

Benediction Weekly

March 5, 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.



Evening Eucharist this Saturday 5:30 pm

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

TODAY

NO 8:00 am service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and potluck lunch

Monday, Mar 6

6:00 pm – Los Osos Cares Mtg. at SBCC

Tuesday, Mar 7

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, Mar 8

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
2:30 pm – Earthcare Meeting
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar 9

10:00 am – Hollister: “*The Worshipping Community*”
7:00 pm – Hollister: “*America’s Original Sin: Racism*”

Friday, Mar 10

3:30 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting

Saturday, Mar 11

9:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Celia’s Garden Café
5:30 pm – Evening Eucharist

Sunday, Mar 12

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



Living Room Conversations Training *Saturday, March 18*

An all-day (9:30am – 3pm) course to learn how to facilitate Living Room Conversations will take place at St. Stephen’s, SLO, for all members of the SLO Deanery. Learn how to engage in enjoyable, heartfelt conversations with those with whom you disagree. The goal is for you to take home tools to overcome incivility and division through listening and respectful dialogue. In a Living Room Conversation, up to six people gather to get to know one another in a more meaningful way.

Guided by a simple and sociable format, participants practice being open and curious about all perspectives, with the goal to learn from each other instead of trying to debate the topic. Anyone wishing to gain these skills is welcome to attend.

If you would like to go and learn more, please let Caro+ know. Everyone is welcome. Please take a brown bag lunch.

More info: www.livingroomconversations.org



Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend. Set your clocks FORWARD!

Los Osos Cares Community Meeting - 6PM Monday at South Bay Community Center

Several different groups and many individuals have expressed concern about the increased number of homeless people who are camping out in Los Osos in cars, RVs and under bushes. This meeting will draw on the experience of those who are offering services such as safe parking, warming shelters and community dinners in other communities. In addition, those who are leading initiatives in Los Osos will report on projects which are currently underway or being planned.

Sponsored by Los Osos Community Coalition, People Helping People and St. Benedict’s Episcopal Church

The Memorial Service for the Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves will officiate.

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 Ministers: Lisa Gonzalez & Stef Shuman; Lectors: Judith Cadigan & Ann Lucas;
Ushers: Michael Lucas & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Laura Thompson; Flowers: Laura Thompson;
Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzalez; Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez; Potluck Hosts: Margaret Fegan & Anne Kanter;
Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Judy Schloss; Cantor: Alek Speck; 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. 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*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Rod Morse, *Jr. Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Ken Kenyon, and Kathie West.

The Worshiping Community: Praying with the God of Becoming and Relationship

Inspired by Rabbi Bradley Artson's "God of Becoming and Relationship"

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - from 10:00-11:45 am.



Why do we pray?

Why do we reflect on Scripture and other sacred texts?

How do we make peace with each other?

How do we share God's peace with the world around us?

Praying with the God of Becoming: <http://faithmatters.us/the-process-of-offering-ourselves/>

Remember to register at donnaross@charter.net

Lenten Book Study

America's Original Sin - Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis and Bryan Stevenson

Thursdays: March 9, 16, 30 and April 6 at 7pm

In America's Original Sin, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

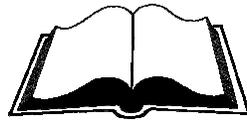
Whenever divided cultures and gridlocked power structures fail to end systemic sin, faith communities can help lead the way to grassroots change. Probing yet positive, biblically rooted yet highly practical, this book shows people of faith how they can work together to overcome the embedded racism in America, galvanizing a movement to cross the bridge to a multiracial church and a new America.

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**Lit Lovers' Book Club selection for March:
"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho**

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 6-11

Monday	Isaiah 55: 1-2
Tuesday	Isaiah 55: 3-5
Wednesday	Isaiah 55: 6-9
Thursday	Isaiah 55: 10-11
Friday	Isaiah 55: 12-13
Saturday	Isaiah 55: 1-13

Church Directory UPDATE

We are updating our parish phone directory. A draft version will be posted at the church for the next two weeks. 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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