

Benediction Weekly

April 17, 2016

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.



Training sessions for new Eucharistic Ministers

will begin with Rev. Caro on Sunday May 1st and May 8th at 9:15 am.
Anyone interested in serving in this vital ministry should speak with the Rector.

CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's: (at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 2:00 pm – Deanery Meeting at St Paul's, Cambria
- 3:00 pm – Café Musique's CD release party

Monday, April 18

- 7:00 pm – Sustainable Seafood presentation

Tuesday, April 19

- 12:00 pm – Meet Me in Morro at Dorn's
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

Wednesday, April 20

- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21

- 6:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Friday, April 22

- 12:00 pm – Noon Prayers, in the St. Francis Garden

Saturday, April 23

- 7:00 pm – Slack Key Guitar Concert

Sunday, April 24

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music



St. Benedict's Earthcare

invites you to several special events as part of National Faith Climate Action Week (April 17-24)

Monday April 18, *Sustainable Seafood:*

a presentation by local biologist Steve Hendricks on seafood choices and fishing methods, and their impact on the marine environment. Here at St. Benedict's at 7 p.m.

Thursday April 21, *After Paris – COP21:*

a meeting sponsored by People of Faith for Justice (see over).

Friday April 22, *Earth Day; Noon prayers* in the St. Francis Garden. Join millions of people around the world praying at 12 noon local time for the welfare of the planet.

Sunday April 24, *special Earth Day Service* at 10:30. We'll be blessing soil for your yard, and planting some native plants in our garden as well as letting our senators know we care.



*Slack Key Guitarist Patrick Landez will perform in concert at 7pm on Saturday, April 23rd.
For details, please contact Hoapili Productions at 805-235-3192 or www.santamariahula.org.*

Lit Lover's Book Club Upcoming Selections:

The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough – *April 30 at June Wright's home*

The Book of Unknown Americans, by Cristina Henriquez – *May 21 at the Horsleys'*

Kim, by Rudyard Kipling – *June 25 at Stef Shuman's home*



Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Donna Ross; Eucharistic Minister: John Horsley;
Chalice: Stef Shuman; Lector: Janelle LaFond; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Marie Moore & Rob Ross;
Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Coffee Hour Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Barbara Schippers; Flowers: Elaine Goodman; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Judith Cadigan; Music Director: John Cribb



**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

BIBLE STUDY - Come join us for Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday except first Sundays.

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP—First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. Second Wednesdays at 2:30 pm.

HEALING SERVICE – a time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE – Opportunities for stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, whether or not they are members of a church. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE—Prayers for the community and the world. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB – Discussion and fellowship. 4th Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

LUNCH BUNCH – lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEET ME IN MORRO – lunchtime social gathering, 3rd Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of odd-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected, and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND On the last Sunday of each month, the loose plate offering is designated to this fund to help those in need.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:

Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West,
Esta Kandarian and Jo Oliver.

The Psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

You, LORD, are my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures,
You lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul,
and guide me along right pathways
for Your Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
You have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely Your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in Your house for ever.

(A version of Psalm 23)



Christ, the Good Shepherd, seek

All who are lost, all who are weak.

*Christ, Israel's fruitful Vine,
Around each heart your love entwine.*

Christ, the Gateway and the Door,

Give us life for evermore.

Christ, the Water flowing free,

Refresh us for eternity.

Christ, show us yourself the Way,

That we may follow you alway.

Christ, may we see in you the Light.

Banish from us the dreadful night.

Christ, feed us, Jesus Christ the Bread,

That you may raise us from the dead.

Christ, Resurrection for all to see,

Surround us through eternity.

Source: *Power Lines: Celtic Prayers about Work*
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People of Faith for Justice invites you to

“After Paris COP 21—Hope and Action Regarding Climate Change”

Thursday, April 21 6:30-8:00 pm

United Church of Christ, 11245 Los Osos Valley Rd., SLO

Our individual and collective actions will help determine how quickly and effectively the United States, and thus the world, responds over the next decade to the ever-increasing climate crisis currently bearing down on us. Please join us this evening for a program that will provide a heaping dose of hope as well as prescriptions for actions to help heal our climate! This program will include:

- **2016 TED Talk by Al Gore, “The Case for Optimism on Climate Change”**
- **Progress report from Sharon Rippner**, Citizens’ Climate Lobby-SLO co-founder and PFJ Board Member, on legislation to reduce carbon emissions and how you can help.
- **Alternative Energy**—right here and right now! PFJ has joined Solar City in promoting a program called SunRaising. Come learn how you, your faith community, and the planet can benefit.

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley, 528-7497; The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670; or The Rev. Faye Hogan, 541-4595. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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