

THE QUILL

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EPIPHANY AT ST. BEDE'S

In many ways, the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 is almost a "hidden holiday". If it does not fall on a Sunday, 98% of churchgoers do not observe it. The Roman Church has moved it to the closest Sunday, so it is observed. We will sing an opening hymn that will recognize the arrival of the Magi (3 "kings") at the home of Joseph & Mary (re-read Matthew, they did not journey to the stable (that's Luke's story; the Magi are in Matthew's story).

[Note: this year, the Vestry/Staff party will be on Epiphany. However, that is NOT a "12th Night" party as the 12th night is on Jan. 5.]

The Sunday after Epiphany is always a commemoration of the Baptism of the Christ. It is a day we renew OUR baptismal vows AND celebrate baptisms.

The Season after Epiphany is "Ordinary Time" — regular church Sundays ("Green Sundays") that fall between two major Seasons (Christmas and Lent).

Let us remember that the Epiphany is "the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles" — that is US. The Magi were not Jews. Their perceiving the Christ means that WE too may perceive the Christ — and THAT is worth celebrating. JN+

PARISH TO CELEBRATE 41ST ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 21

The **41st Annual Meeting** will be held in Luther Hall following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 22. The Annual meeting is a time when reports covering the year past are made to the parish, the Vestry reports on the 2007 Budget which was passed by the Vestry in mid-December, and elections are held for open seats on the vestry & for St. Bede's representation to the Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry has presented the following slate of candidates:

For Vestry (4-2 yr. Terms; 1-1 yr. Terms):

Tom Elliott, Kathy Hartley, Michael Mullins, Dean Pace, Don Shaw

For Delegate to Diocesan Convention (2 yr. Term):

Annette Graw

For Alternate to Diocesan Convention (2 yr. Term):

Kyle Ferstead

Because of the meeting, there will be one celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. The early service at 8 a.m. will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Preceding the Annual meeting, the Vestry will hold a pot-luck luncheon. To determine what you should bring, first determine the last digit of your home telephone number. If the last digit of your telephone # is, bring:

7-9, main course 0, bread

1-2, salad 3-4, vegetable

5-6, dessert

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THIS MONTH

Rector's Column

Jan. Birthdays &

Anniversaries

Turkey & Greece '07

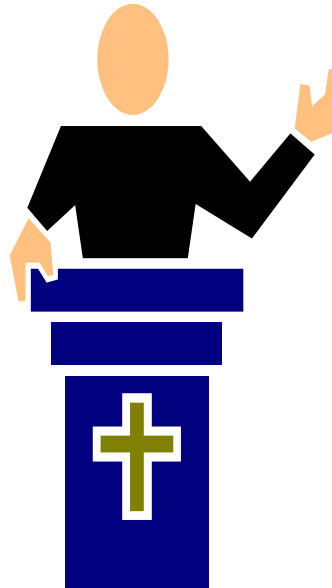
Annual Meeting &

Nominations

CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Elsewhere, we will again thank all those who have made pledges for 2007. This is very important and ensures that parish program will continue into 2007. Please note that we will be bringing an \$8,000 budget deficit to the Annual Meeting. The Vestry has passed a "bare-bones" budget and the Executive Committee will be presenting it in new and interesting ways.

We are working on ways that the office will operate more efficiently in 2007. Late in December, we worked at getting the offices more organized. It is a big job when one only has volunteers. My resolution is to keep it clean and neat — that will be one to keep!!!



cozying up with the church in Nigeria where recent legislation mandates such mealtime regulations.

"I can suggest three reasons that these flocks may have taken this decision. The first is simple unadorned bigotry. The second is a willingness to trade the human rights of innocent Africans for a more advantageous position in the battle for control of the Anglican Communion. The third is a profoundly distorted understanding of who Jesus was and what he taught and whether or not Christ is present in us all.

"I'd like to believe that the last of these reasons explains the majority of the votes, because I recognize that my own salvation may depend on God showing mercy to those of us who are also sincere in our misapprehensions.

