



**St. Benedict  
of  
Nursia (480-547);  
from a fresco  
by  
Fra Angelico (1395-1455).**

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## Church of the Good Shepherd

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### **MASSES**

Sundays 8:30, 10:30 am,  
12:00, 5:30 pm  
Saturdays 8:00 am & 5:30 pm Vigil  
Holy Days 6:30, 12:05, 7:30 pm  
Monday-Friday 6:30 am, 12:05 pm

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm  
Fridays before 12:05 pm Mass

### **BAPTISMS**

**ONLY** on the 4th Sunday of the month.  
Please call the Parish Office  
regarding preparations.

### **MARRIAGES**

Please make an appointment  
with one of the priests six months before  
the event.

### **DEVOTIONS**

Eucharistic Devotion:  
First Fridays 12:30-1:30 pm  
Fatima Devotion: First Saturday  
after the 8:00 am Mass

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## BENEDICT SPANS THE CENTURIES

Today, July 11, is the feast day of St. Benedict of Nursia, who lived from 480 to 547 AD. What relevance does a sixth-century monk have for today?

When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected Pope in 2005, he took the name Benedict, breaking a 90-year cycle of Piuses, Johns and Pauls. He readily explained his choice of name, acknowledging the importance of two great Benedicts, one of the distant past, the other more recent.

The more recent was Benedict XV, a tiny, frail and sadly ignored man whose relatively brief papacy spanned World War I and its aftermath (1914-1922). He worked tirelessly for peace and reconciliation among the "Great Powers" of Europe, and was the first to propose a workable and just peace plan, which was completely ignored and even ridiculed. Had Benedict been taken seriously by the "Victors," who were bent on imposing punitive and destructive sanctions on Germany and greedily dividing up the Middle Eastern remnants of the dying Ottoman Empire, there's a strong likelihood that Hitler could never have risen to power and that the Middle East conflicts of today would not have arisen. He deserves a lot more attention than anyone has given him.

The earlier Benedict brought the eastern tradition of monasticism to the West. In the fourth century, when Christians were no longer "illegal" and persecuted, and Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, many felt that the true spirit of following Christ in His suffering was compromised. To be a Christian no longer meant living under a cloud of social suspicion and under the risk of persecution, torture and death. Now Christianity became a means of social prestige and even political advantage. Many in the eastern Mediterranean lands, seeking a life more in conformity with Christ, fled to the deserts of Egypt, Syria, or Central Turkey. They either lived alone as hermits or banded together in small groups which came to be known as monasteries. Whenever people live together there have to be some rules to guide their behavior and their relationships or else conflict and division will inevitably destroy the community. Some of the eastern "Fathers," such as John Cassian and Basil, compiled rules that were widely used.

Similar groups of holy men and women developed in the West also, and most of them owe a debt to Benedict, at Monte Cassino in Italy, for compiling the rule that was most widely used. Although he never intended to found a "religious order," which is a more modern kind of institution, communities using this rule came to be known as Benedictines, and there were later offshoots, such as the Cistercians, Carthusians, Camaldolese, and so on.

Benedict had a twin sister, Scholastica, who also founded a community of women religious.

The influence of Benedict was so great that he was later designated the patron of Europe, which is especially relevant today when the European Union refuses even to acknowledge its Christian heritage in its constitution.

If you'd like to read more, Wikipedia has brief but excellent biographies of both of these wonderful Benedicts.

See: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope\\_Benedict\\_XV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Benedict_XV) and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedict\\_of\\_Nursia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedict_of_Nursia).

Don't forget that tomorrow, Monday, I'll begin my six-week program of talks on our Christian history and heritage.

The first session will simply explore our beginnings, in Scripture and the Church of the first centuries. It will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Good Shepherd Room of the Parish Center. Hope to see you there.

Blessings and peace. I love you.

Fr. Tom Welbers

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A new Class will begin in September for all high school students interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please call Sister Kathleen at (310) 285-5425.

### GOD IS EVERYWHERE

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within. —*St. Bonaventure*

### BUNDLE SUNDAY

Just a reminder! Next **Sunday, July 18, 2010** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be sponsoring a Bundle Sunday in our church parking lot. Please bring any usable items, clothing, books, household items and small appliances.

