

Benediction Weekly

April 22 2018

The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship and service.

HEALING
SERVICE



Healing Service Next Sunday

There will be a time for special prayers for healing and for the laying-on of hands and anointing 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.

Coming up at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY EARTH SUNDAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 3:00 pm – Abundance Shop Volunteer Party

Tuesday, Apr 24

- 2:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

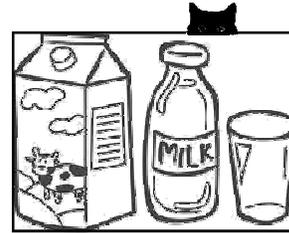
Wed, Apr 25

- 5:00 pm –  **laundry love**
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, Apr 29

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Milk in May for Prado



UHT (Ultra-High Temperature) is a form of pasteurization that gives milk a long shelf life -- no refrigeration needed until after opening! Consider donating UHT milk, or other drinks such as soy or almond, for the breakfast program in May. Or chose from the usual suspects like peanut butter and jelly. Backpacks in good condition are always welcome, as are new socks.



An EarthCare Trip to Yosemite May 10th-13th

Come with us on a very special trip for three nights to Yosemite National Park, where we will explore its scenic beauty and also our spiritual connection with nature. Joe Morris and Rev. Barry Turner, Co-leaders.

Full details on our website <http://www.stbenslosos.org/> Cost of the trip is \$250 per person for the three nights lodging in tent cabins in Half Dome Village (plus \$30 Park entrance fee per car). Space is still available. **Reservation Deadline is April 26th**
Info: contact Barry at 805-784-0670 or carltonba@gmail.com or Joe Morris, at 805-549-0355 or dpj1942@earthlink.net.

Francis Rivinus is retiring from his role as **Abundance Shop Manager**, and will be passing on the leadership and management responsibilities to Deb Garza, effective April 23. Deb brings skills in management, interaction with people and technical/computer areas all of which are critical to running the shop and will be a significant asset to the shop's continued success. We thank Francis for his years of dedication and service. There will be a party in the Great Room at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Abundance Shop Volunteers.



If you would like to be part of the Search Committee for our next Bishop, please read the full details at <https://www.realepiscopal.org/bishops-search/> Application **deadline is April 25**. The Search Committee will be formed this month and begin work in Salinas on June 23. Questions: contact Caro Hall, Chair of the Standing Committee.

The Rector will be on vacation from April 23 through May 8. In her absence, please contact Fr. Barry for pastoral issues and wardens Pamela Bleisch or Michael Lucas for administrative issues.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Jim Arnold; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian; Lectors: Tom Pickering & Ann Lucas; Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Alan Kiste; Greeter: Michelle Frazier; Flowers: Lisa Gonzalez; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Prayer Team Member: Louisa Beeler; Coffee Hour Hosts: Karin Cake & Anne Kanter; Tellers: Steve Cake & Judy Schloss; Music Director: John Cribb



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

ABUNDANCE SHOP – Thrift shop at 2025 9th St. Tues- Sat 10am-4pm.

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. 2nd Weds 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 Sea Pines 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.

SATURDAY EUCHARIST - Evening Eucharist on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

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*
Pamela Bleisch Strawn, *Sr. Warden*,
Michael Lucas, *Jr. Warden*,
Lisa Gonzalez, *Treasurer*,
Diana Hammerlund,
Esta Kandarian,
Alan Kiste,
Francis Rivinus,
Barbara Schippers,
Lorienne Schwenk,
Lynn Wise

Earth Day 2018 Campaign: End Plastic Pollution

From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

In response, Earth Day 2018 is focusing on fundamentally changing human attitude and behavior about plastics and catalyzing a significant reduction in plastic pollution.

300 million tons of plastic are sold each year and 90% of that is thrown away. A huge percentage of those plastics end up in our landfills, our oceans, our wildlife and our bodies. As plastic breaks down in our environment it can mimic human hormones and it is linked to everything from breast cancer to early puberty.

Each segment of society bears the responsibility for this. Our corporations are making billions of dollars selling their products in disposal plastic containers but are refusing to take responsibility for what happens to the 100s of millions of plastic containers and bags that move through our global economy every single day. Our governments are unable or unwilling to take the health risks of plastic seriously and are not moving to ban single use plastics and non-recyclable products. And we are also at fault because we haven't made the break from single use plastics even though alternatives are now on the markets.

Tell our global leaders that the world can't take much more plastic. If enough of us get behind a global ban on single use plastics, we can begin to heal our oceans, our wildlife, and our children. Sign the petition at <https://www.earthday.org/end-plastic-pollution-petition/>

CALIFORNIA STEPS UP

The theme of Earth Day (Sunday, April 22) is "End Plastic Pollution," but California legislators are already on the case. Four years ago, they made California the first state to ban single-use plastic grocery bags. This year, the lawmakers are going after a range of other plastics that litter the ocean, beaches, streets and parks. Here are measures being considered by the state Legislature this session:

Plastic Straws - [AB 1884](#) would ban restaurants from offering single-use plastic straws unless requested by the customer. Plastic straws are the fifth most common beach trash.

Microfibers - [AB 2379](#) would require clothing with more than 50-percent synthetic material to include a label noting that the garment sheds plastic microfibers when washed. Synthetic debris is found in 25 percent of fish and 33 percent of shellfish.

Bottle Caps - [AB 2779](#) would require single-use plastic beverage bottles with caps to have those caps permanently tethered to the bottle. Bottle caps are the second most common beach trash.

Food Packaging - [SB 1335](#) would require that take-out containers and other single-use packaging for ready-to-eat food and beverages at state agencies and large state facilities be recyclable. Food wrappers are the most commonly found beach trash.

Cigarettes - [SB 836](#) would ban smoking on state beaches. Many city and county beaches already have such prohibitions. And finally - [AB 2308](#) would ban the sale of cigarettes with single-use filters. That's right, this far-reaching bill would prohibit selling nearly all cigarettes currently available in the state!

Source: Martin Wisckol, Orange County Register

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. 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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