"But, if these Virginia congregations do, indeed, believe that gay Nigerians should be imprisoned for visiting a restaurant together, they need to inform us whether they believe gay Americans should also be imprisoned for similar activities. And if they do not support the criminalization of such behavior in the United States, they need to explain why they favor -- or, at the very least, acquiesce in depriving Nigerians of rights that Americans enjoy."

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Just before Christmas, the newspapers were full of stories about "Episcopal Churches leaving the Diocese of Virginia" and "Episcopal Church in schism", etc. A friend who is also a retired priest wrote the following:

"The members of Truro and the Falls Church over in Virginia have now declared that belonging to a church that permits gays and lesbians to become bishops is too great a tax on their conscience, while belonging to a church that believes gay people should be imprisoned for eating together in public is not. In other words, these two parishes are checking out of the Episcopal Church USA and

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Please pray for Mike Olsen & Giovan King who will be meeting with the Comm. on Ministry on Jan. 12 concerning their Candidacy for the Priesthood. I am thankful for the Committee that has been working with Giovan over the last four months (double-time).

I will again be away in Hawaii at the end of January and beginning of February. I will be leading a seminar on counseling in Honolulu, visiting the sights of Molokai & the Big Island, and then to Kauai where I will both visit with my sister and her family and lead a clergy retreat.

VITAL STATISTICS

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, John, Lois, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Fr. Howard, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Jeff, Sandy, Kelly, Dan, Ergun, Don, Caleb, Dennis

Visitors to the Parish:

Stuart & Margaret Baxter, Mary Elizabeth Booth, Bill McDonald

Baptism:

Dec. 24: Virginia Leonarda Stenstrom

January Birthdays:

01/04 Lana Spraker	01/05 Greg Demer
01/12 Sandi Burnett	01/12 Sandy Olsen
01/13 Joelle Underwood	01/15 Michael Gallagher
01/15 Michael Mullins	01/18 Ruth Nicastro
01/22 Laura Matlack	01/22 Madeline Vielhaber
01/25 Donald Thomas	01/28 Liz Mohler
01/31 Ron Zullo	

Please plan ahead & mark your calendars to attend the **41st Annual Meeting of St. Bede's Parish** following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 21, 2007.

Canon Jim Newman+
Rector

2007 PILGRIMAGE w/BISHOP & RECTOR

The trip to Greece & Turkey is accepting only stand-by reservations. Persons interested in gaining a space on the trip may submit a reservation along with a check for \$300. Should a space not open, the money will be refunded in full.

HEALING & RENEWAL SERVICE

Michael Gallagher will be coordinating a new ministry at St. Bede's. On the first Sunday of each month, Michael will lead a service directed to the 12-Step Community. Entitled, "Sought Through Prayer and Meditation", it is a "service of Recovery, Healing & Renewal". It will be held in Luther Hall — the Parish Hall — beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, talk to Michael or call him at 310-403-2408.

SISTERS OF BEDE VENUES

Many events have space and one may sign up by talking either to the host of the event or Samira Tamer. Please see the SoB board in the Parish Hall.

SECOND CENTURY FUND

2007 Wish List:

- ***a new sign for the corner of Grandview & Charnock (\$6,000)
- ***refinishing credence & "votive" tables, prayer desks & collection plate stand (\$1,600)
- ***Columbarium
- ***new storage building
- ***new furnaces & office air-conditioning
- ***Repainting of the outside of the Church
- ***grand piano

2007 STEWARDSHIP

Thank you

to the 79 individuals or households listed below who have returned pledge cards and/or pledged \$ 196,985 toward the operation of St. Bede's in 2007 (including 8 new pledges and 29 increased pledges!). It is not too late to join! Please pick up a pledge card in the narthex or call 391-5522.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Bede's Church

