

Benediction Weekly

April 29 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.



Next Sunday is "Potluck and Prado" – when we bring food to share with each other at church and contributions to share with the clients at Prado Day Center. This month our Prado focus is on Milk. Consider donating UHT milk (Ultra-High Temperature), a form of pasteurization that gives milk a long shelf life -- no refrigeration needed -- or other drinks such as soy or almond, for the breakfast program in May.

Coming up at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Healing Svc

Tuesday, May 1

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper
7:30 pm – Readers' Theatre Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

9:30 pm – Nurturing Your Baby support group

Sunday, May 4

NO 8 am Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch
A-G Salad & bread; **H-R** Main dish; **S-Z** Dessert

TRAINING SESSIONS AHEAD



Eucharistic Minister and Chalice Bearer Training

Wednesdays, May 16 & 23 at 5pm

Two-part class for current and prospective Eucharistic Ministers

and Chalice Bearers. Part 1- Theology (what & why)
Part 2- Practice (when & how) Required for licensure every three years. Led by the Rev. Caro Hall.

Usher & Greeter Training

Sunday, May 27 at 12:15pm

Class for current and prospective

Ushers and Greeters.

Led by the Rev. Caro Hall.



If you serve (or wish to serve) in any of these ministries, please speak with Caro+ if you cannot attend the class.



Messy Church Starting Soon

Sundays, May 13 and 27 at 9:30 am

A brief and spirited Sunday morning worship program, designed with young children and busy families in mind. Featuring crafts and other hands-on activities as well as stories and prayer. With Pamela Bleisch and the Rev. Caro Hall. Twice monthly in the Great Room.

Community Dinner May 7 - Our next turn hosting the Los Osos Cares Community Dinner will be Monday, May 7 at 5pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. If you can help to provide food or help serve on the night, please sign up at coffee hour.



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!

A local "**Celebration of Life**" service has been announced for **The Right Rev. Shannon Mallory**, the Diocese of El Camino Real's first bishop, who died this month in Monterey. The service will begin at 3 pm on Friday, May 11 at Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church 425 Carmel Ave., in Marina.

The Rector will be on vacation 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. Barry Turner; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Bryson McKelvey;
Chalice Bearer: John Horsley; Lector: Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Steve Hirahara;
Greeter: Joan Hayes; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman & Michelle Frazier;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Maureen Titus & Ann Lucas; Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Alice Welchert; 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

Coming to Hollister Institute...



The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith

Five Thursdays at 7pm, starting May 17

This study, based on the book by Marcus Borg, is an opportunity to re-think the basic tenets of our Christian faith together. Borg brings a fresh look to traditional ideas. Borg emphasizes the transformational aspect of Christianity by examining the "emerging paradigm" that is gradually replacing the belief-centered paradigm of the last several hundred years. The new paradigm, Borg writes, is about loving God and loving what God loves, rather than rigidly adhering to a specific set of beliefs. That's not new to most of us here at St. Ben's but this is an opportunity to think together about our faith and how we understand and articulate it in new ways. I hope that you will consider joining me as we "tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love" together in a new way. This class also serves as preparation for confirmation, reception or renewal of vows.

Caro+

Creation and the Cross

Six Tuesdays at 10am, starting June 12

This will be a study of feminist theologian Elizabeth Johnson's latest book, Creation and the Cross. Written as a dialogue between Johnson and a student this tackles some of the same things that we have discussed recently about the difficulty of continuing to believe substitutionary atonement. Starting from a text in Isaiah, Johnson argues that the plan of God is not so much about the individual sin or salvation of each person but about the redemption of the whole planet. This will be an exciting conversation picking up where other discussions have left off. Please join us as we explore the frontiers of redemption together, daring to go where no others have ever gone.

Both studies will be led by the Rev. Caro Hall.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S						
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<p><u>Sundays:</u> Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun) Bible study 920a Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a</p> <p><u>Weekly Events:</u> Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p, Readers' Theatre Rehearsal, 730p</p> <p>Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p</p>						
<p>2 – Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 6 – Potluck and Prado, 12p 7 – Community Dinner at TUMC, 5p 9 – EarthCare Mtg, 230p 10-13 EarthCare Yosemite Trip 12 – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill, 9a 12 – Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 13 – "Messy Church" children's program, 930a 16 – Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 16 – Eucharistic Minister Training part I, 5p 17 – "Heart of Christianity" Hollister class begins, 7pm 20 – DAY OF PENTECOST 20 – Parish Council Mtg, 1215p 23 – Eucharistic Minister Training part II, 5p 27 – "Messy Church" children's program, 930a 27 – Ushers + Greeters Training, 1215p 29 – Healing Ministry Meeting, 2p 30 – Laundry Love at Osos Clean Laundry, 5p</p>						

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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