

# Benediction Weekly

## March 19, 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.*



**Parish Council Meeting Today**, following the 10:30 service. Canon Brian Nordwick will be meeting with us to start work towards our 5-year mission plan. All are welcome to join us.

**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 w/music  
12:30 pm – Parish Council Mtg.

### Monday, Mar 20

10:00 am – Healing Ministry mtg. @ Laura's

### Tuesday, Mar 21

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle  
5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

### Wednesday, Mar 22

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

### Thursday, Mar 23

10:00 am – Hollister: "The Worshipping Community"

### Saturday, Mar 25

1:00 pm – LitLovers' Book Club at John Horsley's

### Sunday, Mar 26

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



### **The Rector will be on Retreat**

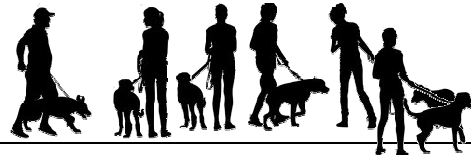
this week with the SLO Deanery clergy from Tuesday 12noon to Thursday 5pm.

### **Diocesan Spring Conference**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20, the date of our next Spring Conference at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas. The featured speaker will be The Rev. Tom Brackett, Staff Officer for New Church Starts & Missional Initiatives.

### **Dog Walkers**

Please join us on our first meeting of St. Benedict's dog walking group! We will meet at the Baywood Pier on Tuesday, March 28th, at 3 p.m., and walk along Pasadena Drive. Contact Deacon Sharon or Esta Kandarian if you'd like more information.



**Episcopal Migration Ministries**, the refugee resettlement agency of the Episcopal Church, invites participation in supporting its life-saving work through Stand To Support Refugees, a fundraising campaign to maintain a strong, viable ministry network to welcome those fleeing war, violence and persecution. Donations to Stand to Support Refugees will help strengthen important ministry to some of the most vulnerable throughout the world.

The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson, Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries said, "Episcopal Migration Ministries is committed to embracing the command of Jesus, and his definition of neighbor. We recognize that there is little to fear from those who have themselves fled violence for fear of their lives. We respect and value the dignity of every human being."

Like other agencies that resettle refugees and assist them with housing, job training, and other services, Episcopal Migration Ministries receives the bulk of its funding from federal grants. As a result of the recent Executive Order, funding is being dramatically reduced for the remainder of 2017, potentially resulting in significant negative impact to core ministries offered by Episcopal Migration Ministries. "At a time when the world is facing the largest refugee crisis since World War II, the United States can and should welcome more refugees, not less," said Stevenson. To make a donation: <http://episcopalmigrationministries.org/>

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;  
Eucharistic Minister: Bryson McKelvey; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian; Lector: Janelle LaFond;  
Ushers: Alan Kiste & Brian Spolarich; Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Flowers: Alice Welchert;  
Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Intercessor: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Connie Weldon & Joan Hayes;  
Tellers: June Wright & Alice Welchert; Cantor: Jane Wu; 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. 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 Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*  
Rod Morse, Jr. *Warden*  
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,  
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,  
Ken Kenyon, and Kathie West.

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule: April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Palm Sunday

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

### Tuesday

5:30 am – Vespers

### Wednesday

6:00 pm – Diocesan Blessing of oils at St. James, Paso Robles

### Maundy Thursday

6:15 pm – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm – Eucharist with Foot Washing

### Good Friday

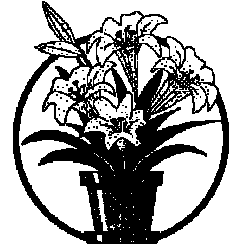
12:00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross  
2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross  
7:30 pm – Tenebrae with combined choirs at Trinity  
United Methodist Church

### Holy Saturday

7:45 pm – Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist



**Sign-up sheets for Holy Week ministries and envelopes for Easter Lily dedications will be available at the church starting next week.**

### *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 March 20-25

Monday	Isaiah 58: 1-2
Tuesday	Isaiah 58: 3-4
Wednesday	Isaiah 58: 5-7
Thursday	Isaiah 58: 8-9a
Friday	Isaiah 58: 9b-11
Saturday	Isaiah 58: 1-11

## Church Directory UPDATE

We are updating our parish phone directory. A draft version is posted at the church. Please check your listing and make corrections, or contact Suzan Vaughn ([suzanv@charter.net](mailto:suzanv@charter.net)) with updates if you don't get to it at church.

Also, the Parish Council wants to invite people to add their interests - key words which might help people connect with others with similar interests. Please list a few of your interests in the email / interests column if you'd like to share that info.

**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. 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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