For large items including furniture and appliance, please **phone 323-224-6280** for free pickup at your home. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

**CATHOLIC PRESS ASSOCIATION  
HONORS DEACON ERIC'S BOOK**

In June the Catholic Press Association announced the winners of its 2010 national book awards. Taking first place in Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith was "Ascend: The Catholic Faith for a New Generation" by our own **Deacon Eric Stoltz and Deacon Vince Tomkovicz of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Westlake Village.**

The judges said of the book:

"Everything about this book - the design, structure, content, style - is geared to an audience nurtured on visual appeal, technology and rapid assimilation. The content succeeds extremely well in the premise of its subtitle. Anyone who picks it up will find it hard to resist, given its broad scope and lively writing coupled with a solid grounding in Scripture."

Ascend is available in the Parish Office, at **Amazon.com** or your favorite online bookseller.

**BIBLE STUDY NEWS**

The Adult Bible Study Group is a discussion and faith-sharing group; not a lecture class. Thus, if you join the Bible Study Group, you will not feel as though you are returning to a classroom. We meet twice a month on **Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon** and **Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** Parish Center. **Monday evenings** is a repeat of the Saturday session.

Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, September 11, 2010.** At that time we will be studying the **"Book of Exodus."**

If you would like to join or obtain more information about our Bible Study sessions, please call Sister Kathleen at **(310) 285-5425**

**PRAYER MINISTRIES**

— **Meditation** times in our Parish Center Chapel, Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 PM and Thursday mornings, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon.

— **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

For those who like to pray as they knit and crochet come join our new prayer shawl group. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet we can teach you.

We meet on the first and third Mondays, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, and once a month on the third Saturday, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. If you would like to join this prayer ministry or request a prayer shawl for a friend or loved one, please call the Parish Office at **(310) 285-5425.**

— **Prayer Ministry Letter**

You will receive a letter once a month listing Parish needs. You are invited to pray with these intentions during the month.

— **Intercessory Prayer Ministry**

Many people call asking for prayers for a sick person, a surgery, someone dying etc... this prayer group would receive an e-mail, giving the name of the person and their request for prayer. Just think of the power of prayer reaching out all over the parish!

Please call the Parish Office at **(310) 285-5425** if you are interested in any one of these ministries.

**GETTING TO KNOW  
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL**

Over the next several weeks there will be a series of teacher biographies. Below is the first in the series. For more information about the school go to <http://goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com>

**PRESCHOOL – Director, Ms. Petra Hellstrom**



When school opens on August 30th Ms. Hellstrom will begin her eleventh year at Good Shepherd. She earned her BS in education at the University College of Gavle in Sweden, moved to Los Angeles and taught preschool for several years, before joining the staff of Good Shepherd in 2000.

The first four years she taught second grade, followed by kindergarten for two years. Four years ago, the Good Shepherd Preschool was opened, and Ms. Hellstrom became the director and teacher.

Ms. Hellstrom holds a California multiple subject teaching credential and a Masters in Elementary Education from Loyola Marymount University. Teaching is the passion of her life. To her "there is nothing more inspiring than observing how a child learns, develops and masters new skills. Good Shepherd is like a second home to her and she enjoys coming to work each day thanks to supportive parents, wonderful students, and a great faculty and staff."

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Carol Kim**



Mrs. Kim graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a major in Political Science with an emphasis in American Politics. Upon graduating, she joined Ameri-Corps which is a non-profit organization dedicated to service in our communities.

After working in the non-profit field for two years, she was given the opportunity to join the Good Shepherd family.

She has taught Kindergarten at Good Shepherd for four years and completed her Masters in Education at Loyola Marymount University in December 2009.

Mrs. Kim's thoughts about Good Shepherd are, "Having attended Catholic schools for most of my education, I feel blessed to give my students the same Catholic education I had. Teaching at Good Shepherd Catholic School is a rewarding experience in which the staff works to build a caring community of collaborative learners."

**REVELATION**

In the Old Testament, the New testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, The Old Testament lies revealed.

—St. Augustine

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Child abuse is a national problem

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 794,000 reported child abuse victims in 2007 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the parish office or visit:

<http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at **(213) 637-7650**.

## THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF OUR FAITH

Join Fr. Tom Welbers in this informative and entertaining six-week course covering the high (and low) points of our 2000-year history as Catholics. These sessions will be from **7:00 to 9:00 PM, Monday evenings** beginning this **Monday, July 12** in the Good Shepherd Room of the Parish Center.

Here is a description of the first session:

**July 12** - The pagan world and the beginning of the Church: What happened during the first three centuries after Jesus? Where did the Bible come from? Why were there conflicts among Christians even back then, and why were Christians persecuted.

## ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

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God's command is already in your mouths and hearts; you have only to carry it out.