

Benediction Weekly

January 15, 2017

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.



Prayers for Our Nation at a Time of Change

Thursday, January 19th 7-8 pm

There is no doubt that we are in a time of change with a new administration whose approach to providing the best leadership for our nation is quite different from its predecessor. This special service will provide an opportunity for people of faith of all political affiliations, or none, to pray for our country and for the new President. It will be non-sectarian and non-denominational and everyone is welcome.

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
- 12:45 pm – Blessing the Abundance Shop

Tuesday, Jan 17

- 12:00 pm – Meet Me in Morro at Bayside Café
- 1:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

Wednesday, Jan 18

- 2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 19

- 10:00 am – Hollister Institute: God of Becoming
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group
- 7:00 pm – Prayers for the Nation

Saturday, Jan 21

- 10:00 am – Women's March in SLO

Sunday, Jan 22

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

Today we welcome Bishop Mary

for Confirmation, Reception, and renewal of Baptismal Vows. A special collection will be taken for the Bishop's discretionary fund. Please indicate "BDF" on your checks made out to St. Benedict's. Following the service, at about 12:45, the Bishop will be blessing the Abundance Shop in its new location.

St. Benedict's Annual Meeting

Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th after the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided. Agenda topics include: Election of Vestry members and Deanery/Diocesan Delegates; Discussion of the Vision Plan for further developing the grounds; 2017 Budget Decisions; Brief presentation about planned giving and Endowment fund; and Special Awards. If God is calling you to serve on the vestry (you have to be Episcopalian) or as a delegate to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention, please contact the Nominating Committee - John Cribb & Maria Kelly.

Women's March in San Luis Obispo – January 21

Women, men and children who wish to stand for women's rights, human rights, civil liberties, diversity and compassion will have an opportunity to march together in San Luis Obispo, on January 21—the day after the inauguration of President Trump. The march will start at 10AM at Mitchell Park.

The Women's March San Luis Obispo is organized by private citizens, in solidarity with the [Women's March on Washington](#). The local march is an opportunity for people in San Luis Obispo and surrounding communities to come together to share in a common hope for women's rights under the new administration. It is also a display of support for communities who may be afraid or without a voice, to express that they have local allies. Organizers say this will be a peaceful march, not a protest.



There will be a carpool leaving St. Ben's at 9:30 sharp. Wear your St. Ben's T-shirt! Episcopal deanery members will meet in Mitchell Park opposite the deli at the corner of Osos and Pismo.

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

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray Reeves; Rector: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall;
 Bishop's Chaplain: The Rev. Robert Seifert; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss;
 Chalice Bearer: John Horsley; Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Rod Morse & Ron Thompson;
 Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Charlene Morse & Joan Ghilotti; Tellers: Steve Cake & Judy Schloss; Prayer Team Intercessor: Laura Thompson. Cantor: Alan Kiste; Music Director: John Cribb.



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 Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-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.

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

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL 3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, Rector
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.

Hollister Institute Discussion: God of Becoming and Relationship, by Rabbi Bradley Artson Thursday mornings, 10 am - through February 2

We are discussing a pioneering book on process theology, *God of Becoming and Relationship*, by Rabbi Bradley Artson. In past Hollister discussions we have touched on ideas from process theology; now we welcome Rabbi Artson's clear perspective, which adds so much to our understanding. To focus on the nature of God – instead of the differences between Jews and Christians – we're going to consider Jesus as a rabbi and teacher, along with other rabbis through the ages. Each week, we'll prepare for the discussion by reading a few short chapters in Artson's book. When we meet, we'll share our own thoughts, reactions, and/or insights from the reading. Again, all points of view are welcome, expected, and encouraged in these Hollister discussions.

To register for the discussions, contact Donna Ross at donnaross@charter.net

Spiritual Journey Groups Forming

Have you ever wanted to know more about the people next to you in the pew? Or wondered how we all ended up here together? This is your opportunity.

During Epiphany/Lent, spiritual journey groups will meet three times, once a month in January, February and March. Each group will have about 6 members. At each meeting there will be time for prayer and brief sharing together, and then two members will have 20 – 30 minute each to share their faith story in any way they wish. There will be some ground rules so that this will be a confidential and safe space to talk and get to know one another in a deeper way.

See the posted signup sheet, or speak with the Rector.

Lectio Divina with the Prophet Isaiah



On weekdays, listen for a word.
On Saturday, re-read the whole passage:
What do you hear now?

Lectio for January 16-21

Monday	Isaiah 42:1
Tuesday	Isaiah 42:2-3
Wednesday	Isaiah 42:4
Thursday	Isaiah 42:5-7
Friday	Isaiah 42: 8-9
Saturday	Isaiah 42:1-9

Exploring our Spiritual Gifts February 4, 9:30-12:00

At a workshop to help us identify the unique gifts we have been given and discern the calling God has for us today, Rev. Caro+ will lead us in Bible Study and a variety of exercises. Pre-registration is required as an on-line assessment is involved.

If you will attend contact Danna at office@stbenslosos.org



There is to be a video shown here on Tuesday, Jan 24 at 7:15pm, of a talk by Cynthia Borgeault introducing her new book "Nondual Christianity?" Details will be available on our website or in next week's Benediction Weekly.

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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