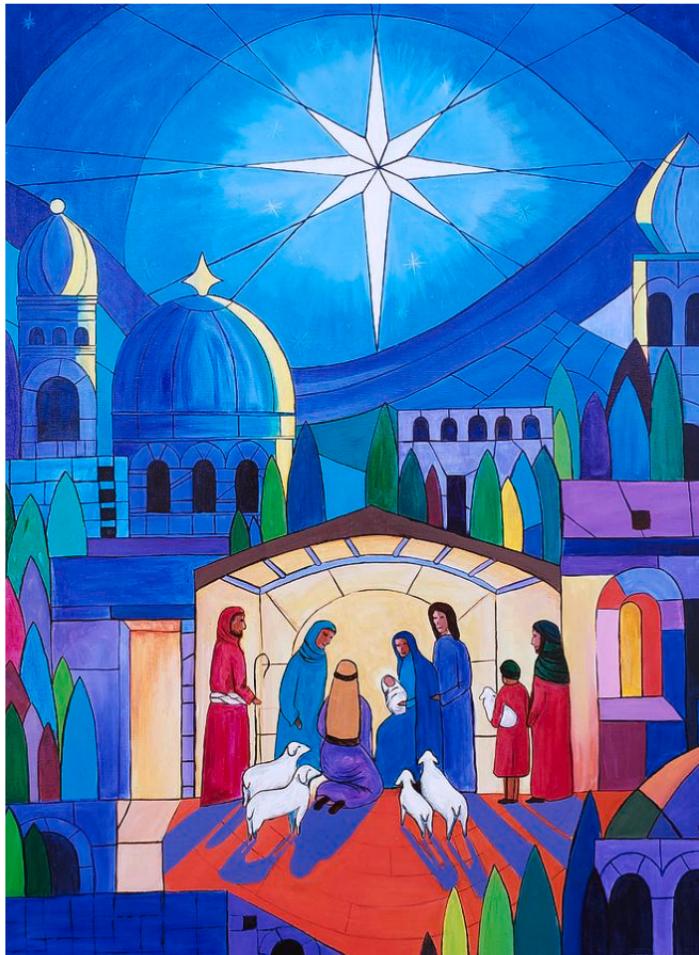


Welcome To



NATIVITY

by Christina Gosserez

HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS
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Christmas 2021

Dear Parish Family and Guests,

Merry Christmas and welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal/Anglican Church! We are glad you are here. Please know that at Saint Benedict's there are no strangers, but only friends we have not met. All are welcome!

Whether you regularly participate in our worshiping community, or this is your first time at Saint Benedict's, we are blessed with your presence. I believe nothing happens by coincidence, and that God brought you here for a reason. Our prayer is that you will come to know the deep presence of God moving in your life. Please know that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church, but if you choose not to do so, please come up and simply cross your arms so the ministers may offer you a blessing.

There is so much joy to be found in our various Christmas celebrations, and as we come together to remember the newborn babe in Bethlehem, may you feel the touch of God upon your heart. God has indeed come among us! The world is forever changed, forgiveness, salvation, and God's unconditional love have been revealed in Jesus Christ!

From all of us here at Saint Benedict's, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and we pray that 2022 will bring us a renewed hope, for a brighter future.

In the love of Jesus,

Father Albert +

The Reverend Dr. Albert R. Cutie
Rector and Parish Priest
Saint Benedict Episcopal Church



Saint Benedict Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Celebration for the Feast of Christmas

Christmas Eve 6:00 and 10:00pm | Christmas Day 10:00 am

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. 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). We are a singing church; we ask that you please stand at the introduction of hymns. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, Emmanuel, God with us.

ORDER OF SERVICE for FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

Organ Voluntaries

Prelude and Fugue in E Major by J.S. Bach

Noel entranger by Louis Claude Daquin

Partita on Adeste Fideles by Charles Callahan

Choral Introit *please stand*

Christus Natus Est by Benjamin Britten

Sung in Latin: Today is Christ born; today the Savior has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

The Gospel of John (1:1-14) *proclaimed by the Rector*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

At the Manger

Alleluia! Unto us a Child is born:
Come, let us adore Him, Alleluia!

The Celebrant continues: Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the blessed Virgin Mary. Grant that we, your people, may enter with joy into the celebration of the day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted daughters and sons; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The organ fanfare introduces the hymn

Hymn 83

Adeste Fideles

The musical score consists of three staves of music for two voices (SATB). The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The music features several melodic motifs, some with dashed oval-shaped outlines, and includes fermatas and repeat signs. The lyrics are as follows:

Adeste Fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. See how the shep - herds sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 4. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in a man - ger,
 5. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3. leav - ing their flocks, draw - nigh to gaze;
 4. we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 5. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. on ly - be - got ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3. we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 4. who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 5. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord we greet Thee
 Born this happy morning
 Jesu, to Thee be glory given.
 Word of the Father now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

