

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

## **ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*A CHURCH that feels like FAMILY!*

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# **PALM SUNDAY**

**March 19 and 20, 2016**

***At Saint Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

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# The Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

*Today we gather outside for the blessing of palms and the procession to the church. We do this to recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we enter into the observances of this Holy Week.*

## THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION & THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon: +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (19:28-40)

*People* Glory to you Lord Christ!

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!*" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

*The Celebrant blesses the palms, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches + be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*  
*(The palms are sprinkled with holy water)*

*The Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* Hosanna in the highest!

## THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

**People** *In the Name of Christ. Amen.*

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and join in singing: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR  
The Celebrant goes knocks on the door with the foot of the cross. The doors are opened and the Procession enters, led by the Cross, the Clergy, and Choir, and then the Congregation. Everyone continues singing the hymn as they enter the church.*

### Hymn (from the Hymnal #154)

*All glory, laud, and honor,  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels  
is praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems  
before thee we present. *Refrain*

4 To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All sit to hear the words of Holy Scripture.*

## The Word of God

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (50: 4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? *Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Gradual Psalm (sung)

### Psalm 118 (Chanted)

### A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2:5-11)

BELOVED: 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. *Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Antiphon (Acapella) GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*All respond: Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**The Passion According to Luke**

*The entire congregation says the **bold** parts marked "Disciples" and "Assembly"*

+The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

**DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

**DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."**

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."  
NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,  
JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."  
NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,  
JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."  
NARRATOR: When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,  
JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."  
NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,  
JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"  
NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,  
**DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"**  
NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,  
JESUS: "No more of this!"  
NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,  
JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"  
NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,  
SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."  
NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,  
PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."  
NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,  
ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."  
NARRATOR: But Peter said,  
PETER: "Man, I am not!"  
NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,  
ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."  
NARRATOR: But Peter said,  
PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"  
NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.  
Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,  
SOLDIERS: "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"  
NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.  
When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,  
**ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."**  
NARRATOR: He replied,  
JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

**ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

**ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"**

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

**ASSEMBLY: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

PILATE: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

**ASSEMBLY: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**ASSEMBLY: "Crucify, crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last.

*All kneel in silence for a few moments to remember the death of Jesus on the cross...*

NARRATOR: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*No conclusion is said. Everyone may be seated to hear the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *is not said on this day.*

**The Prayers of the People**

Let us now join our hearts and voices in prayer to God, our Father, in the name of Jesus, the humble and obedient Servant of God.

That your Church throughout the world may work for the cause of Christ's peace, that Christ would bless our Bishop, Peter Eaton, and the entire Diocese of Southeast Florida, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For forgiveness for our sinfulness, those times when we have not acted as followers of Christ in the face of injustice, or stepped forward to confess what Jesus our Lord would have us do, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the times we have betrayed our friends and relations like the kiss of Judas, not setting aside our own pride to support and defend those who are near and dear to us, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That as Jesus told the women of Jerusalem, "do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children", so we may always work for the safety and care of all women and children, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That our eyes may be opened to the times we have stood silently by while the crowd shouted "Crucify!" at the homeless, the suffering, and the alienated, and that we may have the courage to do what is right, Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may imitate the attitude of the humble and obedient Jesus by emptying ourselves for the sake of the poor, the hungry, and the forgotten, and those in any need, especially the sick and infirm members of our parish. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those whom we remember before God, that they may hear Jesus' words "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise", Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That the God of mercy will hear the prayers we now offer aloud and in the silence of our hearts. *[A pause is made for the congregation to voice their intercessions]*

Celebrant: Father of endless love and compassion; hear the prayers of your family gathered around your altar. May we imitate your Son by taking up our cross with joyful obedience, seeking your justice in all things. And may we embrace his example of loving humility, loving and praising you in the compassion and care we extend to one another. We ask these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**The Peace**      *The Celebrant says to the people*  
*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

**Prayer for Healing/Blessings**

**Offertory**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem**

## OUR INVITATION TO YOU TODAY

This is the Lord's Table where none are excluded and all are welcomed.  
Please come to the altar this morning and share the Sacrament of Christ's Presence with us.

