

Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church

All Saints Sunday

October 31 and November 1, 2026

History of this Feast

The desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ during their lives, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the "Wonder Worker"), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome—originally a pagan temple dedicated to "all the gods"—was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs. All Saints' Day is classified in the Prayer Book as a Principal Feast, taking precedence over any other day or observance. Among the seven Principal Feasts - All Saints' Day has been observed on November 1 for the last 1,300 years.

Processional Hymn **For all the saints** Hymnal 287

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**.

Gloria in Excelsis *(Refrain)* ***J. Chepponis***

***(8am - Rite I)** **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17)

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22 *Benedicam Dominum* *(Spoken)*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (3:1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn **Celtic Alleluia** *O'Carroll and Walker*

Alleluia, Al -- le -- lu -- ia
Alleluia, Al -- le -- lu -- ia

Father we praise you as Lord
All of the earth gives you worship
for your majesty
fills the heavens, fills the earth

++The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Sermon **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 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 +Sean our Presiding Bishop, +Peter our Bishop, Father Albert our Rector, Deacon Deb, our retired clergy, and for all bishops and 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.

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Anglican Church in Central America.

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 priest then says the words of absolution.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.** *(8am) **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 … God bless you for your generous support!*

SCAN ME

Offertory Hymn **I have decided to follow Jesus** LEVAS 136
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.** *(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 **Our God Reigns** *Traditional*

How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
Who bring good news, good news:
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

He had no stately form, He had no majesty
That we should be drawn to Him.
He was despised and we took no account of Him,
Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

It was our sin and guilt
That bruised and wounded Him.
It was our sin that brought Him down.
When we like sheep had gone astray
Our Shepherd came
And on His shoulders bore our shame.

Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaughterhouse,
Dumb as a sheep before its shearer,
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain
That we might be born again.

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty;
He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands,
His feet, His side.
Yes, we know He is alive.

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.

*(8am 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 **Just a closer walk with Thee** LEVAS 72

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



Clergy Appreciation
St. Benedict's will Celebrate Father Albert and Deacon Debra
Sunday, November 15



November Mission of the Month – Gratitude
"We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our parish family and the community at large"
In November the focus will be on the needs of
our Parish Family, Mirror Lakes Elementary School Food Pantry, and the local community
Gift Cards to Walmart, Aldie's and Target or monetary donations may be placed in the Mission Box



St. Benedict's 2026 Ministry Fair
"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:16
November 7 & 8
Deshaies Hall - after all the services
Learn about the many great ministries offered at St. Benedict's



Honoring ALL Veterans
November 8 at 2pm | Covenant Village - Postponed
New date to be announced



Copies of the Forward Day by Day Daily Devotional for the months of November & December 2026 and January 2027 are available in the Narthex

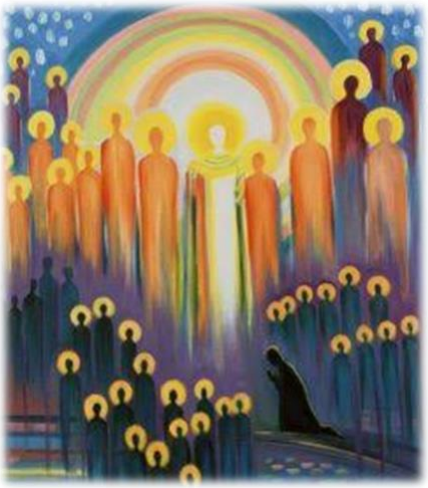
November Monthly Meetings
Daughters of the King | Saturday, November 14 , 10am | St. Elizabeth

After 10am Service

Jolly Christmas Committee | Sunday, November 1 | St. Elizabeth
Episcopal Church Women (ECW) | Sunday. November 8 | St. Elizabeth
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's | Sunday, November 29 | Rector's Conference Room
Mothers' Union | Sunday, November 29 | St. Elizabeth

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

Operating $6,435
Building Maintenance $2,486
Total $8,921
Thank you for being so dedicated to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.



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

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 9:00 AM

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

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