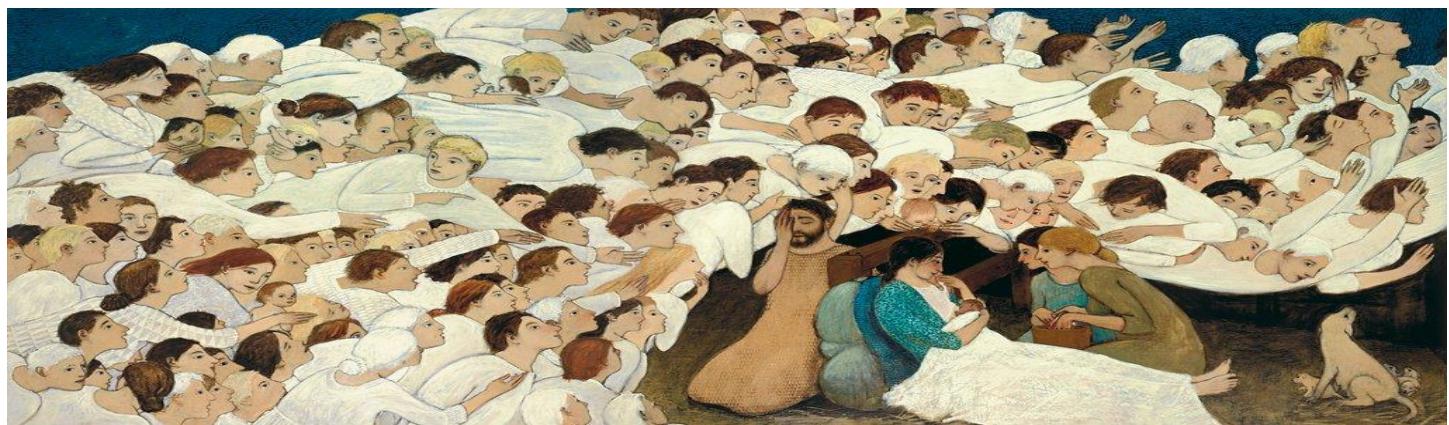
The Opening Acclamation

The glory of the Lord has been revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together.

Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant prays: 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.**



Nativity by Brian Kershnik

Gloria in Excelsis

by William Matthias

Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

At the Collect of the Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please sit

THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from Isaiah the Prophet

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Response

1st time Cantor, thereafter all; verses sung by choir

Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12



1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. [to Antiphon]

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods. [to Antiphon]

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth. [to Antiphon]

A reading from the Letter to Titus

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King,
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations rise,
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with the angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"**

At the Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20)

+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!*" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn (cont. vs. 3)

3 Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

The Sermon *please sit*

The Reverend Albert Cutie, Rector (6 and 10pm)
The Reverend Thomas Bruttell, Archdeacon (10am)

The Nicene Creed *please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, *he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*

(PAUSE - SILENCE)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Eternal God, on this holy night, your Son our Savior was born in human form. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, Christians the world over are celebrating his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all those who are in pain or distress this night. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption by word and example. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen those who work for peace and justice, here and in all the world. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant prays: O God, you have given us a new revelation of your love in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **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.

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.Saintbenedict.org or via the Saint Benedict's app.

THE LORD'S TABLE

Choral Anthem (6 and 10pm services)

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

Sussex Carol by Sir. David Willcocks

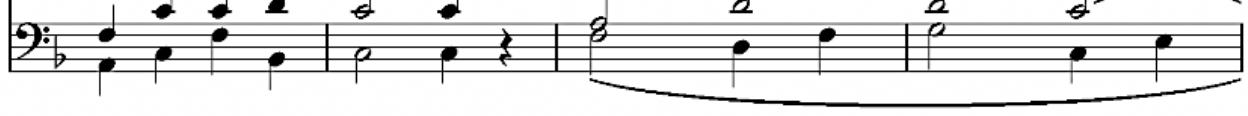
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

Please stand

Offertory Hymn 96

Gloria



Presentation Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:

Deutsch Messe by F. Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Celebrant says: The Gifts of God for the People of God: take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Our Invitation to You On this Holy Night

This is the Lord's Table, where all of God's children are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Choral Anthems (6 and 10pm)

Worthy is the Lamb by John Joubert

How I adore You, O Lamb of God. O Jesus, I bless Your name. I bow at your feet singing Hallelujah. I give You the highest praise. You are worthy, O Holy Lamb, you're worthy to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing. Worthy is the Lamb.

Gesu Bambino by Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night
Was born the Child the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced
And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.

Sung in Latin:

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Again, the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its king of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell.

Candlelight Hymn

Stille Nacht

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born! Christ, the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

You may extinguish your candles at the Rector's invitation.

The Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant prays: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his goodness and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father +, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make
His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love

The Dismissal

Christ is born for us. Let us go forth in His name and peace. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV729 by J.S. Bach



The parish family of St. Benedict's wishes you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year! Please pray about making an end-of-the-year Christmas donation and gift to this church. We recently completed paying the mortgage on this new church building, but we are still in need of large donations for ongoing maintenance and operational expenses. While we are frugal, and very careful in our spending, our day-to-day operational costs are many. Please pray and consider making a substantial offering to help us continue doing God's work. We make this appeal in the name of Jesus, because we know that God's work is done by generous and caring persons like you. Please do not forget St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament. God bless you for your generosity!

*The Reverend Dr. Albert R. Cutié, Rector, Mrs. Rubama B. Cutié, and family.
Our Vestry, Heads of Ministries, Deacon Debra McLaughlin, Mr. Xavier Richardson (Choir Master and Organist),
Mrs. Wendy Williams (Parish Secretary), and our entire parish family.*



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We have a “Communion Lane” on the East Side Church Entrance.

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

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