### Communion Hymn (s)

#### The Post-Communion Prayer (All)

Let us pray: *Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen*

#### The Prayer over the People

*Deacon* Let us humble our heads before God.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, and God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly kingdom where he lives and reigns for ever. *Amen*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## HOLY WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S



### Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass begins at **8:30 am** on Monday March 21st and Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Wednesday of Holy Week-March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Healing Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week will be held at **7:00 pm**.

Followed by a Meditative Stations of the Cross led by Father Albert

### Maundy Thursday- March 24<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>) there will be no 8:30 am morning Mass – Come to the Evening Service.

The Eucharist with the traditional "Washing of the Feet" will begin at **7:00 pm**.

LEV's renew their Commitment to bring Eucharist to the homebound at this service.

The Great Watch will begin Maundy Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 pm and will end at 12:00 PM Noon on Good Friday. Please sign up ASAP

### Good Friday – March 25<sup>th</sup>

Community Ecumenical Service at Plantation United Methodist Church (March 25<sup>th</sup>) from **12:00-3:00 pm**.

**12:00 pm** Stations of the Cross in our church

**3:00 pm** Traditional Good Friday Service with the Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Also includes the Service of Reconciliation and Burning of Sins

There will be a **Fish Fry from 3:00-7:00 PM** on Good Friday.

You may pre-order your dinners or you may purchase them in the Parish Hall.

There will be a **7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross Youth Service on Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>,

### EASTER SERVICES – 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Holy Saturday Night (March 26<sup>th</sup>) The Easter Vigil will be at **6:00 pm** with the Baptismal Festival (Children and Adults will be baptized – and all will be invited to renew their own baptism)

Sunday (March 27<sup>th</sup>) Traditional Easter Day Masses will be at **8:00 and 10:00 am**.

***Easter Egg Hunt for all children and families in our community after the 10:00 am service***

**Easter Flowers and Music:** Wednesday, March 23rd is the deadline to memorialize flowers or music for Easter. Please fill out the form in the bulletin and place in the plate if you are interested in making a donation.

**The Sacramental candle** is given to the greater Glory of God by Nickie and John Quinn in loving memory of Sheila Zymet who passed away on March 9, 2016.

**Good Friday Youth Service- 7:00 pm March 25:** Join the youth of the parish in a walk through holy week from Palm Sunday through the burial of Jesus on Good Friday. All middle and high school students will be practicing 3/29 (noon to 4), April 1 during youth group time of 6:30 to 8:30 and Good Friday April 3 from noon until the service. Elementary and Preschool kids are invited to come at 5:30 pm to dress in biblical costumes and become part of the crowd. Please call Becky Gould for more information 954-993-0228.

**Thank you for your great generosity and support of our Confirmation Class.** They will be able to deliver over 35 Easter boxes to the Seafarer's House.

**ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 5-13 - FIRST COMMUNIONS AT ST. BENEDICT'S:** We will celebrate First Holy Communion May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, for our children who have been baptized. Please contact Donna Carty via phone 954 801 3814 or email [stbennyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stbennyouth@gmail.com) or the office.

**Mission of the Month:** Please support our Mission of the Month, *Our Little Roses* in Honduras, which houses orphaned and abused girls in Honduras. It is a 501 C3 and a recognized mission throughout the Episcopal Church. Please be generous.

**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.

**American Cancer Society Relay For Life:** Support, Encourage and remember our loved ones at Relay For Life of Plantation -Friday, April 15-16, 2016 - 6:30pm-9am. Plantation Central Park -9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation. Relay is 16 hours long, and because **cancer never sleeps**, our team is asked to have at least one participant on the track at all times. Our team will camp out overnight and take turns walking or running around a track. Team members needed. Register with a minimum \$10.00 donation and sign up to walk. Dedicate a Luminaria in honor, or in memory of a loved one. Need more information? Contact Garth Sill 954 330 4729 or Donna Carty 954 8013814 your team captain.

