Benediction Weekly March 26, 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.



People's Kitchen this Saturday - sign up to serve or provide food.

Potluck & Prado next Sunday – bring a dish to share for lunch and donations of non-perishable food items for Prado Day Center.

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

Tuesday, Mar 28

3:00 pm – Dog Walkers meet at Baywood Pier 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, Mar 29

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar 30

10:00 am – Hollister: "The Worshiping Community" 7:00 am – Hollister: "America's Original Sin"

Saturday, Apr 1

12:00 pm - People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center

Sunday, Apr 2

NO 8am Service

9:20 am - Bible Study

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch

Spring Hiking Pilgrimage

Join Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves and fellow pilgrims from throughout the diocese for a Spring Hiking Pilgrimage at Pinnacles National Park on Saturday,

April 1. We will gather just before 10 am at Bear Gulch Day Use Parking. From there, we will take a 6.1-mile loop through the heart of the Pinnacles rock formation. The vistas should be glorious and wildflowers should provide a dazzling palate of color.

What to bring: plenty of water, your own lunch and maybe a small treat to share. Hiking boots and a hat are a must and, if you use them, hiking poles.

Please note: We begin with a steep ascent; a good portion of our trail is listed as strenuous and we will go through a 1,300' gain and loss of elevation. There is an entry fee of \$10 per car. To register: email Mary Beth Powell at marybeth@realepiscopal.org with your name, contact information. Please state "Pinnacles Hike" in the subject line. For questions: contact The Rev. Eliza Linley at ammaeliza@gmail.com or Celeste Ventura at cavev@sbcglobal.net.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Apr 9: Palm Sunday Contemplative Communion (8am); Holy Eucharist (10:30 am)

Apr 11: Tuesday Vespers followed by potluck (5:30pm)

Apr 12: Wednesday Deanery Blessing of Oils with Bishop Mary at St. James, P R (6pm) **Apr 13: Maundy Thursday** Stations of the Cross (6:15pm); Eucharist with Foot Washing (7pm)

Apr 14: Good Friday Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (12pm);

Stations of the Cross (2:30); and Tenebrae with combined choirs at

Trinity United Methodist Church (7:30pm)

Apr 15: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (7:45 pm)

Apr 16: Easter Sunday Contemplative Communion (8am); Holy Eucharist (10:30am)



Please use the sign up board to volunteer for Holy Week services, and to find contribution envelopes for Easter Lily Dedications.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice Bearer: Michael Lucas; Lectors: John Horsley & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Rod Morse; Greeter: Marie Moore; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Altar Guild: Judy Schloss; Intercessor: Louise Beeler; Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Charlene Morse; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Diana Hammerlund; Cantor: Diana Hammerlund; 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. 1st & 3rd 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
Anne Kanter, Sr. Warden
Rod Morse, Jr. Warden
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Ken Kenyon, and Kathie West.

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Weekly Events:

Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p

Sundavs:

Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun)

Bible study 920a

Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

- 1 People's Kitchen, 12p Prado Day Center
- 2 Potluck and Prado, 1030a
- 5 Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 6 Hollister Inst: America's Original Sin, 7p
- 6 Drop In Dream Group, 7p
- 8 Spruce-Up workday, 9a
- 8 Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café, 9a
- 8 Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 9 PALM SUNDAY
- 12 EarthCare Meeting, 230p
- 12 Blessing of Oils, St James' PR, 6pm
- 13 Stations of the Cross, 615p
- 13 Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7pm
- 14 Good Friday Liturgy, 12p; Stations of the Cross, 230p
- 14 Tenebrae at Trinity UMC, 730p
- 15 Great Vigil of Easter, 745p
- 16 EASTER DAY
- 19 Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 20 Drop In Dream Group, 7p
- 22 Lit Lovers' Book Club, 1p

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SPRING SPRUCE-UP WORKDAY

Saturday, April 8th, from 9am.

All hands needed to clean, polish, decorate, and prepare the church for Holy Week! Please plan to join us! Come for an hour or as long as you can.

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 27 - April 2

Monday Isaiah 61: 1-3
Tuesday Isaiah 61: 4
Wednesday Isaiah 61: 8-9
Thursday Isaiah 61: 10
Friday Isaiah 61: 11
Saturday Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

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) 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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