

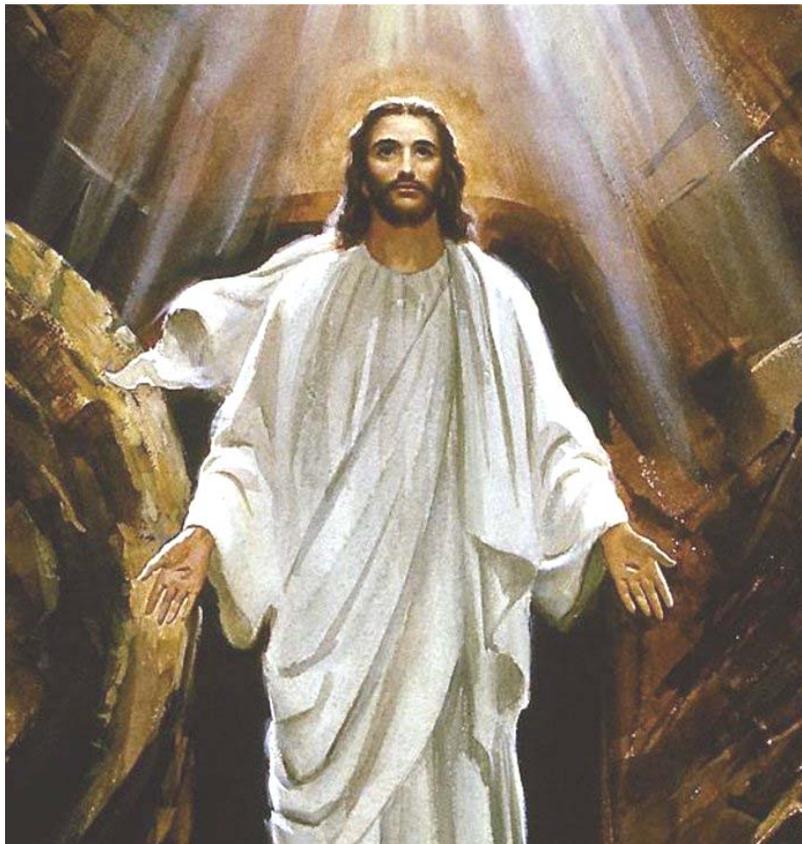
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Happy Easter!



EASTER DAY

***At St. Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met...
WELCOME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!***

The Reverend Father Albert R. Cutié

Rector

Easter Day

We welcome you as we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Please sing along and use the bulletin, the screens or The Book of Common Prayer in your pews. We hope you feel at home!

Easter Preludes

Chancel Choir

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 207

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity

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 Deo

Melodic Gloria: Cheppanis

The Collect of Easter Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God
Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

In those days Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

The Gradual Psalm Psalm 118

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
17 I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the Lord.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
 he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:19-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. *Reader* The Word of the Lord. ***People* Thanks be to God.**

Great Alleluia

Traditional

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke (24:1-12)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

The Sermon / Homily

Fr. Albert Cutié

MEANING OF THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Through Holy Baptism, lay and ordained persons are called to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. That means that we are not only to believe the concepts embodied in the Baptismal Covenant, but we are to become what we believe. Each time we, as a community, renew our Baptismal Covenant, we make the promise to become more Christ-like in our interactions with God's people. Respecting the dignity of every human being is not an easy thing to do each and every moment of our lives. With God's help, however, respecting the dignity of another person becomes the only thing we can do because we are incapable of seeing anything other than Jesus Christ in the faces of all human beings.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead?