**Relay for Life -LUMINARIA SLIDE SHOW:** Please send pictures in for the slide show of friends and family you want to honor or remember. They will be compiled into a slide show that is shown right after the Luminaria Ceremony. Pictures are not categorized into those that have passed or survived, but instead are blended together. PLEASE SEND PICTURES TO [Stbennyouth@gmail.com](mailto:Stbennyouth@gmail.com). PLEASE PUT LUMINARIA PHOTOS IN THE SUBJECT. PICTURES DUE BY March 31st.

**Christ's Passion and Death: Why and How!** Join us for amazing and unforgettable insights into the last journey of Jesus. Your life-journey will abruptly change. Participate each Lenten Monday night at 7 PM in the chapel.

**We will be honoring and praying for all of our graduates** from elementary school through college/university on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already sent your information to the office, please do so by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need the following information:

Name of Graduate.

Graduating from: elementary school, middle school, high school, college, grad school.

Name of School graduating from.

School or position you are moving on to.

**Save the date!!! Vacation Bible School** starts August 8, 2016. We have half days and full days.

We need volunteers, donations and your children. Any questions please see Marilyn Benting or contact her at 954-643-2169.

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

**Mothers' Union High Tea** will be on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 pm in Deshaies Hall. If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the High Tea booklet, or if you can sell ads for the booklet, please see Blossie Lewis for more information.

**Fish Fry on GOOD FRIDAY - March 25, 2016:** We are requesting donations of the following: Non-perishable items may be dropped off at church on Sunday, March 20:

- (7) Gallon Vegetable oil,
  - (2) (5) Large bags of salad (Costco or Sam's)
  - (3) (4 each) sweet peppers, green, red and yellow
  - (6) 5 lb. bags onions
  - (6) 3 lb. bags of coleslaw
  - (3) (15) bags of matchstick carrots (Publix)
  - (2) Large canisters of Iced Tea AND Lemonade Mix
  - (3) Cherry or grape tomatoes (8)
- 3 DOZEN LEMONS and 2 DOZEN LIMES**

**NEED all donations BY WEDNESDAY, March 23.** Please contact Hazel Mitchell at (954) 594-6281 or Cheryl Burley at (954) 433-0956. **Thank You!**

**Spiritual Thought for the week:** *"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'"* - Reverend Billy Graham

**Our offerings to God for March 12 and 13, 2016**

**Operating Fund:** \$8,098.14

**Building Fund:** \$2,896.50

**Total Pledged:** \$10,994.64

**Weekly Stewardship Update:** We met our budget last week... Thanks for your generosity!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY and WORK OF YOUR CHURCH!**  
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# Spread the Word!



***Please invite all children and families in our community to participate and enjoy our EASTER EGG HUNT***  
***On Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 AM Service***  
**All are welcome!**



**Take time to really CELEBRATE Holy Week!**

### **The THREE DAYS or *TRIDUUM***

The liturgies of the so-called Triduum (from the Latin meaning 'three days') are in actuality one liturgy beginning with the Maundy Thursday Eucharist and foot washing, continuing on Good Friday with the veneration of the cross and communion from bread and wine consecrated on Thursday, and culminating with the renewal of our baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of the resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter. Once we commence with worship on Maundy Thursday, we are not formally dismissed until Easter Day. The liturgy of Maundy Thursday commemorates the humility of the Lord in his willingness to do the most lowly of tasks.

The word maundy is an English corruption of the Latin mandatum, from the 'new commandment' that Jesus gives his disciples after washing their feet. In our re-enactment and remembrance of those events, the priest washes the feet of the Vestry and other leaders, who in turn wash the feet of the gathered congregation. At the conclusion of our eucharistic feast, we are invited, as were the first disciples, to watch and pray with the Lord on the night before his crucifixion and death. Consecrated bread and wine are removed to St. Mary's of The Lady Chapel, and we keep watch through the night until noon on Good Friday.

It is a solemn, and somber night – for we know what the first disciples did not know: Jesus will soon be arrested, tried unjustly, and put to death.

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