Giles Asbury, Jessica Baas, Philip & Kathy Babcock, Frank Basile, Jean Boone, Steve Buck, Sandra Burnett, Wendy Butts, Rea Crane, Lois Cunningham, Jean Dahler, Linda Demer, Patti Duval, Karen Earle, Eugenia Eaton, Harold Eaton, Thomas Elliott, Dulcie Ellis, Kyle Ferstead, Daphne Mooto & Akani Fletcher, Tracy Flinders, Janet Fox, Michael Gallagher, Diane Gandara, Annette Graw, Linda Guagliano, Edmonde & Harriet Haddad, Paddie Harris, Elsie Harter, Russ Harter, Joe & Kathy Hartley, Wes Hartley, Argola Haynes, Laird Hegamin, Betsy Hiteshew, Nancy Holly, Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre, Shirley Hutson, Andrew & Pamela Jackson, Roger Jayne, Leona Jennison, Quinn & Jim Kelley, Tom & Giovan King, Ina Klem, Frances Knight, Karen Koons, Thomas Ledsam, Jeff Leng, Marian Leng, Peggy Levenstein, Angus Mackay, Joyce Matlack, Nancy Mills, Liz & Dan Mohler, Phyllis Morrison, Michael Mullins, Diana Neilson, James Newman, Ruth Nicaastro, Mike & Sandy Olsen, Dean Pace, Marta Quiroba, James Raef, Joan Reitzel, Barbara Sands, Phillip Schultz, Don Shaw, Alice Short, Denise Daclan & Dan Smith, Samira Tamer, Donald Thomas, Carl & Jennine Townsend, Joelle Underwood, Ned & Adelaide Vaughn, Kristen Weirick, Reed & Diane Wilson, Dennis & Connor Winston, Jeannette Young, & Ron & Kelly Zullo.

NOMINATIONS POSSIBLE

The Nominating Committee has presented names for the Vestry & Delegate/Alternate to Diocesan Convention. Other nominations may be received up to the day of the Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 21, 2007 following the 10 a.m. service.

JANUARY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

- Jan. 7 — **Epiphany 1 (JN)**: Isaiah 43.1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22
- Jan 14 — **Epiphany 2 (MO)**: Isaiah 62:1-5 ; Ps. 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
- Jan. 21 — **Epiphany 3 (JN)**: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10: Ps. 19 ; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
- Jan. 28 — **Epiphany 4 (AH)**: Jeremiah 1.4-10; Ps. 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4.21-30

WEEKDAYS

- 1/3 — **feria (JN)**: 1 John 3.1-6; Ps. 98.1-2,4-7; John 1.29-34
- 1/10 — **William Laud (JN)**: Hebrews 12.5-7,11-14; Ps.73.24-29; Matthew 10.32-39
- 1/17 — **Confession of St. Peter (JN)**: Acts 4.8-13; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19
- 1/24 — **Conversion of St. Paul (AH)**: Acts 26.9-21; Ps. 67; Galatians 1.11-24; Matthew 10.16-22
- 1/31 — **feria (AH)**: Hebrews 12.4-7,11-15; Ps. 103.1-2,13-18; Mark 6.1-6

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Hear Sunday's Sermon!

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

Hosts:

1/2: **NO MEETING**

1/09 J. Fox, H. Haddad 1/16 N. Holly, M. Leng
1/23 I. Klem, L. Jennison 1/30 J. Dahler, A. Haynes

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Great Figures of the Old Testament

1/3: Samuel & Saul; 1/10: David
1/17: Solomon; 1/24: Elijah
1/31: Job

VIA MEDIA: An Anglican Form of Christianity

1/7 & 14 @ Noon

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY:

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

INTERNS: Giovan King & Mike Olsen

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

VESTRY

Annette Graw ('07) — Senior Warden

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood — Clerk

Paul Thompson—Treasurer

Mike Olsen & Barbara Sands — Assistant Treasurers

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

Michael Gallagher ('07) Kathy Hartley ('07)

— ('08) Liz Mohler ('08)

Phyllis Morrison ('07) Alice Short ('08)

Reed Wilson ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)