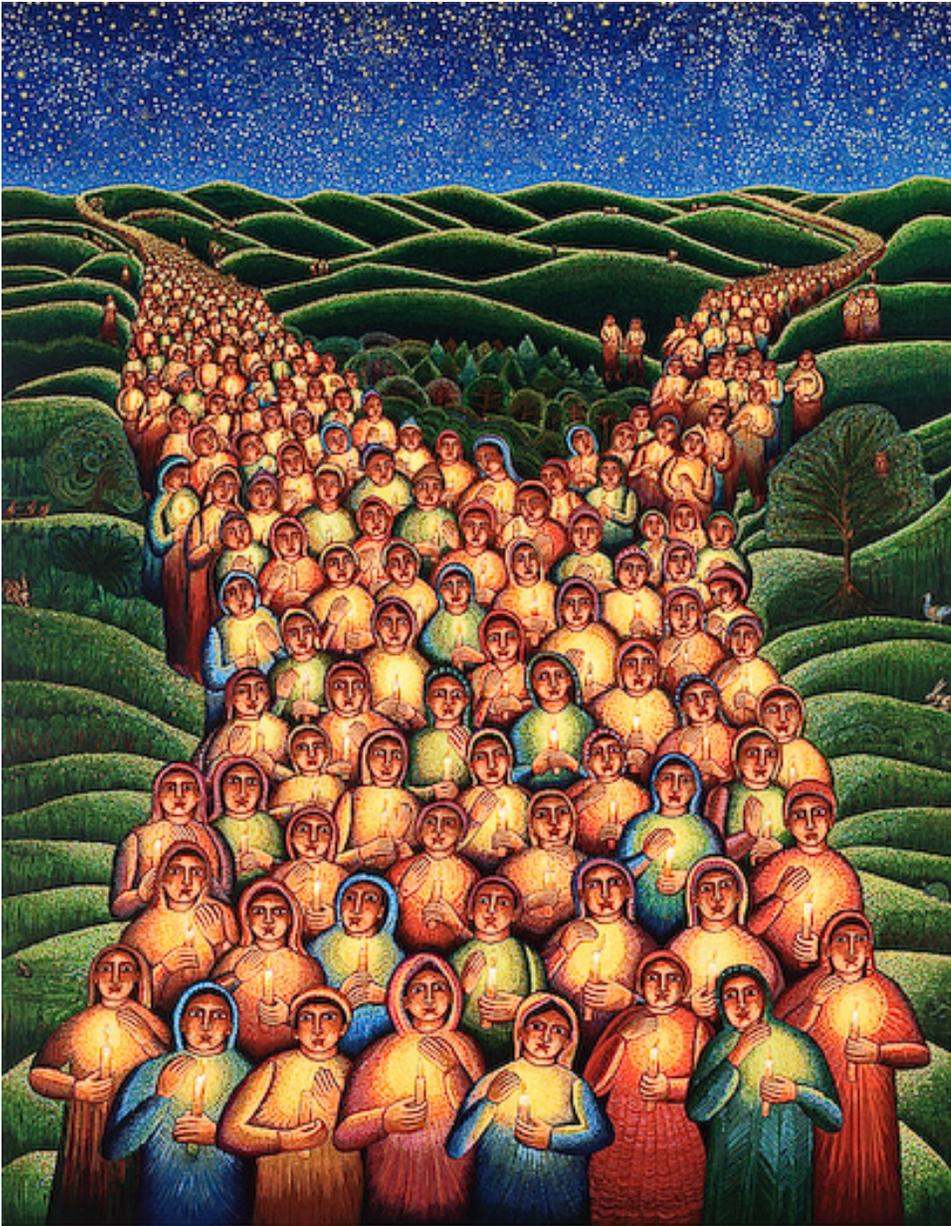


# Welcome to



**FESTIVAL OF  
LIGHT**  
By John Swanson

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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**Welcome to**  
**Saint Benedict Episcopal Church**  
*in the City of Plantation*

**As We Gather, We Pray**

**Father**, we pray today that You would send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide us, let them bring us to Your holy mountain to the place where You dwell. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our joy and our delight, and give glory to You, today and forever. Amen.  
([Psalm 43:3-4](#))



## Saint Benedict Episcopal Church

### The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Weekend of September 25-26 | 6pm, 8am and 10am

Welcome to Saint Benedict Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Additional information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org). Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses for this service are in **red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP). Congregational responses for all services are found in **bold**. The music for the service is taken from the blue Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and the red, green, and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Please stand at the introduction of hymns. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist.

