

# Benediction Weekly

## December 9, 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.*



*Welcome, Ravjeet & Prubhjeet  
into the Body of Christ!*

### This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### **TODAY**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
9:30 am – Messy Church family worship  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism  
12:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, Dec 10** RECTOR'S SABBATH

#### **Tuesday, Dec 11**

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper  
7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

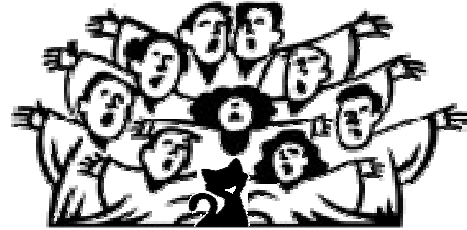
#### **Wednesday, Dec 12**

2:30 pm – Earthcare Meeting  
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### **Sunday, Dec 16**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music  
6:30 pm – Blue Christmas service

*Coming Soon:*



### ~ A Celebration of Carols ~

**St. Ben's Holiday Concert  
December 22nd at 3pm**

Join the St Benedict Singers and musicians, directed by John Cribb, in a special afternoon celebration of Christmas Carols. A Los Osos tradition, carols from across the ages will be sung by the St. Benedict Singers, with well-known favorites for you to sing along. Please come for an hour of great singing followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission.



### Gifts for Prado Day Center

If you would like to make a special Christmas gift to the clients of Prado Day Center -- families with children and adults -- gift cards or checks are greatly appreciated. Target gift cards can be used for everything from clothes to food to toys. Checks made out to "SLO County Dept. of Parks and Recreation" with "Prado Xmas gifts" in the memo line will fund after school activities. Alice Welchert is the contact person.

### Blue Christmas

*Here next Sunday at 6:30pm*



The holidays are not happy for everyone. Whether it's illness, financial difficulties, the loss of a loved one, or simply finding oneself alone and away from family, Christmas can be a difficult season. In this short, simple, non-denominational service we honor both the Christmas story, and the feelings of loss, sadness and grief. All are welcome. After the service there will be a time for refreshments and conversation.

### *People of Faith for Justice presents...Opening Doors of Interfaith Understanding*

A discussion of "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, led by Fr. Jim Nisbet, and "A Balanced View of the West Bank", led by Rich Carsel. **Monday, Dec 10 7:30pm at Mission San Luis Obispo**

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Spolarich & Alan Kiste; Lectors: Jane Wu & Lisa Gonzalez; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Ron Thompson; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Laura Thompson; Greeters: Michelle Frazier (*pre*) & Lynn Wise (*post*); Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Alice Welchert; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Bryson McKelvey; Intercessor: Judy Schloss; Cantor: Ruth Baillie; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you for your service!**



**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

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Second Sunday of Advent—Year C*

Welcome to our parish. Today is the first of the two Advent Sundays on which John the Baptist is the central figure. This dynamic prophet marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He announced the time of Messiah's arrival and called the people of Israel to repentance in preparation for that coming. The Gospels see him as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of one who will prepare the way for God to come to the peoples of the earth.

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Malachi. To a people who have become careless about their practice of their faith, the prophet brings the word of God that God's messenger is coming. That messenger will come to reestablish God's people and to purify them.

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians. In greeting this congregation, Paul speaks of his affection for them and of his imprisonment. He urges them to continue in faith as they await the day of Christ's return.

The Old Testament and John the Baptist looked toward the coming of the Messiah in history to establish God's Kingdom. The New Testament looks toward the return of Christ at the end of history to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment. We, the Church, gather in Eucharist in the "in-between times" to celebrate the foretaste of that Kingdom and to be equipped by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Kingdom to the world.

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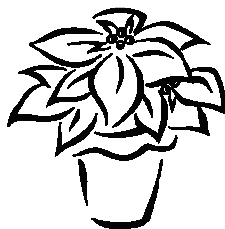
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As you do your holiday shopping and beyond... thank you for remembering St. Ben's. Please invite your family & friends to use our Amazon link as well.

**Poinsettias for Christmas**



If you would like to honor a loved one by contributing for Christmas poinsettias, you may use the envelopes on the schedule board to indicate the wording of your dedication (as in memory, thanksgiving, or honor.) Please print clearly. Suggested contribution is \$10 each. Please place envelope in offering plate. Donors may take home poinsettias after Christmas Season.

**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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