



# ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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*"The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to know Christ's love and to make His love known"*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

Year C – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two

February 20 and 21, 2016

### Weekend Schedule

**Saturday:** Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** Morning Prayer - 7:45 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am

Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am

*(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)*

### Weekday Eucharist/Prayer in Community

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am

Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm

Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

**Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)**

### **The Collect of the Day:**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18**

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the

other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio***

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.  
3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
4 And though war should rise up against me, \*yet will I put my trust in him.  
5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*and to seek him in his temple.  
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
8 Even now he lifts up my head \*above my enemies round about me.  
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.  
10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*have mercy on me and answer me.  
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
12 Hide not your face from me, \*nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*the LORD will sustain me.  
15 Show me your way, O LORD; \*lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.  
17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!  
18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the LORD.

### **The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:31-35)**

**ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD CHRIST!**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is

impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

**Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday: Father Albert R. Cutié**

**Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)**

**Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing**

**The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)**

*All baptized Christians who affirm the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.*

**Post Communion Prayer: BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)**

#### **Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**Celebrant:** N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

**People: *May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.***

**Celebrant:** May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **People: *Amen.***

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING? - THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S**

##### **Special Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Renewal this Lent**

**\*WEEKDAY EUCHARIST/SERVICES:** Tuesdays 8:30 AM, Wednesdays 7:00 PM, Thursdays 8:30 AM

**\*EVERY WEDNESDAY:** Rector's Bible Study and Lenten Meditations 7:30 PM

**\*EVERY FRIDAY:** Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) at 7:00 PM in the church

**"MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a very special LENTEN RETREAT/MISSION with Sr. Ellie Finlay – Anglican Nun and Director of St. John's Spiritual Formation (Tulsa, OK) who will be with us the week of March 2-6. More information to follow!**

**Our newly created RECTOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Father Albert has created a "Rector's Advisory Council" to help him with strategic planning and ideas for the growth and development of our church mission - looking at the present and future of our parish. Thanks to those who have accepted his invitation to serve in this capacity in 2016/2017: **Mrs. Muriel Freund (8:00 AM), Mrs. Alice Marie Ford (10:00 AM), Mr. Dan Austin (8:00 AM), Mrs. Barbara McKenzie (10:00 AM), Mr. Dennis Kelley (6:00 PM), and Mr. James Jones (6:00 PM).** This distinguished group of parishioners is made up of two representatives from each service.

**Confirmation Classes** are taking place for 9th-12th grade students in the St. Benedict's Conference Room from 12:30pm - 2 pm. Confirmation coordinator is Cheryl Burley. Adults interested in Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church are asked to speak to Deacon Debra or Father Albert.

**Mission of the Month:** Please support our Mission of the Month, HOPE/Shepherd's Way, which provides temporary and emergency housing for Mothers and their kids who are homeless and in distress.

**Bible Study on the Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3–12:** We will devote almost a week to each one. We will begin by focusing on the group as a whole in the wider context of Jesus' ministry. We have to answer the questions: What are these beatitudes? Do they spell out conditions we must meet in order to inherit eternal life. Class on Fridays from 9:30 am-11:00 am. We will meet in the Conference Room. If there are any questions please call Jerry at 954-530-0901.

**LAST CHANCE:** Just 1 more Monday night to discuss, learn, and embrace the all-important message of the Book of Revelation. That message is so critical for us today. Folks from 7 different churches are attending. We will look for you Monday at 7PM in the chapel.

**American Cancer Society Relay For Life** shows support for cancer Survivors and all who are still battling cancer, we also remember all of those who have lost the fight against cancer. 2016 RELAY FOR LIFE will be on Friday, April 15-16, 2016 from 6:30pm-9am - Plantation Central Park. **HOW TO JOIN OUR TEAM:** Sign up with just a minimum donation

of \$10.00 -- **Team URL:** <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/sbec>. You don't have to walk all night, just register with the team, raise donations for Relay and walk with fellow team members committed to finding a cure. By raising a minimum of \$100 in donations members will qualify for the HOPE Club and will receive a participant t-shirt. **Dedicate a Luminaria:** Purchase a Luminaria to honor and/or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$5.00. Your Relay Team will be selling Luminary bags Sunday, March 12-13<sup>th</sup> and April 9-10<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to support the effort, stay tuned for notices in the e-news, Facebook postings, and announcements in church for updates. If you have any questions, e-mail Garth Sill at [gsill@live.com](mailto:gsill@live.com) or Donna Carty at [chungie711@hotmail.com](mailto:chungie711@hotmail.com)

**Faith in Music Ministry:** Tuesdays 9:30 am beginning again with HANDEL'S MESSIAH.

**Congratulations to the winners of the ECW Fundraising Raffle.** 1st Prize of dinner/limo/gift basket went to Jon Shaw and 2nd Prize of the Couples Massage went to Dennis Kelley. ECW thanks everyone for their support in our efforts to raise funds for our graduating Seniors.

**The Brotherhood of St. Andrew** will have its monthly meeting on Sunday February 21st immediately following the 10 am mass in Steven's Hall. Light refreshments and coffee will be served. In addition we like to announce the Brotherhood will donate \$500.00 from the Super Bowl Fundraiser to the Church Building Fund.

**The 2016 Confirmation Class** will appreciate donations for Seafarer's House to make Easter Shoe Boxes. Items needed are listed. The **lid of the shoebox** must be **wrapped separately** so that the box can be opened for security. Shoeboxes can be wrapped, painted or decorated with pictures pasted over writing on box.

**STANDARD ITEMS** (*New items in regular sizes please*)

**Athletic White Socks, Combs, Deodorant, Disposable razors, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Soap/Shower Gel Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Pencils/pens/pencil sharpeners.**

**OPTIONAL EXTRAS** - These are extra items that a seafarer might enjoy finding included with the above: Playing cards, Picture post cards, Calendars with pretty pictures, An Easter card, An Easter letter or drawing from a child, and hard candy. **DEADLINE: March 6 for church donations. THANK YOU!**

**LENTEN IDEAS (Based on: UPPERROOM.ORG)**

- 10. Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (Or every day of Lent!) Use the time to read & pray.
- 9. Start a prayer rhythm.** Use the daily devotionals in the Book of Common Prayer.
- 8. Go deeper into the Bible.** Come to Bible Study/Adult Ed.
- 7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)** Study a book on forgiveness.
- 6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money you save to help folks in a different part of the world who are in crisis.
- 5. Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.
- 4. Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
- 3. Participate in some spiritual practice in your parish.** Weekday Services or Friday Stations of the Cross.
- 2. Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry.
- 1. Pray for others you see** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

**Our offerings to God for February 13 and 14, 2016**

**Operating Fund:** Pledge and Plate \$8,210.36

**Building Fund:** Pledge and gifts \$3,007.75

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