

Benediction Weekly

July 9, 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.



Welcome to St. Benedict's Church

Today we are celebrating the Feast Day
of our Patron Saint, Benedict

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

TODAY ST. BENEDICT'S DAY OBSRV'D

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music

All Day - SLO Deanery booth at Pride in the Plaza

Tuesday, July 11

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

7:15 pm – Richard Rohr Webcast "Universal Christ"

Wednesday, July 12

2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music

12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Save these Dates!

Aug 20 ~ Jazz Concert

Don't miss this swinging afternoon on Sunday, August 20th at 3pm!

Jazz music from Darrel Voss and the All Stars.

We will provide yummy snacks on the veranda,

and wine and beer will

be available for purchase. Silent auction prizes, too! To

reserve your tickets, contact Pamela Bleisch Strawn

805-602-1240. Helpers and volunteers are most

welcome. The annual jazz concert is our big fundraiser, and a St Benedict's tradition. Join the fun!



Oct 8 ~ Chili Cook-Off



SLO Canterbury Foundation's Third Annual

Chili Cook-Off, Silent Auction & Raffle

Fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 8th from 4-6pm

at St. Stephen's in SLO. If you have any

items, gifts, or services you'd like to donate

for the Silent Auction, please contact Chaplain Berkeley

Johnson at canterburyslo@gmail.com or 805 550-5133.



Richard Rohr Webcast --- Tuesday, July 11, 7:15 pm

The Universal Christ: Archetype for Everything

The Franciscan teacher Richard Rohr introduces the theme of his upcoming publication in a webcast, first broadcast on June 20. Barry Turner will make this available in a replay at St. Benedict's after the Tuesday evening potluck, on July 11. The presentation is one hour, followed by thirty minutes of questions and answers.

Rohr helps us with the paradigm shift we have to move through to see the Universal Christ when we have been used to seeing Christ exclusively in the person of Jesus. The Universal Christ is the archetype for all creation, the manifestation of the Word from the beginning of time. This is the same theme to be presented in the Stations of the Cosmic Christ that will be on display at St. Benedict's this winter. It is the way for Christians to see the entire world as sacred

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: John Horsley & Stef Shuman;

Lectors: Rob Ross & Alec Speck; Ushers: Steve Hirahara & Rob Ross; Greeter: Ann Edwards;

Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Coffee Hour Hosts: Anne Kanter & Diana Hammerlund;

Tellers: Stef Shuman & Judy Schloss; Intercessor: Judy Schloss; Music Director: John Cribb

Thank you all for your service!



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 in members' homes. 4th Saturdays 1pm (Suspended till September)

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

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.

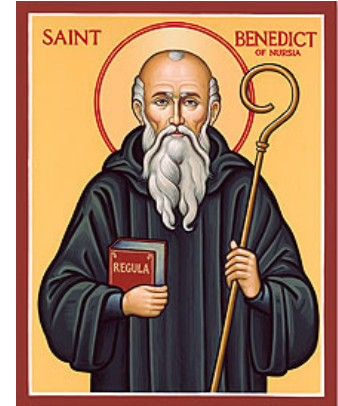
VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL

3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

St. Benedict of Nursia

St. Benedict's Church in Los Osos was established in July 1987 as a Bishop's Congregation of the Diocese of El Camino Real. We were named for Benedict of Nursia, whose **Rule of St. Benedict**, written to show how to live a balanced life, is still used today to inspire Christians' spiritual journey. From the beginning, Benedictine Spirituality has been a vital part of congregational life here for many.

Benedict is generally accounted the father of western monasticism. He was born about 480, at Nursia in central Italy, and was educated at Rome. The style of life he found there disgusted him. Rome at this time was overrun by various barbarian tribes; the period was one of considerable political instability, a breakdown of western society, and the beginnings of barbarian kingdoms. Benedict's disapproval of the manners and morals of Rome led him to a vocation of monastic seclusion. He withdrew to a hillside cave above Lake Subiaco, about forty miles west of Rome, where there was already at least one other monk.



Gradually, a community grew up around Benedict. Sometime between 525 and 530, he moved south with some of his disciples to Monte Cassino, midway between Rome and Naples, where he established another community, and, about 540, composed his monastic Rule. He does not appear to have been ordained or to have contemplated the founding of an "order." He died sometime between 540 and 550 and was buried in the same grave as his sister, Scholastica.

No personality or text in the history of monasticism, has occasioned more studies than Benedict and his rule. The major problem for historians is the question of how much of the rule is original. This is closely related to the question of the date of another, very similar but anonymous, rule for monks, known as the "Rule of the Master," which may antedate Benedict's Rule by ten years. This does not detract from the fact that Benedict's firm but reasonable rule has been the basic source document from which most later monastic rules were derived. Its average day provides for a little over four hours to be spent in liturgical prayer, a little over five hours in spiritual reading, about six hours of work, one hour for eating, and about eight hours of sleep. The entire Psalter is to be recited in the Divine Office once every week.

At profession, the new monk takes vows of "stability, amendment of life, and obedience." Pope Gregory the Great wrote Benedict's "Life" in the second book of his Dialogues. He adopted Benedict's monasticism as an instrument of evangelization when in 596 he sent Augustine and his companions to convert the Anglo-Saxon people. In the Anglican Communion today, the rules of many religious orders are influenced by Benedict's rule.

Giving in June - St. Ben's General Operating Fund - Thank you!!

June Income: \$ 15,450	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 12,989	Difference: \$ 2,461 surplus
YTD Income: \$ 82,217	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 77,935	Difference: \$ 4,282 surplus

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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