

# Benediction Weekly

## July 2, 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 5:30pm Saturday Followed by Supper

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

### **TODAY**

9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music  
Followed by potluck lunch  
*Visitors Welcome!*

### **Monday, July 3**

5:00 pm – LO Community Dinner at TUMC

### **Tuesday, July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*No Vespers this week!*

### **Wednesday, July 5**

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle  
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

### **Thursday, July 6**

7:00 pm – Thinking Person's Guide to the Bible

### **Saturday, July 8**

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café  
5:30 pm – Evening Eucharist, followed by supper

### **Sunday, July 9 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*

### **The Universal Christ: Archetype for Everything**

*Richard Rohr Webcast*

Tuesday, July 11, 7:15 pm



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 will be 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.

## **Independence Day**

On July 4th, The Episcopal Church joins the United States in celebrating Independence Day, marking the day the country declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain in 1776.

**Collect for Independence Day** – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 242

*Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Collect 17: For the Nation** – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 258

*Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss; Chalice Bearer: Janelle LaFond;  
Lectors: John Horsley & Judith Cadigan; Ushers: Maria Moore & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Connie Weldon;  
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Bryson McKelvey; Potluck Hosts: Karin Cake & Barbara Schippers;  
Tellers: Steve Cake & Judith Cadigan; Cantor: Francis Rivinus; Music Director: John Cribb

***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. 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.

#### *Proper 8: Sunday closest to June 29—Year A*

Welcome to our parish. Today we continue reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. This passage follows Jesus' commissioning the disciples to go out and preach and his warning of the opposition they will encounter. Today he concludes this section describing those who accept their message. Matthew is speaking here of us and of all who have accepted the message and who have received the reward of our faith.

Abraham's greatest test of faith now comes as God tells him to sacrifice the child he and his wife had awaited for so long. Abraham sets out to obey but God intervenes, spares the child, and renews the promise to Abraham's descendants, including us.

The reading from Romans today carries on Paul's discussion of the result of baptism. We are dead to sin but we still have the choice between sin and grace. The choice is to be controlled by sin or by God. One receives only death from sin but from God comes sanctification, growing into the image of God in which we were created.

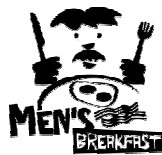
We gather as people who find our life in Christ rather than in the conventions of the world. Our action in worship is a contradiction of the world's standards. Our life as we go forth from worship is to show forth our new way of existing by ministry to the poor and neglected that God saves all who turn to God in faith. We are to live in accordance with God's kingdom, even when that reality is hard to find in the world around us.

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### **Call for Volunteers for Central Coast Pride July 9**

The Episcopal Churches in the San Luis Obispo Deanery are sponsoring a booth at Central Coast Pride at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo on July 9. We need volunteers to help set up the booth starting at 8:00am and then to staff the booth in 1-hour shifts from noon to 5:30pm. This year we'll be handing out **Diversity Jelly Beans**...you can't predict the flavor from the color of the bean. Last year, our booth was a great success thanks to all those who helped out. If you'd like to join the fun this year, or if you have questions, contact Jeff Diehl ([jeffreyldiehl@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyldiehl@gmail.com)). Stop by and sample the jelly beans!

**Please Keep your Pledge Current!** Even when you are traveling or are on vacation you can make donations to pay your pledge on-line. Just go to the church website: [www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) click on the **Donate Now** button on the home page. It accepts all major credit cards and debit cards. Thank you!



**Men's Breakfast this Saturday  
9:00 a.m. at Celia's Garden Café**

**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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