

# Benediction Weekly

## June 26, 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.*



### Ecology Walk of the Elfin Forest - Today at 2pm

Join us on a pleasant, one-mile stroll along the bluffs overlooking Morro Bay. Co-sponsored by St. Ben's Earthcare and the local chapter of the Sierra Club, this informative ecology walk will be led by Joe Morris. Meet at the north end of 17<sup>th</sup> Street at 2pm.

#### 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 – Earthcare: Elfin Forest Ecology Walk

##### Monday, June 27

6:30 pm – Green Room Arts Ensemble Guitar Concert

##### Tuesday, June 28

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

##### Wednesday, June 29

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### Thursday, June 30

7:00 pm – Embracing an Adult Faith

##### Saturday, July 2

12 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center

##### Sunday, July 3

NO 8am Service or Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch

Participant books for **Embracing an Adult Faith** are available at the back of the church either for loan or for purchase at \$10 each. Please sign the list if you take one. Thank you.

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**Online Giving!** Now you can make donations, pay your pledge and buy tickets for the Jazz Concert on-line. Just go to the church website: [www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) and go to the bottom of the Home page or to the Support Us page. It accepts all major credit cards and debit cards.

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**PARTY!!!** We are going to celebrate St. Benedict's Day and the Great Room completion on **Friday July 15** starting at 5pm. Food provided - bring a beverage to share! If you'd like to help, please contact Anne Kanter.

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Volunteer to provide food and/or to serve at **People's Kitchen next Saturday**. Diana Hammerlund coordinates sign-ups.

#### GREEN ROOM ARTS ENSEMBLE – Benefit Concert July 27

A benefit concert will be held here tomorrow at 6:30 pm to support the G. Roger Bailey Classical Guitar Scholarship, an organization dedicated to maintaining the art of the classical guitar for students based on the Central Coast. For tickets and details, please go to [www.grogerbaileyscholarship.org](http://www.grogerbaileyscholarship.org) or email Charlotte Bailey at [cbailey\\_1@charter.net](mailto:cbailey_1@charter.net)



#### Hollister Institute Class: Embracing an Adult Faith - Begins this Thursday at 7pm

Each session of this five-week class will be introduced by a video of scholar Marcus Borg in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they confront some of Christianity's most fundamental questions and work together toward authentic answers. The video will be followed by our own discussions of the questions raised and questions and ideas of our own. Session topics: God, Jesus, Salvation, Community, and Practice. Discussion will be led by Rev. Caro+.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas; Chalice: Stef Shuman;  
Lectors: Brian Spolarich & Tom Pickering; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Ron Thompson;  
Greeter: Laura Thompson; Altar Guild: Pamela Bleisch Strawn; Flowers: Laura Thompson;  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Anne Kanter; Tellers: Steve Cake & Stef Shuman;  
Prayer Team Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; Cantor: Francis Rivinus; Music Director: John Cribb

**Thank you all for your service!**



## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** - Discussion and fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEET ME IN MORRO** - lunchtime social gathering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of odd-numbered months.

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

**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,  
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian  
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

## Proper 8: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost —Year C

Welcome to our parish. In the portion of Luke's gospel we begin today, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem and his death. On this journey, Jesus often spoke of the cost of following him. James and John are quite willing to use power against those who refused Jesus, but following him is harder. It means putting our old life behind and beginning a new way of living and a new way of relating to others.

The first reading is from the story of the prophet Elijah. Here Elijah calls his successor, Elisha, to be his disciple. Elisha will become the second of the two great prophets during the time of the Israelite kingdoms.

In the portion of Galatians, Paul discusses who those who live by faith rather than the law are conformed to the image of Christ by his Spirit. "Flesh" and "spirit" do not refer to our so-called "higher" and "lower" natures. Flesh refers to our unredeemed humanity. Spirit refers to the living God who is transforming us into the image of Christ. We are free because our new life into which we are growing is the life of God.

We are followers—disciples—of Christ. Baptism began a new life for us. Just as newly born infants must be fed, nurtured, and taught how to grow up human, so God is feeding, nurturing, and teaching us so that we may grow up into Christ. This Eucharistic celebration is a primary means of this work of God in us.

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#### Weekly Events:

**Tuesdays:** Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p

**Wednesdays:** Choir Rehearsal 7p

**Thursdays:** Hollister Institute 7p

#### Sundays:

**Contemplative Communion 8a** (except 1st Sun)

**Bible study 920a** (except 1st Sunday)

**Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a**

### Highlights

2 - People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center, 12n

3 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service

7 - Embracing Adult Faith, 7p

7 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p

9 - Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill, 9a

9 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p

10 - ST BENEDICT'S DAY observed

10 - SLD Deanery at PRIDE at Mission Plaza, from 12p

13 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a

13 - Earthcare Meeting, 230p

14 - Embracing Adult Faith, 7p

21 - Parish Council Meeting, 6p

21 - Embracing Adult Faith, 7p

21 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p

27 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a

28 - Embracing Adult Faith, 7p

"Meet Me in Morro" and "Lit Lovers' Book Club" will not be meeting in July or August, but will resume in September.

**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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