

Benediction Weekly

January 5 , 2020

St. Benedict's 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.



**Saturday at 5:30pm - St. Ben's Monthly Evening Eucharist
with guest celebrant, the Rev. Peter Wang.**

Service is followed by a simple supper.

This Week at St. Benedict's
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

9:20 am – Bible study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music,
followed by monthly potluck

Monday, Jan 6

6:00 pm – Epiphany Star Party

Tuesday, Jan 7

2:00 pm – Intercessory Prayer Circle
5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Jan 8

4:15 pm – EFM meeting
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan 9

10:00 am – Hollister Institute study/discussion
of Jim Antal's *Climate Church/Climate World*

Saturday, Jan 11

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Budget Café, SLO
11:00 am – Bishop's Confirmation in Saratoga,
with viewing party at St. Barnabas, A.G.
5:30 pm – Monthly Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, Jan 12

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

Epiphany Star Party!

January 6th at 6:00 pm

Join us for our annual STAR PARTY tomorrow night at 6 pm – the Feast of the Epiphany.

We will enjoy a feast together (please bring a dish to share), crown the Kings and Queens of Epiphany, sing a hymn, light a small fire (bring a twig from your Christmas tree), bless the church, and take down all the decorations - including the Christmas lights.

Most importantly, we will enjoy the company of friends and family. Don't forget blessings to go - your Star Word for 2020.

**If you need a ride,
please speak with Stef**

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Tom Pickering is now living with daughter, Nancy,
at **382 Broad St., SLO 93405 (805) 748-3406**

JW has been moved to Soledad. Write to him there as:

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Gonzalez & Carol Brubaker Walton; Lectors: Michael Lucas & Sarah Chesebro; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Connie Weldon; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Greeters: Diana Hammerlund, *pre* & Carol Brubaker Walton, *post*; Flowers: Sarah Chesebro; Potluck Hosts: Laura Thompson & Karin Cake; Children's Bible Time: Pamela Bleisch Strawn; Tellers: Alice Welchert & Lorraine Schwenk; Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez; Music: Laura DeLoye **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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – Sundays during the 10:30 service.

COMMUNITY DINNER – Providing and serving food at SBCC, on 1st Thursday of odd-numbered months, in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

EARTHCARE – 3rd 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd **Tuesdays**, 2pm.

LAUNDRY LOVE - Helping low-income families with funds, soap, and friendly assistance at Osos Clean Laundry. 5-9pm on last Wednesdays.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Budget Café, 3121 S. Higuera SLO

MESSY CHURCH - Sunday morning family worship geared towards young children and busy families. 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Great Room at 9:30.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving lunch at 40 Prado, 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,
Lorienne Schwenk, Deb Garza,
Susan Miller, Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu

Mutual Ministry Review

Once a year we pause to think about our common life together. As we listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we get to consider what is working well and what needs attention, where God is blessing us and where God is calling us. We do this through the annual Mutual Ministry Review and then the Parish Meeting on January 26. These are not just for people who have been coming to St. Ben's for a zillion years – they are for everybody, and your voice is important because you are part of this expression of the Body of Christ.

The Mutual Ministry Review will have two parts this year. We invite you to complete a short survey either online or on paper. In addition, Parish Council members will be calling each household to touch in and to hear any particular concerns or blessings that you want to share.

Please complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/95WPTTH>.
Thank you!

Viewing the Bishop's Consecration Jan 11

On Saturday, January 11th at 11:00 am, Lucinda Ashby will be ordained and consecrated as the 4th Bishop of El Camino Real, at St. Andrew's, Saratoga. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be officiating. If you don't plan to travel up there to see it in person, you may watch a live video feed of the event at a "viewing party" hosted by St. Barnabas, 301 Trinity Way, Arroyo Grande, starting at 11am. Contact Robert Merritt at RxMerritt@gmail.com or 408-891-2619 for details. *Light refreshments afterwards.*

Alternatively, the live video will be available online for viewing at home on the diocesan YouTube channel, accessible from the diocesan website:
<https://www.realepiscopal.org/bishop-consecration/>

Watch for more details in the January 8 issue of **Along the King's Highway**. Whether you're attending in person or joining a viewing party, be a part of the celebration!

Climate Change Book Study starts Jan 9

Hollister Institute resumes this week with a study of the book Climate Church, Climate World by Environmental leader Rev. Jim Antal, suggesting practical ways that Christians can develop new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing and other spiritual practices that honor creation and cultivate hope.

Each session will include a short summary of Antal's ideas, together with questions and activities to help us grapple with the climate crisis in a new way. Members of Earthcare will lead the conversations. Classes start at 10am on Thursday mornings starting January 9th and continuing for six weeks:

Jan 9: The Climate Crisis and a Loving God

Jan 16: Care of Creation: the Church's Vocation

Jan 23: The Moral Imperative – how do we respond to the Climate Crisis

Jan 30: Giving Voice to Every Creature Under Heaven – Creation in Worship

Feb 6: Witness – Climate Action in the Community

Feb 13: Moving from Fear to Hope

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

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