

# Benediction Weekly

## September 16, 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.



### TODAY IS HUMANITY SUNDAY



Today in the Season of Creation we celebrate Humanity Sunday, referring to human beings as an integral part of creation, kin with all other living creatures. Yet we are uniquely called to serve and preserve rather than rule and dominate. And that is true for our relationship with creation and the creatures of Earth as well as our relationships with other humans.

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

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### **TODAY** – HUMANITY 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

#### **Tuesday, Sep 18**

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

#### **Wednesday, Sep 19**

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

#### **Thursday, Sep 20**

9:30 am – Nurturing Your Baby support group  
10:00 am – Adult Ed: Thomas Merton  
7:30 pm – Adult Ed: Thomas Merton

#### **Sunday, Sep 23** – SKY SUNDAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
9:30 am – "Messy Church" family worship  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

### **A Good Life: Benedict's Guide to Everyday Joy**, by Robert Benson

Book Discussion begins September 25th

This New Hollister Institute group will be an opportunity to revisit the Rule of St Benedict in a conversation based on the Benson's book.

Led by Caro+, the group will meet on six Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 pm, starting on **Tuesday September 25**. The topics for each week are: *Longing, Prayer, Rest, Community, Work, and Living*. Participants are encouraged to read the book which is available from Amazon both new and used.

You can support St. Benedict's by accessing Amazon.com through our website at <http://www.stbenslososos.org/support>

### URGENT: HURRICANE RELIEF



Episcopal  
Relief & Development  
Working Together for Lasting Change

**Episcopal Relief & Development** invites you to assist them as they support dioceses that are preparing to respond to Hurricane Florence and other tragic storms.

Right now, your contribution to Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Relief Fund will meet urgent needs by providing critical supplies such as food, water and other basics and will help to provide long-term assistance as needed. ERD responds to storms in the United States through partnerships with Episcopal dioceses. Their US Disaster team offers resources and training to help people prepare for disasters and provide emergency support so those most impacted can make a sustained recovery after the storm. The benefit of partnering with Episcopal churches is that these congregations are already deeply integrated with their communities – they are there before responders arrive and will remain long after the news cameras have gone.

To make a donation, please go to <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief> or send your checks to Episcopal Relief & Development P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield VA 22116-7058, earmarked "hurricane relief."

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas; Chalice Bearer: John Horsley;  
Lector: Rachel Espinosa; Ushers: Lisa Gonzalez & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Ann Lucas; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch;  
Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Anne Kanter & Stef Shuman; Tellers: Rachel Espinosa & Steve Cake;  
Prayer Team Member: Celeste Pennington; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you for your service!**



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

**BIBLE STUDY** – Sundays at 9:20 am

**COMMUNITY DINNER** – Providing and serving food at Trinity UMC, on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of odd-numbered months in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

**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** – Varying programs of stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone. See website.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE** Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - 5-9pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Osos Clean Laundry, helping low-income families with funds, soap, and friendly assistance.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Grill.

**MESSY CHURCH** - Sunday morning worship geared towards young children and busy families. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the Great Room

**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 2nd Saturdays at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

**VESPERS AND CONVERSATION** 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers using varying liturgies, followed by potluck.

**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, Alan Kiste,  
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,  
Lorienne Schwenk, Lynn Wise

*People of Faith for Justice presents*



A Celebration of International Peace Day  
September 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm  
United Church of Christ Congregational  
11245 Los Osos Valley Rd, SLO

The United Nations' Theme for 2018 is **THE RIGHT TO PEACE**  
and speakers will address the question,  
**“What Does the Right to Peace Mean to You?”**

Featuring

- \* Peace Activist **Patricia Rodgers Gordon**
- \* Coordinator of Youth for Human Rights **Debbie Cregan**
- \* **Dara Stepanek** and **Mike Mazzella** from the Peace Academy of Sciences and Arts
- \* **Beberly De Leon** from Guatemala
- \* Youth Representatives **Garrett** and **Skylar Ferguson**

See <https://www.facebook.com/peopleoffaithforjustice/>

For more information contact Ruth Angus at [yeswecanpeacebuilders1@gmail.com](mailto:yeswecanpeacebuilders1@gmail.com)

### Coming Soon, Here and Elsewhere

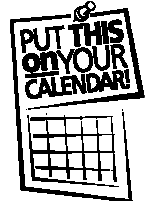
Sep 26 – *Laundry Love*, 5pm at Osos Clean Laundry.

Oct 6 – *People's Kitchen*, 12 pm at Prado Day Center.

Oct 6 – Canterbury/Shire's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Enchilada Festival* from 11 am - 2pm at St. Stephen's, SLO.

Oct 7 – *Blessing of the Animals*, 2:30 pm at South Bay Community Ctr, and 3pm at LO Middle School field. (NOTE TIMES HAVE CHANGED)

Oct 12 – St. Benedict's *Gratitude Dinner*, 6pm



**Support the mobile shower fundraiser** by contributing cash in the special envelopes at the usher's tables, or checks made out to St Benedict's, with "showers" in the memo line, or on-line anytime at [www.stbenslososos.org/support/](http://www.stbenslososos.org/support/)



**Ralph's & Food4Less** require annual re-registration in their community rewards programs. Log-on to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) (or create an account if you are not already registered.) Enroll in the Community Rewards program, using St. Benedict's organization number #HV013. Register your Food4Less card at [www.food4less.com](http://www.food4less.com) with #DH925

Keeping in Touch during the Week. Contact any of the clergy for counsel & spiritual care:

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall (805)704-5826; The Rev. Barry Turner (805)784-0670; The Rev. Faye Hogan (805)541-4595

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests: (805)771-8974

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