



St. Boniface
Episcopal Church

SAINT BONIFACE REFLECTION

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All the GOOD News That Is Fit to Print



What A Week ! Check out the Numbers ...

Take a look at this series of numbers:

- one,
- two (and two, again),
- three,
- four,
- seven,
- over 125, and
- at least a 1000, or so more.

These numbers represent how busy St Boniface was a week ago. Can you guess what each figure represents?

We had **one** annual meeting, **two** vestry meetings, **two** cabaret shows, **three** funerals, **four** Ash Wednesday liturgies, **seven** days of hosting events from February 12-18; **over 125** people given ashes and blessings at Siesta Key beach, and well over a **thousand or more** folk that attended one (or more!) of these events. We rejoice over the impact on our community even as we are a bit exhausted by the effort. (Do you know that each staff member ended up working on their days off -- with lots of overtime?)

Likewise, many of you exercised your ministry robustly in greeting, ushering, serving, welcoming, feeding, organizing, praying, singing, crying, laughing, and glorifying God. We absolutely lived into our mission of living and reflecting God's love here on Siesta Key.



It is a very busy time of the year both for our church and for our community. The traffic has increased exponentially -- and we are greeting new visitors each week. Instead of being impatient with the time needed to arrive on the Key, perhaps spend a moment giving thanks for this beautiful place. Our rector has reminded us of the joy that can be found in Lent -- make this a part of your discipline.

View from the Pew

Instead of featuring a single parishioner this week, we recently attended the many kinds of services that are held in the chapel on a weekly or monthly basis.

These include the Tuesday morning Eucharist at 10 am, the Thursday noontime Healing and Communion Service, and the Taize service held on the 1st Saturday of each month at 6 pm. The chapel is also used for some funerals and weddings.

Thus, the “views from the pew” for smaller and more intimate services are “looked at” in this issue.

Featured this week is:

The Chapel Seats

Interesting Aspects of Sitting in the Chapel Seats

- All furniture in the chapel is configurable. The altar and chairs are changed to meet the needs of the liturgical season.
- Over 70 folk can sit in this space, if needed.
- Named the “Christ the King” Chapel for the crucifix that often graces the back wall, other pieces of art are hung in that space during Advent, Epiphany, and Lent.
- A votive candle rack is available in the chapel for private devotions.



Tuesday Eucharist, 10 am.

This service of Holy Communion is regularly attended by a congregation of approximately 8-12 folk. What is unique about this service is that there is a different Celebrant each week -- the priests that serve at the chapel altar come from a variety of our sister Episcopal congregations throughout our deanery or from our many retired clergy who worship at St Boniface. (The prize for the “priest who comes from the longest distance” is The Very Rev. Matthew Grunfeld from Church of the Annunciation, Holmes Beach up on Anna Maria key.) All the clergy gather after the service to do a bible study on the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. (Shhh! Now you know where Wayne and Nikki get some of their great sermon ideas and illustrations!)

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View from the Pew (cont.): Chapel Seats



Taize Service, 6 pm (1st Saturday of Month)

This service is facilitated by the Center for Spiritual Transformation (CST) under the leadership of Michael and Rita Piovane. An eclectic group of musicians and singers help lead the beautiful Taize chants which are a feature of this meditative and prayerful worship service. A different theme is selected each month to orient the prayers. A liturgy of lighting a flame and individual candles illumine the darkened chapel space. You are invited to come experience this unique service. Your spirit will be renewed.



Thursday Healing and Holy Communion Service, noon

This service includes a litany of healing prayers for our community and the world along with anointing with holy oil for those who desire individual prayer. A brief homily and the holy communion is shared. All who worship at this service come away renewed and refreshed.

Weekly Services

Sunday Eucharist
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer
(Eucharist first Wednesdays)

Thursdays 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Healing Service

Upcoming Music & Worship Events

Saturday, Mar 2 , 6 pm
Taize
Christ the King Chapel

Sunday, March 10, 5 pm
Evensong and Recital

This Weekend

Saturday (Feb 24) workshop on "Discerning Spiritual Gifts" from 10 am to noon in the Community Center. (Seating still available ... so join us!)

Sunday presentation on "Servant Leadership" by presented by The Rev Frank Allen. Fr. Allen will also preach at both services.

More Pictures ... Pictures ... Pictures



Note the reflection of the faces in the chalice -- those gathered around the holy table -- preparing to receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.



At Taizé, the light shines in the darkness! (See also Ben Stahl piece labeled "The Arrival of the Wise Men" on the back wall of the chapel.)

