

Benediction Weekly

January 1, 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.



Epiphany Star Party Friday, January 6th - 6:30 pm

It's Epiphany, Twelfth Day of Christmas, Old Christmas, and an excuse for a party! Bring a dish to share and twigs from your Christmas decorations to burn in the fire. We'll take down all the church's decorations, bless the church's door with the mark of Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, and crown the Kings or Queens of Epiphany. Take home your "star word" to bring a special focus to the New Year!

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

TODAY

9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck

Tuesday, Jan 3

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

Wednesday, Jan 4

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 5

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Friday, Jan 6

6:30 pm – Epiphany Star Party

Saturday, Jan 7

Diocesan Conf w/ Presiding Bishop, in Salinas

Sunday, Jan 8

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

LitLovers' Book Club reading selection for January:

A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon — He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. But behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale which will change one grumpy old man and shake a local residents' association to its very foundations.

LitLovers meets the fourth Saturday of the month in members' homes. Next meeting will be 1pm on January 28th at Stef's.

(and Smokey's!)

Our February selection: Hillbilly Elegy
by J.D. Vance

New Hollister Institute Class : A Rabbi Looks at God **God of Becoming and Relationship, by Rabbi Bradley Artson** *Thursday mornings, 10 am - January 12, 19, 26 and February 2*

Hollister discussions: For several years, people from many faith traditions have been meeting weekly at St. Benedict's to discuss topics of common interest. All points of view are welcome, expected, and encouraged in these discussions. **Starting January 12**, we'll be 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. When you register, you'll receive information on how to purchase the book, and a copy of the Introduction to get you started on your reading.

People being confirmed at the Bishop's Visit on January 15: JW and Michael Lucas. People being received: Joan Ghilotti and Margaret Fegan. If your name is not on this list and should be please let Danna know by email, office@stbenslososos.org.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Donna Ross; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;
Eucharistic Minister: Stef Shuman; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian; Lectors: John Horsley & Lisa Gonzalez;
Ushers: Lisa Gonzalez & Rob Ross; Greeter: Ann Edwards; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro;
Potluck Hosts: Barbara Schippers & Karin Cake; Tellers: Judith Cadigan & Francis Rivinus; Music: Anne Kanter.
Prayer Team Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez. **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. 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 Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

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.

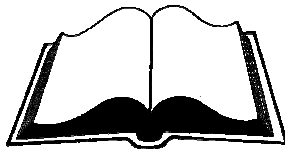
VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL

3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm
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.

Lectio Divina with Isaiah

Listen for the *Word that gives meaning.*



Lectio for January 2-6

Monday	Isaiah 6:1-2
Tuesday	Isaiah 6:3
Wednesday	Isaiah 6:4-5
Thursday	Isaiah 6:6-7
Friday	Isaiah 6:8

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 Donald J. Trump. The march will start at 10 a.m. at Mitchell Park.

The Women's March San Luis Obispo is organized by private citizens, in solidarity with the [Women's March on Washington](http://www.womensmarchonwashington.org), which is expected to rally hundreds of thousands from across the United States. Together the Washington March and regional marches such as the one in San Luis Obispo have become a nationwide movement. The SLO march is one of seven such events planned in California, and the only one between San Jose and Los Angeles. 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.

On January 21, we will unite in San Luis Obispo to show support for the Women's March on Washington. We stand together in solidarity with our friends, families, and women everywhere, for the protection of women's rights, safety and health; and to look forward to a positive future. This nationwide march will send a powerful message to our new administration, on their first day in office, that this is the first step towards unifying our Nation's diverse communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We work peacefully and inclusively, while recognizing there is no true peace without equity for all.

As a pro-inclusion, pro-peace, non-violent, non-partisan, non-political march we subscribe to Kingian nonviolence, as shared with us by the National Women's March on Washington. We especially highlight Principle 3: "Attack forces of evil, not persons doing evil. The nonviolent approach helps one analyze the fundamental conditions, policies and practices of the conflict rather than reacting to one's opponents or their personalities." For this reason we refrain from making comments about political persons or stances. <http://www.thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy#sub2>

Register at www.womensmarchslo.org. Registration is free, but donations are accepted to help defray costs.

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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