



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday in Lent
February 21 and 22, 2026 | 6pm, 8am and 10am

Welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family!

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history. For our worship this month, we will be using many hymns from LEVAS (*Lift Every Voice and Sing – An African American Hymnal of The Episcopal Church*).

The Great Litany

The solemn procession begins, chanted in procession.

see Blue Hymnal #S67 or Red BCP pg. 148

The Lenten Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

(2:15-17; 3:1-7)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord *People* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

(5:12-19)

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.*

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Deacon **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

(4:1-11)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. *Deacon* **The Gospel of the Lord.** *People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Homily

Father Albert Cutié, Rector

The Nicene Creed

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.

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 (Form I)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "**Lord, have mercy.**"

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Benedict - our patron - and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

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

We pray for St. Michael and All Angels Church our partner churches in Madagascar and our Missionary, Jacky.

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week (Feel free to add names silently or aloud).

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 (6pm, 8am)	Lord, who throughout these forty days	Hymnal 142
Offertory Anthem (10am)	Lord, who throughout these forty days	Choir
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.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise. ***(8 am)** It is meet and right so to do.

Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

David Hurd

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)** 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 (6pm, 8am)
(10am)

I come with joy to meet my Lord
Break thou the bread of life

Hymnal 304
LEVAS 146

The Post Communion Prayer during Lent

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

In times like these

LEVAS 71

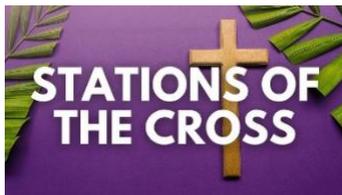
The Dismissal

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

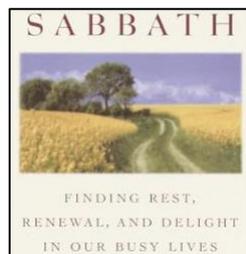
WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10am Service

ALL children and youth are WELCOME to participate in this year's exciting program



Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays | 6:30pm
Fridays | 12 Noon



Wednesdays in Lent

7pm – 8pm | In the Church
“Sabbath” by Wayne Muller

Sign- up in the Narthex after all services this weekend

The book is complimentary for those who sign-up and commit to attend weekly.

Contact Kathy at 954.583.7708 for additional information



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

February Mission of the Month Jubilee Food Pantry

The following non-perishable items are being requested
Jarred Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxed Cereal
Cash contributions to the mission box are greatly appreciated as well

Seafarers House

Ship Visit | March 5 | 10am * Note change in date

We will leave the church at 9:30am or you may meet the group at Seafarers at 10am
Our crew loves chocolate, candy, peanuts in the shell or jar, almonds and coconut water

Please Contact Allan 954.682.4130 for additional information



Friends in Faith Luncheon

Deshaias Hall | Monday, March 16 | 11:30am – 2pm

Caribbean Luncheon (salad, rice and peas, vegetable, desert, beverage)

Tickets are available for sale after all of the services (\$15)

All are welcome but tickets need to be purchased in advance

Questions - Please contact Allan at 954.682.4130



Friends in Faith

Mother's Union Meeting

Sunday, March 22 | After the 10am service | St. Elizabeth's Room



Think BIG Think RED

The One Blood Bus Will Be Here

Sunday, March 8 | 8:30am-12:30am

**\$20 Gift Card, Long Sleeved T-Shirt, Wellness Checkup
More Information and Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex**



LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

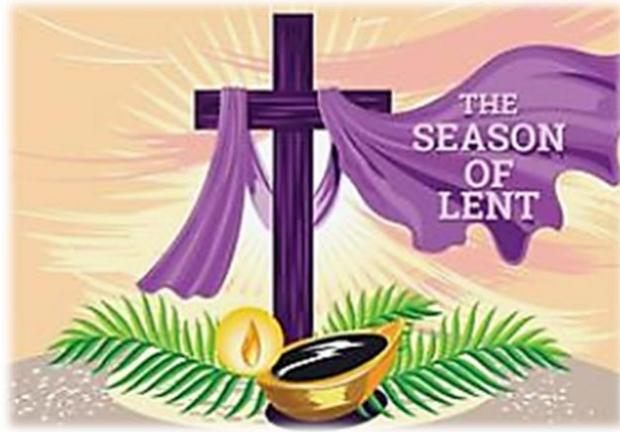
Operating \$12,102

Building Maintenance \$4,355

Total \$16,457

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Our mission is to know Christ's love, and to make it known

Weekly Worship Schedule

SATURDAYS

9:30 AM Yoga in the Sanctuary

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

TUESDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

Lenten Program (February 25-April 1) 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAY

Bible Study 9:00 AM

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon
Ms. Linda Schlepp-Gray, Parish Administrator
Mr. Ashworth Matthews, Organist and Choirmaster

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