## THE GATHERING We begin our worship as a gathered community praising God in song.

### Organ Voluntary

### Processional Hymn 475

Tysk



1 God him - self is with us: let us all a - dore him,  
 2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,  
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty  
 4 Come, a - bid e with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with - in us;  
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur - ren - der  
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der flow - ers  
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing Spi - rit,



souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near him.  
 earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and sin - ful plea - sures:  
 ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light calm - ly hold them,  
 with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der.



Now his own, who have known God, in wor - ship low - ly,  
 thou a - lone shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing,  
 so let me qui - et - ly in thy rays im - bue me;  
 Where I go here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee,



yield their spi - rits whol - ly.  
 life's true way de - cree - ing.  
 let thy light shine through me.  
 know thee, and a - dore thee.

## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Collect for Purity:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*(8:00am Rite I) The Decalogue and Kyrie Eleison**

*The Celebrant continues:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Sung by all:* **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**S-280 by Robert Powell**

**\*(8:00am Rite I): Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **At the Collect**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

*The Collect of the Day:* O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### **A Reading from the Book of Esther**

*Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22*

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won

your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Nisi, quia Dominus**    *to be read responsively by verse*

*Psalm 124*

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

**2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

**6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

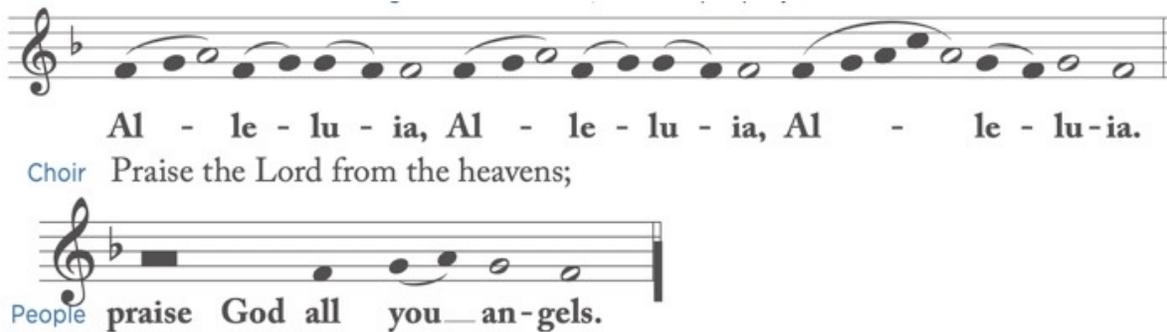
**8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**A Reading from the Book of James**

*James 5:13-20*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## At the Gospel



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People praise God all you an-gels.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*Mark 9:38-50*

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.** John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck, and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

**The Reverend Albert R. Cutié**

## The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

## The Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

+ Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*We offer prayers on behalf of our community, state, nation and the world.*

**Confession of Sin** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*please kneel as you are able, said by all:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Saint Benedict's work of sharing God's love with the world. Please be generous - we count on your support year-round. Text "give7801" to 1-888-364-4483. You may also make a secure donation online at our website [www.Saintbenedicts.org](http://www.Saintbenedicts.org) or via the Saint Benedict's app.*

**THE LORD'S TABLE**

**Choral Anthem (10am)**

Great Are You, O Lord by Gerald Henderson

*God, our Father, we adore you, magnify you; heaven and earth proclaim your power, show your glory, Alleluia!  
Great are you, O Lord.*

## Offertory Hymn

Monk



1 An - gel voic - es ev - er sing - ing round thy throne of light,  
2 Thou who art be - yond the far - thest mor - tal eye can scan,  
3 For we know that thou re - joic - est o'er each work of thine;  
4 In thy house, great God, we of - fer of thine own to thee;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might and mer - it thine shall ev - er be,



1 An - gel - harps for ev - er ring - ing, rest not day nor night;  
2 can it be that thou re - gard - est aught that hu - mans plan?  
3 thou didst ears and hands and voic - es for thy praise de - sign;  
4 and for thine ac - cept - ance prof - fer all un - worth - i - ly  
5 Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it bless - ed Trin - i - ty.



