

Benediction Weekly

October 22, 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.



Healing Service Next Sunday

There will be a time for special prayers for healing and for the laying-on of hands and anointing with holy oil during the 10:30 service next week. St. Benedict's regularly has such a service on 5th Sundays. On other Sundays a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team is available for private prayers after the service

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

Tuesday, Oct 24

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Oct 25

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Oct 26

10:00 am – Jesus: The Human Face of God

7:00 pm – Planned Giving Discussion

Saturday, Oct 28

9:30 am – Quiet Day: Stations of the Cosmic Christ

Sunday, Oct 29

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ Healing Service

Quiet Day with

the Stations of the Cosmic Christ Saturday at 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Quiet Day presentation with Rev. Caroline Hall. Hosted Public Viewing of the 16 Stations of the Cosmic Christ. Experience a new contemplative practice created by spiritual theologian Matthew Fox. In this mini walking pilgrimage, one meditates on the 7 "I Ams" and the 9 events in the life of Jesus that are cosmic based, including the Nativity, Baptism, Transfiguration, Pentecost, etc.

Oktoberfest at Prado

All this month we are asking for donations of healthy drinks in our Prado Boxes, such as juices or shelf-stable milks. Please help!

Your Legacy: Wills & Gifts

Many of us have put off making wills, or changing them. This Thursday night there will be an opportunity to meet with local estate planning attorney, Doug Buchanan, to get your questions answered and spur yourself on to make sure that when you die the legacy you leave behind will reflect your deepest values. Doug will also talk about ways that you can make gifts to St Benedict's and other organizations that are important to you in your will or through other financial instruments. **Thursday, Oct 26, 7pm at St Ben's.**

Sunday, Oct 29 at 2:30pm the Parish Council is inviting those who have remembered St Benedict's in their wills or estate planning (and have let us know) to a special St Benedict's Benefactor's gathering. Let Caro+ or Lisa know right away if you have done so or plan to do so in the immediate future and you will get an invitation to this exclusive event.

JESUS: The Human Face of God (Hollister Institute)

Continues Thursday morning, October 26, 10 – 11:45 am

READ Chapter 5 & 6 for our discussion this week:

Chapter 5: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-5-entering-jerusalem/>

Chapter 6: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-6-the-passion/>

If you can't attend these discussions, consider reading JESUS on your own: <http://faithmatters.us/category/jesus/>



NAACP SLO County invites you to attend a special screening at 3pm today of "MARSHALL," the story of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Panel and small group discussion follows. Downtown Center Cinemas, SLO. Seating is limited, please RSVP 748-9735. Admission \$15.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Bryson McKelvey; Chalice Bearer: Janelle LaFond; Lectors: Diana Hammerlund & Stef Shuman; Ushers: Ron Thompson & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro & Judy Schloss; Flowers: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Anne Kanter & Joan Ghilotti; Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & Stef Shuman; Intercessory Prayer Team: Louisa Beeler; Cantor: Rachel Espinosa; 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. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

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 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



Book Availability

St. Benedict's EarthCare Team has available two books related to the *Stations of the Cosmic Christ* for theological study and meditation to help us interpret the Stations and the theme of the Cosmic Christ.

The Coming of the Cosmic Christ is available for \$17.99. We will use this text for a book study Thursdays, Nov. 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, 10 - 11:30 am.

The Stations of the Cosmic Christ, co-authored by Matthew Fox and Bishop Marc Andrus is available for \$39.99. This oversize book includes two meditations on each of the stations written by Fox and Andrus, comments by the two artists on each of the stations and other interpretive essays and colored photos.

To purchase books, please write your name and book title on the card in the book and leave it in the bowl on the table, with a check made out to "Barry Turner."

Parish Retreat: Nov 10-12



Consider the Lilies*

Jesus said, Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Consider the lilies of the field...

A beautiful saying, but how do we do it?

Consider St. Benedict's Parish Retreat as a time to reflect on the "lilies" in your life.

Led by Donna Ross and Celeste Pennington, with lots of time for rest and personal reflection.

To reserve a place contact Danna at office@stbenslososos.org

The cost for the weekend is \$260, including all meals and accommodation.

For more information, contact Donna (927-1989) or Celeste (771-8974)

** Why do the lilies of the field look like poppies?
Ask Donna.*

Central Coast Bioneers

Get your tickets for the annual Central Coast Bioneers Conference, sponsored by Ecologistics - Saturday, November 4, 9am -5pm SLO Guild Hall - 2880 Broad St

Full details and registration: <https://ecologistics.org/ccb-empower-slo-2017/>

All Saints' Day Necrology

St. Benedict's will be observing All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6th. It is the tradition of the church that each year the names of parishioners and loved ones who have died are read as part of the Eucharist that day. If you would like someone remembered, please give their names to Stef (stefshuman@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the bulletin by Wednesday, November 1st. To have their photos included in the remembrance please send digital files to office@stbenslososos.org or leave a photo in an addressed envelope in Danna's box.

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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