

Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
A Celebration of Life in Recovery
September 26 and 27, 2026 | 6pm, 8am, 10am



Welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal (Anglican) 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. More information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at www.saintbenedicts.org. All responses in the liturgy can be found in **BOLD**. Our music is taken from The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament.

Processional Hymn

I'm only human, I'm just a man
Help me believe in what I could be
And all that I am
Show me the stairway I have to climb
Lord for my sake, help me to take
One day at a time

One Day At a Time

*One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I'm askin' of you
Just give me the strength
To do every day what I have to do
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus
And tomorrow may never be mine
Lord, help me today, show me the way
One day at a time*

Do you remember when you walked among men
Well Jesus you know If you're lookin' below,
it's worse now than then
Pushin' and shovin' and crowdin' my mind
So for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time

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. Amen.*

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.**

The people standing, the celebrant says

“Addiction is the most powerful psychic enemy of humanity’s desire for God.” *Gerald C. May, M.D.*

People

Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power – that One is God. May we find God now! Half measures avail us nothing. We stand at the turning point. We ask God’s protection and care with complete abandon. Here are the steps we take, which are suggested as a program of recovery:

Step 1

**We admit we are powerless over _____
(name your addiction/s) that our lives have become unmanageable.**

Silence is kept for reflection, then the people continue:

Step 2 **We come to believe that a power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity.**

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People **The Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **The Incarnate One, our Savior and Redeemer.**

Celebrant Blessed be the Holy Spirit.

People **The Comforter, the giver of life.**

Celebrant Blessed be the will of our God for us.

People **Now and forever. Amen. (Alleluia!)**

Step 3 **We make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.**

Celebrant and People

God, we offer ourselves to you, to build with us and to do with us, as you will. Relieve us of the bondage of self that we may better do your will. Take away our difficulties that victory over them may bear witness to your power, your love, and your way of life to those we would help. May we do your will always. This we pray in the Name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

- 3 He restoreth my soul *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies*
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

(2: 1-13))

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Take my hand precious Lord

LEVAS 106

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(15: 1-10)

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

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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

Sermon

Father Robert Deshaies, Rector Emeritus

The Prayers of the People

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer**

I ask your prayers for peace; for God's will among nations; and for the well being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer**

I ask your prayers for those whose addictions have cost them both health and freedom. Pray that they may find health and freedom in recovery.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer**

I ask your prayers for all who suffer from the addiction(s) of another. Pray that they might find serenity and peace.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer**

I ask your prayers for those who seek to care for and minister to the victims of addiction; for professionals and support groups; for parishes and clergy; for organizations and institutions. Pray that they might be patient, persistent, and wise.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer**

I ask your prayers for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of God, and especially for those in recovery from addiction. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the departed (especially _____.) Pray for those who have died.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence **Lord of Life** **Hear our prayer.**

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Church of Bangladesh.

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

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

Confession of Sin

Step 4 **We make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**

Step 5 **We admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

Celebrant We have not loved God with our whole heart.

People **Lord have mercy**

Celebrant We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant By what we have done and what we have left undone.

People **Lord have mercy**

Step 6 **We are entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

Step 7 **We humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings.**

Celebrant and people **My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and to my neighbors. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty, God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Step 8 **We make a list of all persons we have harmed, and become willing to make amends to them all.**

Celebrant Remembering the promises within the ninth step of recovery, we give thanks that God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Step 9 **We make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

Healing Prayers and Anointing

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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!*



Step 10 We continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong, promptly admit it.

Celebrant If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. Matt. 5:23-24

Step 11 We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.

Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People And of Thine own have we given Thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

***(8am)** 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.

***(8am)** It is meet and right so to do.

Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

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.

***(8am)** 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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

LEVAS 72

The Post Communion Prayer

Merciful and loving God, power beyond all power, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the Body and Blood of Christ and for restoring us to sanity and new life through the Twelve Steps of Recovery. Now send us forth, forgiven, healed, and renewed, to proclaim your love to the world and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing +

Step 12 Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Recessional Hymn

How Great Thou Art

LEVAS 60

The Dismissal

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention all Children and Youth

Sunday School meets during the 10am Service

All children and youth from Pre-School to High School are welcome



**The Altar Flowers are given by the family of Malcolm Weekes
on the fifth anniversary of his passing**



Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3 at the 6pm Service

All companion animals are welcome including dogs, cats, birds, and reptiles, provided they are safely on a leash or in an appropriate carrier.

You may also bring a picture of your pet to receive a blessing



Friends in Faith Luncheon - Asian Theme

October 1, 2026 Noon | Deshaies Hall

Tickets on sale in the Narthex



September Mission of the Month

Mirror Lake Elementary School Lunch Program

We are working with Mirror Lake to address additional food or essentials insecurities as identified by the school and will give you an update shortly. Many thanks for your continued support.

Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The Mission Box is in the back of the church,

How Is Your Prayer Life?



Prayer is the most important activity of our Christian lives. It is the way we develop a relationship with our Father in heaven. It brings us peace, refreshes our souls, satisfies our spiritual hunger, and assures us of our forgiveness. And God really does answer prayer.

Learn more on how to enhance your Prayer Live at the Monday and Friday Bible Study Classes

Jubilee Center



Thank you for your GREAT response in helping feed an average of 60 families weekly. !

Keep BUYING BOGOS (Buy One Get One FREE)

The following non-perishable items are always in need

Cereal, Beans, Veggies, Tuna, Soup, Canned Fruit, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly

Currently we ask that you refrain from donating clothing



Jolly Christmas Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 27 | After the 10am Service | St. Elizabeth's

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD – IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Operating \$6,173

Building Maintenance \$2,074

Total \$8,247

Thank you for being so dedicated to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.

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

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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.



SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – ANGLICAN COMMUNION

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

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

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector
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