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EPIPHANY AT ST. BEDE'S

In many ways, the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 is often 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).

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 42ND ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 20

The 42nd Annual Meeting will be held in Luther Hall following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 20. The Annual meeting is a time when reports covering the year past are made to the parish, the Vestry reports on the 2008 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):

Rea Crane, Akani Fletcher, Liz Mohler,

Alice Short, Reed Wilson

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

Mike Mullins

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

Jerry Hornof

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. Our guest preacher will be Mike Olsen, currently a senior at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

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:

0-2, main course; 3, bread ; 4-5, salad;

6-7, vegetable ; 8-9, dessert

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THIS MONTH

Annual Meeting

Rector's Column

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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

The new year is here and with many changes that we could note forecast when I last put pen to paper (yes, I know that I wrote my December Quill column in October and I also left an unexpected "gift" on the front page of that same issue in the form of the space saved for you to draw your "Personal Scenes from Advent" picture).



As you know, our beloved Jean Boone died on November 18. We celebrated her life a week later on what would have been the day after her 81st birthday. Soon after that, Mthr. Golie announced to the Executive Committee that she would be retiring from St. Bede's at the end of the year. While she had been pondering that for a while, it came as an unexpected announcement to your Vestry and me. We celebrated Golie's ministry after the services on December 23; she was the preacher that day and the celebrant on Dec. 30.

We will miss Golie's presence in the areas of Christian education, pastoral calling and as liaison with the Womens' organizations. Needless to say, that left several very large gaps in our staffing. Beginning this month, we have two new staff members who will pick up some of that load. Vicki Mouradian will join the parish staff as Interim Director of Christian Formation. This is a one-third time position for six months. She will coordinate all of the Sunday morning ministries (nursery, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Church School, Via Media) and work with both the Breakfast and Bible class on Tuesday and the Wednesday Adult Class. Coordinate means that she might be teaching or assisting or observing or training or whatever is needed to both keep the program going and to encourage new teachers to become involved. Vicki was our Ministry Study Intern and will be ordained to the Diaconate in June.

The Rev. Jason Cox will be the "designated pinch hitter" when I am gone during 2008. He will celebrate and preach starting on January 27 & February 3 and then throughout the year. Scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, Jan. 12, Fr. Cox is the Director of the Episcopal Urban Intern Program, based at Holy Faith Parish in Inglewood. He is a 2007 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary.

I am going to redesign my weekly schedule so that Monday and Tuesday are almost exclusively pastoral. The Lay Eucharistic Visitors will have a more intentional schedule with those people who are "shut-in" and several people may be added to their number. Furthermore, my service on three Diocesan bodies has ended, thereby freeing-up several days per month. I am no longer serving on the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry and the Commission on Liturgy & Music.

Let me remind you that we have several big events this month:

*Tom & Giovan King have invited the parish to their annual Three Kings Party on Sat., 5 Jan., from 6 pm; at their Culver City Townhouse – (You are invited to bring your favorite holiday dish to share).

*We will have a number of meetings of distinct groups within the parish to receive and talk over the items raised by the Natural Church Development survey that was taken several months ago (see story elsewhere).

*Giovan, Jason and several others will be ordained to the priesthood, God Willing, on Sat., 12 Jan. at 10 am, St. John's Cathedral, 514 West Adams Blvd (at Figueroa).

*St. Bede's will hold its 42nd Annual Meeting on Sun., 12 Jan. following the 10 am service (the 8 am service that day is Morning Prayer). Our seminarian at CDSP, Mike Olsen, will be the guest preacher at the 10 am service.

*The Friends of Music will sponsor a program of classical guitar on Sun., 27 Jan. at 6 pm. Michael Nigro will present a dazzling program of South American music.

The Breakfast & Bible class will begin again on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 9 am. The Wednesday Class will commence on January 16 with "Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures & the Battles over Authentication" led by Professor Bart Ehrman of the Univ. of No. Carolina. The first three sessions are: Jan. 16: The Diversity of Early Christianity; Jan. 23: Christians Who Would be Jews; January 30: Christians Who Refuse to be Jews.

I will again trek to Hawaii to work on sermon preparation for Lent and Easter and then have a bit of vacation. I will leave after the annual meeting on Jan. 20 and return on Feb. 5 in time to be shriven on Shrove Tuesday (this year to be shared with the Lutherans at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church).

