



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21 and 22, 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 1-4)

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 Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah**Micah 5:2-5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. **The Word of the Lord.** *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*(10am~Sung by Choir)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.
 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 Hebrews**Hebrews 10:5-10**

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **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 1:39-45***People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

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

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79

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.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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 Clark Isele (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

You Are Near

LEVAS 16

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

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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



Seafares' House

Monday, December 30 | Deliver Angel Tree Gifts | Meet at the church at 9:30am

Volunteer Opportunities

Jubilee Food Pantry (St. Ambrose) 2250 SW 31st Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl 33312
 Wednesdays 11am -2pm - Food Bag Assembly
 Saturdays 9am -12 noon - Food Bag Distribution
Contact Jubilee at 954.920.0106 for additional times

Jubilee Food Pantry Needs

Cereal, Pasta (12 or 16oz), Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly
 Canned Beans, Vegetables, Tuna, Soup, Fruit
 Donation Bins are located in the Narthex

Seafarers' House Positions Drivers, Ship Visitors, Administration Assistance
Contact Erica Sears at 561.517.3062



Choir rehearsals take place on **Thursdays at 7pm** in the church. If you are interested in joining the Choir please come to rehearsal or see Daniel, our Choirmaster and Organist, for more information.

2025 Offering Envelopes

If you requested Offering Envelopes on your 2025 Pledge Cards, they are available in the Narthex

2025 New Year's Eve Bash Party!

Ring in the new year with style at St. Benedict's Deshaies Hall



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://stbenedictsepiscopalchurch.breezechms.com/form/f7de0f78>

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

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Oh God of Love, you have brought together from many nations the people of our parish family of Saint Benedict's. We thank you for the countless gifts which your Holy Spirit bestowed upon this community of faith.

We pray for the success of our Capital Campaign: May this be a time of generous and sacrificial giving, so that we may all work together to build an enduring legacy of faith for future generations. We ask this in the most Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

Operating \$9,659.67
Building Maintenance \$3,241.05
Total \$12,900.72

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.

To sign up for ONLINE GIVING please visit our website and select the "Giving" tab. www.saintbenedicts.org



The Church Office will be closed December 24, 2024 – January 2, 2025
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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



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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