

# Benediction Weekly

## December 23, 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'S 10:30 SERVICE WILL INCLUDE PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL

#### This Week 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 – Service of Lessons & Carols

#### The church office will be closed this week

##### Monday, Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm – Carols Around the Crèche  
/ (Family communion service)  
8:00 pm – Festival Christmas Eucharist  
(Carol singing starts at 7:45)

##### Tuesday, Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am - Quiet Holy Communion  
(Followed by brunch)

##### Wednesday, Dec 26

5:00 pm – Laundry Love at Osos Clean Laundry

##### Sunday, Dec 30

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

# THANK YOU!

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THANK YOU to everyone who signed up their Ralph's or Foods4Less card to give to St. Benedict's. In the three months, September to November, 16 households contributed \$64.72 through shopping at Ralphs and 11 households contributed \$67.20 shopping at Foods4Less.

#### Laundry Love

*Wednesday, December 26, 5 – 9 pm*

Our monthly ministry of free laundry service for low- to no-income residents of Los Osos continues this week on Wednesday at the Osos Clean Laundry on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. If you can contribute time, supplies, or money, please speak with Barbara Hirahara.

#### Epiphany Star Party

*Saturday, January 5th, at 6 pm.*

We'll welcome the Magi to the crèche, crown the Epiphany Kings or Queens, and also take down the Christmas decorations. Bring your favorite dish to share and a twig from your Christmas decorations to burn in our 12th Night fire. Take home a Start Word to inspire you in 2019!

#### Los Osos Community Dinner

*Monday, January 7th, at 5 pm*

Look for the sign-up sheets for the Los Osos Community Dinner program at Trinity United Methodist Church. Food and servers needed.

#### A Quiet Morning of Art and Meditation

*Saturday, February 2nd 9:30—12:30*

During this time of quiet reflection we will use the words of a poem to draw us deeper into contemplative connection with our inner selves and then continue the journey with paint and crayon. No artistic experience or ability is needed. Everyone is welcome. Led by Bob Pelfrey and the Rev. Caroline Hall.

No collection will be taken during the 10:30 service this morning, but offertory plates will be at both entryways for your convenience.

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

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;

Lectors: Brian Spolarich, Bryson McKelvey, Alan Kiste, Lorraine Schwenk, Jerry Walton, Diana Hammerlund, Michael Lucas, Sharon Dalrymple, and Barry Turner; Usher: Steve Hirahara; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman;

Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Greeters: Diana Hammerlund (*pre*) & Michael Lucas (*post*);

Coffee Hour Hosts: Maureen Titus & Anne Kanter; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Lorraine Schwenk;

Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; 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** – 2nd Weds 2:30 pm. Discussion/action group seeking local solutions to environmental concerns.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## The Episcopal Church offers two digital Christmas Eve programs

The Episcopal Church is offering a new way to share a Christmas Eve service or pageant this year, offering two, digital Christmas Eve programs on December 24. Available on both the Episcopal Church website (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/christmas-eve-2018>) and the Episcopal Church on Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/episcopalian>), these programs make Christmas Eve worship accessible to those not attending a service or program at a local church.

### Christmas Eve “Tots and Toddlers” Pageant

Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Lexington, Kentucky

A fun-for-all-ages retelling of the Christmas story with the St. Michael’s congregation. Featuring favorite hymns, traditional readings and carols, and a live pony and donkey! Join us in watching and share your own memories and traditions from your local parishes. (3:00pm EST)

### Twilight Christmas Eve Service

Chapel of the Transfiguration, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service at the foot of the Grand Tetons in the historic and rustic Chapel of the Transfiguration. The Rev. Jimmy Bartz and the congregation of St. John’s Episcopal Church in nearby Jackson Hole lead us in evening worship, celebrating the coming of Christ among us. (7:00pm EST)

## St. Benedict’s Annual Meeting

*Sunday, January 27, following the 10:30 service*

At our Annual Parish Meeting we will hear reports from ministry areas, pass a budget for the year, elect parish council and vestry members and delegates to deanery and convention, and discuss plans for the year ahead. It’s actually quite fun and you are all encouraged to participate... lunch is provided!

Ministry Reports - If you are involved with one of the many parish ministry areas at St. Ben’s, please submit a written synopsis of activities for the past year to Danna for inclusion in the Annual Report to be distributed at the meeting.

Parish Elections - We will once again be electing people to serve as Vestry members, Parish Council members, and delegates to deanery and diocese. If you think God is calling you to serve in one of these ways, or you would just like more information, please contact one of the Nominations Committee members: Esta Kandarian or Barbara Schippers, or speak with the Rector.

Expect to receive a mutual ministry review questionnaire in January, in preparation for the Parish Meeting.

**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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