

Benediction Weekly

October 15, 2017

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.



Introductory Presentation of the Stations of the Cosmic Christ 7pm this Friday ~ with Refreshments & Music

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 17

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Oct 18

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Oct 19

- 10:00 am – Jesus: The Human Face of God
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Friday, Oct 20

- 7:00 pm – Introductory Presentation & Reception:
Stations of the Cosmic Christ

Saturday, Oct 21

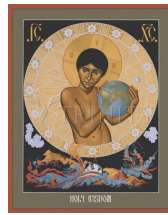
- 1:00 pm – Carol Baker - Celebration of Life 

Sunday, Oct 22

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

Book Availability

St. Benedict's EarthCare Team has available two books related to the *Stations of the Cosmic Christ* for theological study and meditation to help us interpret the Stations and the theme of the Cosmic Christ.



The Coming of the Cosmic Christ is available for \$17.99. We will use this text for a book study Thursdays, Nov. 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, 10 - 11:30 am.

The Stations of the Cosmic Christ, co-authored by Matthew Fox and Bishop Marc Andrus is available for \$39.99. This oversize book includes two meditations on each of the stations written by Fox and Andrus, comments by the two artists on each of the stations and other interpretive essays and colored photos.

To purchase books, please write your name and book title on the card in the book and leave it in the bowl on the table, with a check made out to "Barry Turner."



Congratulations to Danna Dykstra-Coy who won First Prize in 19th Annual California Ocean & Coastal Amateur Photography Contest!
You can see her great photo at <http://mycoastalphoto.com/winners-entries/2017-winners/>

JESUS: The Human Face of God (Hollister Institute)

Continues Thursday morning, October 19, 10 – 11:45 am

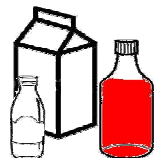
READ Chapter 4 for our discussion this week:

Chapter 4: <http://faithmatters.us/chapter-4-healer-and-teacher/>

If you can't attend these discussions, consider reading JESUS on your own: <http://faithmatters.us/category/jesus/>

Oktoberfest at Prado

This month we are asking for donations of healthy drinks in our Prado Boxes, such as juice or shelf-stable milks. (almond, soy, etc.)



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Arnold; Chalice Bearer: Ann Edwards; Lector: Joan Hayes;
Ushers: Rob Ross & Michael Lucas; Greeter: Ann Lucas; Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzalez & Sarah Chesebro;
Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Maureen Titus; Tellers: Steve Cake & Judy Schloss;
Intercessory Prayer Team: Celeste Pennington; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you all for your service!**



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

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP
First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns.
Second Wednesdays 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 Celia's Garden Café.

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.

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
Anne Kanter, Sr. Warden,
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, Kathie West

Your Legacy – Wills and Gifts

Many of us have put off making wills, or changing them. This upcoming event is an opportunity to meet with local estate planning attorney, Doug Buchanan, to get your questions answered and spur yourself on to make sure that when you die the legacy you leave behind will reflect your deepest values. Doug will also talk about ways that you can make gifts to St Benedict's and other organizations that are important to you in your will or through other financial instruments. *Thursday, Oct 26, 7pm at St Ben's.*

Fires in Diocese of Northern California

The geographical area of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California has been hit by devastating wildfires this last week, destroying hundreds of structures and forcing the evacuation of thousands, including residents of an Episcopal retirement community and patients from several hospitals.

A prayer from Bishop Barry Beisner:

Most Gracious God:

Hear our prayer for all whose lives are impacted by this crisis.

Shield and deliver all emergency responders; give wisdom and guide those in authority; watch over all who have been forced to evacuate, and all who wait with uncertainty. Comfort those who mourn great loss. Help those who wish to help to be patient and effective in compassion. Bless us all, and help us trust in you.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Donations to the bishop's discretionary fund can be made securely online at the diocese's website at www.norcalepiscopal.org/online-giving or you can help through Episcopal Relief & Development at www.episcopalrelief.org/

Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves has announced that the offering at our 2017 Diocesan Convention in Salinas next month will be directed to the Diocese of Northern California to support relief work.

Coastal hike with Bishop Mary this Saturday



Join Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves and fellow pilgrims from throughout El Camino Real beginning at 9:30am on Saturday, October 14, for a 9-mile hike of the Hazard Peak / Islay Creek Road trail in Montaña de Oro State Park. (Or an alternative 6-mile loop.)

To register, email Mary Beth Powell at marybeth@realepiscopal.org with your name(s) and contact information. Be sure to state "Montaña de Oro Hike" in the subject line. For details and hiking tips, see last week's diocesan newsletter <http://www.realepiscopal.org/diocesan-publications/>. For questions, contact Eliza Linley at ammaeliza@gmail.com or Celeste Ventura at cavcv@sbcglobal.net.

Giving in September - St. Ben's General Operating Fund - Thank you!!

September Income: \$ 15,213 Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 12,989 Difference: \$ 2,224 surplus
YTD Income: \$ 12,543 YTD Income Budgeted: \$116,903 Difference: \$ 9,640 surplus



ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day Necrology

St. Benedict's will be observing All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6th. It is the tradition of the church that each year the names of parishioners and loved ones who have died are read as part of the Eucharist that day. If you would like a friend or loved one remembered, please give their names to Stef (stefshuman@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the bulletin by Wednesday, November 1st. If you would like their photos included in the remembrance please send digital files to office@stbenslososos.org or leave a photo in an addressed envelope in Danna's box.

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. Donna Ross, 235-5117; 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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