



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14 and 15, 2024 | 6pm, 8am, 10am

*Welcome to Saint Benedict's 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. The people's responses can be found in **BOLD**. The music for the service is taken from The Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Risen Lord.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I of The Holy Eucharist begins on **page 323** of the Book of Common Prayer - and Rite II begins on **page 355**.

Processional

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56 (verses 5-8)

Lighting and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie for the Advent Season (*Haugen*)

Priest Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Priest Lord Jesus you came to gather the nations, into the peace of God's Kingdom

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Priest You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Priest You will come in glory with salvation for your people

People Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***(8 am) And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD. **The Word of the Lord.**
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus Isaiah 12:2-6*(10am~Sung by Choir)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians**Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **The Word of the Lord.** *People Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn**Soon and very soon**

LEVAS 14

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**Luke 3:7-18***People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing

floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

Father Albert Cutié, Rector

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; For +Sean our Presiding Bishop, and +Peter our Bishop; Father Albert our Rector, Deacon Deb, our retired clergy, and all other ministers;

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 pray for our missionary Jacky, our partner churches, St. Michaels and All Angels, and the Women's Center in Madagascar.

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

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

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you. *(8 am): And with thy spirit.**

Announcements by the Rector

*An offering is now taken for the work of the parish. Please be generous – We count on your support all year!
Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE www.saintbenedicts.org and go to "Online giving" or give by clicking on the QR CODE below... God bless you for your generous support!*



Offertory Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

***(8 am)** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

***(8 am)** We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

Douglas Major

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Agnus Dei

David ClarkIsele (1946-2016)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

***(8 am – optional at 6 pm and 10 am)** Prayer of Humble Access

All 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

Let us break bread

Hymnal 325

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 am Rite I)**

Almighty and everliving 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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



We welcome the family and friends of Carter Enrigue Deas
Carter is being baptized at the Sunday, 10am service

Christmas Flowers and Music Donation

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers/Music

Please complete the form in the bulletin

Place the completed form along with your check in the Offering Plate

The deadline is Sunday, December 15, 2024



Angel Tree in the Narthex

Seafarers' House & St. Benedict's Family and Friends

St. Benedict's Parishioners: for confidentiality contact Alicia Kelly (954.439.0666)
or Deacon Deb (954.478.1091) or complete the form in the Narthex



The Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 15 | During the 10am service

Christmas Carols

Decorating the church with Wreaths, Garlands, Lights, and Christmas Trees

There will be a **surprise guest** so please make sure to bring the children

We are happy to have this beautiful tradition continue and hope you will join us



UTO Offering

The UTO Ingathering 2024 was amazing!

Thank you for all of your prayers and donations towards this wonderful ministry

Please return your UTO boxes by Sunday, December 15



Graduation Celebration

*Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Walford invite you to join them at 6pm on Saturday, December 21, for the service to celebrate their son's graduation, **Daniel Patrick Walford**, and to enjoy a reception in the Narthex after the service. Daniel received a Bachelor of Science in Data Sciences and Analytics from Florida Atlantic University on December 7, 2024.*

After graduation, Daniel will pursue a career in the Technical Industry in data analytics, coding, and development of AI

Meetings This Sunday | After the 10am Service


Brotherhood of St. Andrew | Rector's Conference Room

Mother's Union | Deshaies Hall



Seafarers' House
Wednesday, December 18 | Holiday of Carols Service | Meet at the church at 10:45am
Monday, December 30 | Deliver Angel Tree Gifts | Meet at the church at 9:30am

Learn About St. Benedict's Partnership with Madagascar
All are welcome

**WOMEN OF
 MADAGASCAR** 

Sunday, December 15 | 7am | Via Zoom

We will visit with St. Michael and All Angels in Madagascar via Zoom

Contact Jacky Lowe at 954.684.5450 or jacqueline51@gmail.com, for more information



One Blood will be at St. Benedict's
The need for blood did not take a holiday!

December 15 | 8:30am – 1:30pm

Sign -Up Sheets are in the Narthex or you may register at

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1453757



Bereavement Workshop

Sunday, December 15 | After the 10am Service | St. John's Room

Learn tools to help you **handle the loss** of a loved one, a pet, a job, a relationship, a move, or a major change in your life, especially during the holidays.

Find a safe space to cope with the emotional, physical, and spiritual feelings of grief with Deacon Deb McLaughlin, a certified grief support group facilitator

**FLYING
 SOLO**

Tuesday, December 17 | 6:30pm | Deshaies Hall

Single? You and your single friends are invited to an evening of fun and games.

Bring your favorite holiday food/drink

Please text Deacon Deb if you will be coming - 954.478.1091 by Monday, December 16



Prepare for a night filled with vibrant music, dancing, and joyful festivities. Please bring your friends and family as we countdown to midnight, raising our glasses of champagne to toast to new beginnings

Please click on this link for your tickets: <https://stbenedictsepisopalchurch.breezechms.com/form/f7de0f78>

Tickets will also be available in the Narthex. Contact Norma Shaw for more information – 954.673.2240



Saint Benedict's welcomes everyone in our community to worship with us!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21st and 22nd

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am and 12pm (*español*)

Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass, December 24th

6pm Christmas Eve Mass with Live Petting Zoo and Children's Pageant
(*Petting Zoo begins at 5pm - All children and families are welcome!*)

10pm Traditional "Midnight Mass" begins with a Christmas Music Concert

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

10am Christmas Day Mass (English/Spanish)

The First Sunday after Christmas December 28th and 29th

Saturday 6pm

Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8am, 10am and 12pm (*español*)

New Year's Eve Service, Tuesday, December 31st

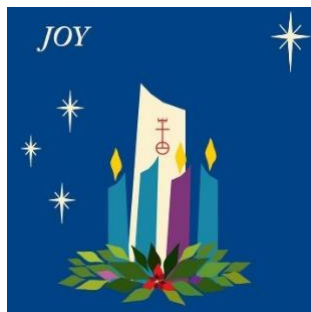
Holy Name of Jesus/New Year's Blessing
Holy Eucharist at 8pm

No Weekday Services on January 1st and 2nd, 2025

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

Operating \$7,610.72
Building Maintenance \$2,350.00
Total \$9,960.72

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.
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SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – ANGLICAN COMMUNION
Our mission is to know Christ's love, and to make it known

Weekly Worship Schedule

SATURDAYS

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (*"Dog-friendly" Service*)

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM (*Rite I*), 10:00 AM (*Rite II*), 12:00 PM (*Misa en español*) Holy Eucharist

MONDAYS

Bible Study 7:00 PM (will resume January 13, 2025)

TUESDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAY

Bible Study 9:00 AM (Will resume January 17, 2025)

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon
Ms. Linda Schlepp-Gray, Parish Administrator
Dr. Daniel Copher, Organist and Choirmaster

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