I am thankful that Reed Wilson is now coordinating the Quill. My prayers and best wishes for a blessed 2008.

In Christ,

Jim Newman, Rector +

VITAL STATISTICS

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Philip, Lois, Eugenia, Dulcie, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, John, Fr. John, Daniel, Wes, Kim, Ted, Frances, Kelly, Don, Caleb, Dennis

From the Records:

Burial: Jean Boone, November 26

January Birthdays

01/04 Lana Spraker	01/05 Gregory Demer
01/12 Sandra Burnett	01/12 Sandy Olsen
01/15 Michael Gallagher	01/15 Michael Mullins
01/18 Ruth Nicastro	01/22 Madeline Vielhaber
01/25 Donald Thomas	01/28 Elizabeth Mohler
01/29 John O'Bright	01/31 Ronald Zullo

WHAT IS THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD?

The St. John's Guild at St. Bede's promotes the spiritual growth of all women of the Parish through worship, study, service, and fellowship. It meets the second Wednesday of each month (dark in July and August) and organizes fund-raising bazaars and bake sales in November and December of each year. Funds collected at these events are distributed in a variety of ways: donations are made to Hillside, Day-break Women's Center (a project of OPCC), and scholarships, memorial gifts, and gifts to the clergy are supported.

The St. John's Guild also provides all supplies for the Luther Hall kitchen, and pays the nursery person on Sunday mornings. Weekly coffee hour donations help support these important activities. And finally, the St. John's Guild volunteer program provides the Parish with much-needed clerical help. Volunteers—men and women—are always welcome!

For more information or to become a part of St. John's Guild activities, please see Janet Fox (President) or Ina Klem (Vice-President).

A NEW LOOK FOR THE BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange managed by the Sisters of Bede has languished in recent months. This is a shame, since donations from the exchange support the Neighborhood Youth Association. Beginning the first Sunday in February, you will see a new, improved exchange.

On that Sunday, we will begin a program of swapping out books that have been on the carts for several months, and replacing them with fresh titles. The new books will be identified with a colored spot, with a new color each month.

But we need your help. Our stock of books for the carts is very low. So, beginning in January, you will see a marked bin in Luther Hall during both coffee hours. Please put your book donations in the bin.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

St. Bede's is in the midst of a self-evaluation using a program called "Natural Church Development". In January, we will offer several opportunities for people to come together in groups which have similar interests (women's groups, music program, Christian education, etc.) to reflect on our mutual spiritual walk both as individuals and as members of this congregation. The meetings are designed to last approximately 90 minutes and will be led by members of the parish's review team: Liz Mohler, Michael Gallagher, Amy Cox, & Nancy Mills and supplemented by several other group leaders.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1/05	10 am	Christian Education/Parents
1/06	8.45 am	BoB's
	11.30	choir & FoM/healing team
1/07	7 pm	SoB
1/09	Noon	SJG & Altar Guild
1/13	8.45 am	acolyte/usher/lector
1/14	7.30 pm	Vestry & Staff
1/19	10 am	open/catch-up

Very shortly, letters will be sent out to all parishioners describing this process and inviting them to one or more of the meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in one of these meetings.



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 (JN):

Isaiah 62:1-5 ; Ps. 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Jan. 21 — Epiphany 3 (MO):

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10: Ps. 19 ; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Jan. 28 — Epiphany 4 (JC):

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 (AC):**

Acts 26.9-21; Ps. 67; Galatians 1.11-24; Matthew 10.16-22

1/31 — **feria (AC):**

Hebrews 12.4-7,11-15; Ps. 103.1-2,13-18; Mark 6.1-6



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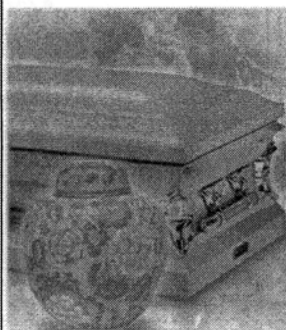


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10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

Hosts:

1/1: **NO MEETING**

1/07 J. Fox, H. Haddad 1/14 N. Holly, M. Leng
1/21 I. Klem, L. Jennison 1/29 J. Dahler, A. Haynes

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Jan. 9: Continued Travels in Greece...

"Lost Christianities:

Christian Scriptures & the Battles over Authentication"

Jan. 16: The Diversity of Early Christianity
Jan. 23: Christians Who Would be Jews
January 30: Christians Who Refuse to be Jews

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