1 thou - sands on - ly live to bless thee and con - fess thee Lord of might.  
2 Can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.  
3 mak - er's art and mu - sic's measure for thy plea - sure all com - bine.  
4 hearts and minds and hands and voic - es in our choic - est psalm - o - dy.  
5 Of the best which thou hast giv - en earth and hea - ven rend - er thee.

## Doxology

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *The service continues on p. 361 (Rite I on p. 333) of the Book of Common Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I):**

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:*

**\*(8:00am Rite I): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. +Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, to which the congregation responds: **Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again, and sings: Amen.***

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.** *[twice]*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us Thy peace.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## Communion Hymn LEVAS 154 Taste and See

*Taste and See*

## The Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I):** Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE SENDING FORTH

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### The Final Blessing +

#### Closing Hymn 368 Holy Father, Great Creator

*Regent Square*



1 Ho-ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy love, and peace,  
2 Ho-ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim,  
3 Ho-ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion from a - bove,  
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won-drous mer - cies shine.



look u - pon the Me - di - a - tor, clothe us with his right-eous - ness;  
while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry, meet and wor - ship in thy Name,  
touch our hearts with sac - red fire, fill them with the Sa - vior's love.  
In the song of thy sal - va - tion ev - ery tongue and race com - bine.



heaven - ly Fa - ther, heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.  
dear Re-deem - er, dear Re-deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.  
Source of com - fort, Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.  
Great Je - ho - vah, Great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

### The Dismissal

Go forth in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

### Organ Voluntary

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# **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?**

## **September 25-26**

### **FIND YOUR PLACE AT SAINT BENEDICT'S:**

Now is a perfect time for members and newcomers to explore ways to grow deeper in our parish, as well as offer your time, talent, and treasure to support the life of Saint Benedict's. Learn more about our 60+ ministries by clicking the ministries tab at [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org) or speak with a member of the ministerial team by calling the Parish Office 954-473-6578. Connection to the parish during this "season of separation," is bound to bring blessing and faith-based partnership to all those willing to engage.

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)**

Zoom meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 1:00 pm. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to start this Fall off with new and returning members. We have information to share including the upcoming Fall Deanery meeting to be held on Saturday, October 23rd. The Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/6032638503> For more information, please contact Carla Holness at [cholness618@gmail.com](mailto:cholness618@gmail.com)

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS THURSDAY, 7PM**

Calling all choristers and individuals interested in joining this area of ministry. Please join us in the sanctuary for choir rehearsal (socially distant). Sight-readers are welcome. For more info, please see Xavier Richardson, Director of Music and Organist or email [zavirich@gmail.com](mailto:zavirich@gmail.com).

### **NAMU WALKS 2021**

Allan DuPuis will be representing Team HCA Healthcare for this year's event and will be accepting donations supporting mental health awareness. Please contact Allan at [Allan.Dupuis@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:Allan.Dupuis@hcahealthcare.com)

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: SATURDAY**

Please join us on Saturday, October 2nd at 6:00 PM. October 4th is the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is the Patron Saint of Animals, and it is customary that in remembrance of St. Francis'

love for all creatures, that pets are blessed near to his feast day. If you are bringing snakes, birds, or other small animal to the service, please put them in a cage for their own safety and for the safety of everyone else.

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD:**

Our weekly operating budget is \$10,000, and none of our fixed expenses have changed during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please be as generous as you can be in your regular pledging and offerings. God bless you:

**Operating: \$3,354.05**

**Building: \$685.00**

**Online Giving: \$3,205.00**

**Total: \$7,244.05**



### **ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

Join Zoom

Please refer to the email with the Zoom information.

*Sundays at 11:30 AM - Inviting all children and youth in our community to participate!*



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To receive Holy Communion in your car – a minister will come to you at Communion time.  
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**SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (“Dog-friendly” Service)**

**SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish) AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

**WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

The Reverend Dr. Albert R. Cutié, Rector  
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon  
Mr. Xavier W. Richardson, Director of Music & Organist  
Ms. Wendy Williams, Parish Administrator

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