

# Benediction Weekly

## September 24, 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.



### TODAY IS RIVER SUNDAY

During September St. Benedict's is joining churches around the world as we observe the Season of Creation, focusing on different aspects of the natural world. Today we acknowledge God's abundant blessings, symbolized by flowing water.

#### This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### **TODAY -- RIVER SUNDAY**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music  
3:00 pm – Readers' Theater: "**Sanditon**"

#### **Tuesday, Sep 26**

2:00 pm – Healing Ministry Mtg  
5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

#### **Wednesday, Sep 27**

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, Sep 28**

7:00 pm – Mystics: Teilhard de Chardin

#### **Sunday, Oct 1 -- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

NO 8 am Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music  
Followed by potluck lunch.

*Hollister Institute Program...*

### Seeing Creation through the Eyes of the Mystic

We conclude our exploration of the world of creation through the eyes of people of mystical vision with the writings of Teilhard de Chardin, Thursday, 7-8:30pm.

*"Driven by the forces of love, the fragments of the world seek each other so that the world may come to being."*

**Teilhard de Chardin** (Sept 28) was a French idealist philosopher and Jesuit priest who trained as a paleontologist and geologist and took part in the discovery of Peking Man. Teilhard insisted that evolutionary theory provides the core of how man understands his relationship to nature. As well as a scientist, he was a man of deep faith and metaphysical vision. This session will explore some of his mystical writings. Led by Fr. Barry Turner.



St. Peter's Readers' Theater will present Jane Austen's unfinished novel "**Sanditon**": here today at 3 p.m. with a cast including several members of St. Ben's. Come and vote on the ending! \$10 at the door.

#### Hollister Institute--Jesus: The Human Face of God

*Thursday mornings, October 5 to November 2 from 10 – 11:45 am*

Getting ready for our first discussion on October 5:

(1) MEET the book's author, Jay Parini, in an interview with Charlie Rose:

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/religion-july-dec13-jesus\\_12-25/](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/religion-july-dec13-jesus_12-25/)

(2) READ the book's Preface and Chapter 1:

Preface: <http://faithmatters.us/jesus-the-human-face-of-god/>

Chapter 1: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-1-ancient-palestine/>



Cash put in the offertory plates this morning will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need of emergency assistance. Or you may write a check to St. Benedict's with "RDF" in the memo line. *Thank you!*

**St. Benedict's Benefactors:** Have you remembered St. Benedict's in your will or estate plan, made us the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or made some other gift that will come to St Benedict's in the future? If so, you are a St Benedict's Benefactor and the Parish Council invites you to a thank-you gathering on Sunday October 29 at 2:30pm in a private home in Los Osos. In order to get your personal invitation, please let Danna, Lisa Gonzalez or Caro+ know that you are a St. Ben's Benefactor.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Preacher: The Rev. Donna Ross; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice Bearer: Diana Hammerlund; Lectors: Janelle LaFond & Rob Ross; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Connie Weldon; Greeter: Michelle Frazier; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Schloss & Maureen Titus; Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & Steve Cake; Intercessory Prayer Team: Louise Beeler; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you all for your service!**



**On-Going  
Activities  
at St. Ben's**

**BIBLE STUDY** – Sundays at 9:20 am

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.


**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*,  
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,  
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,  
Francis Rivinus, Kathie West

 The memorial service for **Carol Baker** will be held 1pm Saturday, Oct 21

**Parish Retreat: Consider the Lilies**

November 10–12, from 5pm Friday to 2pm Sunday  
Mt Calvary Retreat House 505 E. Los Olivos, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Imagine taking two days out of your busy schedule to *Consider the Lilies* - by joining in the gentle daily rhythm of a Benedictine monastery. Experienced retreat leaders, Donna Ross and Celeste Pennington, offer thought-provoking times of reflection and insightful questions to help you journey further on the Way of Jesus. The material for reflection comes from the “Sermon on the Mount,” which draws on vast reservoirs of desert wisdom – looking to the East as well as the West for inspiration and ideas.

Space is limited so please reserve early by contacting Danna at [office@stbenslososos.org](mailto:office@stbenslososos.org). The cost for the weekend is \$260 which includes accommodation, all meals and program.

October 2017							Highlights
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 - Potluck + Prado 12p
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	4 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4 - EarthCare Meeting, 11a
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	5 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
29	30	31					6 - 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee, 6p
<p><u>Sundays:</u>  <b>Contemplative Communion 8a</b> (except 1st Sun)  <b>Bible study 920a</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a</b></p> <p><u>Weekly Events:</u>  <b>Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p</b>  <b>Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p</b>  <b>Thursdays: Hollister: Human Face of God 10a</b></p>							7 - People's Kitchen, 12n 8 - Blessing of Animals at SBCC, 1p 8 - Blessing of Animals at LOMS, 2p 8 - Canterbury/Shire Enchilada Fest, St Stephen's, 3p 8 - Lute Song Concert, 4p 14 - Hike w/Bishop at Montana de Oro 14 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café, 9a 14 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 15 - Parish Council Meeting, 1230p 18 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 19 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p 20 - Stations of Cosmic Christ Introduction, 7p 28 - Quiet Day on Stations of Cosmic Christ, 10a 29 - St. Benedict's Benefactors Gathering, 230p 31 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 2p

**Hike Montaña de Oro with the Bishop October 14**



Join Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves and fellow pilgrims from throughout El Camino Real beginning at 9:30am on Saturday, October 14, for a 9-mile hike of the Hazard Peak / Islay Creek Road trail in Montaña de Oro State Park. (Or an alternative 6-mile loop.) Register with your name(s) and contact information at [marybeth@realepiscopal.org](mailto:marybeth@realepiscopal.org)

Please put “Montaña de Oro Hike” in the subject line. Details in the September 15<sup>th</sup> diocesan newsletter: <http://www.realepiscopal.org/diocesan-publications/>

**Hurricane & Earthquake Response:** <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/>

Rev. Caro+ is on Vacation until October 3. Contact Sr. Warden Anne Kanter for church business, Celeste Pennington for pastoral care, and Danna in the church office for scheduling and administrative issues. The clergy team is available for spiritual counsel.

**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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