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Sprinkling Rite (*Baptismal Water Blessed at Easter – Symbolizes the renewal of our Baptism*)

The Prayers of the People

In the Easter mystery, God has re-created our world in joy, peace, hope, and light. And so we pray:

That the *joy* of the Risen Christ may inspire the Church throughout the world, and here in our parish community of St. Benedict's, to proclaim, in our work and worship together, the good news of the empty tomb. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the *peace* of the Risen Christ may reign among the nations and peoples of the world, leading them to work together to uphold the sacred dignity of all men, women, and children: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the *hope* of the Risen Christ may console the troubled, reconcile those who are estranged and alienated, and heal the hurting and suffering among us, especially those that are not able to join us physically. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the *light* of the Risen Christ may shine on the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends, and we remember the benefactors and members of St. Benedict's throughout the years. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant prays: Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the Paschal mystery, which we celebrate today, be a constant and lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. ***Amen.***

During the fifty days of Eastertide a confession of sin is not said.

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

Announcements

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

*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"*

Offertory Hymn: "Hymn of Promise" *Chancel Choir*

"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing" *Hymnal #174*

"O Sons and Daughters" *Hymnal #206*

The Doxology *Old Hundredth*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God: take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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: 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.

How do we know, in what form, and why does Jesus rise from the dead? Join our fascinating and informational discussions Monday, March 28 at 7 PM in St. Mary's Chapel. Deacon Norm will lead this search with information from the greatest theologians and scripture scholars of our day. Don't miss this insightful gathering designed for all.

The Usher Ministry is currently recruiting new members including young adults and teenagers. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact: Barrington Edwards at 954-445-6257, Selvyn Thomas 954-661-7730 or Clayton Johnson 754-366-9134.

Relay for Life is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. You don't have to be an athlete to join the fun. The Relay is for everyone Walk as much or as little as you choose. **Why walk through the night?** Cancer doesn't go away at night. Many times, families facing a life-limiting illness have trouble sleeping. We walk at night as a symbol to the people we love that we are with them all the time. The atmosphere surrounds the night with activities while people walk the night away. YOUR team is asked to have at least one participant on the track at all times. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the loved one lost to the disease and raise money to help fight in our community. Event Date: Friday, April 15-16, 2016 - 6:30pm-9am. Plantation Central Park -9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, Relay for Life Team will be out April 2- 3rd 2016 Tent 33. Register with a minimum donation of \$10.00 @ <http://main.acevents.org/goto/sbec> and sign up to walk Dedicate a Luminaria in honor, in memory of a loved one. With a minimum donation of \$5.00. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

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. PLEASE SEND PICTURES TO Stbennyouth@gmail.com. PLEASE PUT LUMINARIA PHOTOS IN THE SUBJECT. PICTURES DUE BY March 31st. Support, Encourage and remember our loved ones. Need more information? Contact Garth Sill 954 330 4729 or Donna Carty 954 8013814 your team captain

We will be honoring and praying for all of our graduates from elementary school through college/university on June 6th and 7th. If you have not already sent your information to the office, please do so by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd. Forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

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.

Spiritual Thought for the week: *I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you. And if I may not do so fully in this life let me go steadily on to the day when I come to that fullness . . . Let me receive That which you promised through your truth, that my joy may be full. -Saint Anselm of Canterbury (c. 1033 - 1109)*

Attention all Visitors:

Fill out a **WELCOME CARD** and let us know how we can help you!

God has a sense of humor!



"About my loaves and fishes . . .
could I get a receipt for tax purposes?"

Our offerings to God for March 12 and 13, 2016

Operating Fund: \$10,195.71

Building Fund: \$1,192.50

Total: \$11,388.20

Weekly Stewardship Update: Thanks to you, we met our budget last week... Thanks for your generosity!

If you have not filled out a **PLEDGE CARD** for 2016, you still have time. Our church needs your help in order to carry out God's work in countless ministries, missions and services offered here all year long. Please fill out a pledge card and drop it in the basket, mail it or bring it to the parish office. We need your support!

Please remember "St. Benedict's Church" in your Last Will and Testament

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**JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR EASTER EGG HUNT, PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY,
FACE PAINTING and LOTS OF FUN... On the front lawn (West side of the church).**

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