

# ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### November 29, 2009

Welcome to St. Bede's Church. We're pleased that you have chosen to worship here today. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book or fill out the card in the Visitor's packet, and join the congregation downstairs in the parish hall for refreshments after the service. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The rest rooms, nursery and classrooms are located downstairs off the parish hall.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the liturgy is concerned with our preparation for the return of Christ at the end of time. The Gospel reading today is a portion of Jesus' words concerning that time. We are called to see the events of history as signs of the approaching end and to recognize that end as the coming of our redemption.

The Old Testament reading today, from the prophet Jeremiah, is a sixth-century B.C. vision of the Day of the Lord: God will come as a branch of the House of David. This passage was one of several that influenced the early Christian writers' understanding of Jesus' lineage.

The second reading is from Paul's first Thessalonian letter. His letters to the church in Thessalonica were prompted by difficulties in that congregation, due to their misunderstanding of the Lord's promise to return. In today's reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to see their ministry and mutual love as the way to prepare for the Lord's return.

There is an "already, but not yet" aspect to the New Testament's discussion of the Lord's return. God's kingdom is not limited to a time in the far-off future; it began breaking into human history in Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord comes to judge and to save in each moment in the life of his people. Above all, he is revealed in our encounter with him in the eucharistic meal.

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The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno is the Bishop of Los Angeles

The Very Rev. Canon James Newman is the Rector of St. Bede's Parish & Dean of Deanery 3

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian is the Curate

Associated clergy: The Rev. Giovan King, D. Min.

Mr. Frank Basile is the Director of Music

Canon Annette Graw is the President of Deanery 3, Diocese of Los Angeles

Mr. Reed Wilson & Mr. Michael Mullins are the Wardens of this Parish

Lay Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles: Annette Graw, Edmonde Haddad, Wes Hartley, Ruth Nicastro

- *Nursery care is available downstairs. We also have speakers in the patio should your child wish to go outside*
- *You are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.*
- *If you wish a pastoral call, please see a member of the Clergy or the Vestry member on duty.*
- *Items to be included in the bulletin must be at the office by the preceding Tuesday morning.*
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## INTERCESSIONS

◆ We pray for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Jon, Chester & Sergio, our bishops, and James, Vicki & Giovan, our clergy; for Frank-Joaquin-Tom-RoseMarie-Michael & Jeannette, our lay staff & for the clergy & people of St. Andrew's with St. Agnes in Romford, England. We pray for Lauren, Richard and all Missionaries of the Church. We pray for discernment in the election of two Bishops Suffragan at the Diocesan Convention in December. We pray for reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church & the Diocese of Los Angeles. In our parish, we pray for those who meet at St. Bede's seeking health and wholeness from addictions.

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *Diocese of West Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd Gary Lillibridge, Bishop & The Rt Revd David Mitchell Reed, Bishop Suffragan;*

◆ DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *World Mission Companions: The Diocese of El Salvador: San Andrés Apóstol (La Amatepec, San Salvador), The Diocese of Jerusalem: St. Andrew (Ramallah), The Diocese of Belize: St. Andrew (San Ignacio, Santa Elena); Congregations: St. Andrew's (Fullerton, Torrance, Ojai, Irvine), St. Andrew & St. Charles (Granada Hills), Advent (Los Angeles), Emmanuel (Fullerton), Redeemer (Garden Grove); Organizations: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, The Bishop Gooden Home (Pasadena), the Institute for Urban Research and Development (Los Angeles), Diocesan Staff (The Diocese of Los Angeles), PALM (Professional Administrators in Lay Ministry); Clergy: Frank M. Hegedus, Richard Gillett, Richard Lincoln, Walter Hannum, Giles Asbury, Jane Denton, Sara June Card, Karen Chavez, Andrea Paddock, Margaret H. Macauley, David Starr; Widows: Corinne Green, Bettina Barrett, Charlotte Miller.]*

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Arnold, our Governor; and the mayors of our cities. We pray for peace in the world and remember all those serving their countries at home and abroad, especially those we name ...

◆ We remember the **ill & those in need**: Dulcie, Fr. Ron, Michael, John, Edmonde, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Frances, Kanan, Peggy, Diana, Steven, David, Dean, Kelly, Dan, Eileen, Caleb, Dennis, Max, the Demer family....

◆ We remember those who have **died**: ...

◆ The **flowers** are given & the **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

WEDNESDAY – St. Andrew (tr.):

Deuteronomy 30.11-14; Ps. 19.1-6; Romans 10.8b-18;  
Matthew 4.18-22

SUNDAY – Advent 2:

Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4; Cantic 16;  
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim

T: 9 am-7 pm; W: Noon - 9pm

Mthr. Vicki

12/1: 9 am - Noon; 12/2: 3 - 9 pm

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	6 pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9 am	Breakfast & Bible
Wednesday	7 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7.45 pm	Forum: <i>Preparing for Advent</i>
Friday-Saturday		Diocesan Convention, Riverside
Sunday	8 & 10	Holy Eucharist
	9 & 11.15 am	Coffee Hour Forum
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
	9.45 am	Nursery & Ch. School
		[refreshments: 8: A. Graw; 10: ???]
	11.45 am	Parents' Meeting
	6 pm	Evening Prayer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Advent-Christmas Quill* and the **December Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- **Alternative Christmas Market** begins today.
- **Christmas Flower envelopes** are available in the Narthex.
- PLEASE turn in **2010 pledge cards** a.s.a.p.!!
- **St. Joseph Center** food collection next Sunday.
- **St. Bede's AIDS Ministry**: May 3, 9 am at St. Mary's; details: Jeannette Young (398-6925).
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:  
12/21-no meeting  
1/18- *Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich

## SERVING TODAY

**Celebrant & Preacher (8):** The Rev. Vicki Mouradian  
**Assisting (8):**

The Rev. Canon Jim Newman, The Rev. Giovan King

**Lay Assistant (8):** Michael Gallagher

**Lector (8):** Kathy Fairchild

**Greeter (8):** Kathy Fairchild

**Healing Team (8):** Michael Gallagher

**Refreshments (8):** Evlynn Householder

**Presiding (10):** The Rev. Giovan King

**Preaching (10):** The Rev. Vicki Mouradian

**Assisting (10):** The Rev. Canon Jim Newman

**Music Director (10):** Frank Basile

**Vocal Section Leaders (10):** Anita Van Tellingen;

Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery

**Lay Ministers (10):** Barbara Sands, Annette Graw, Steve Buck,

James Davis, Laird Hegamin, Phil Schultz, Samira Tamer

**Greeters (10):** James Raef, Jesse Neboh

**Healing Chapel (10):** Peggy Levenstein

**Refreshments (10):** Fran & Bob Coutts

**Vestry Member on Duty:** Reed Wilson

**Counters:** Russ Harter & Diane Gandara