

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 20, 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.

The theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent is the role of the Virgin Mary in the events which brought about our salvation. A related theme is the Lord's humanity.

The first reading deals with the Messiah's human origins. He will come from the village of Bethlehem within the clan of Ephrathah, the smallest and least significant of all the clans of the Tribe of Judah. The importance of this prophecy from the book of Micah is that, with the Messiah, as with all people, greatness comes from God rather than from human sources.

It was as an obedient human being that Jesus made the willing offering of himself for our salvation, says the author of the Letter to the Hebrews. The salvation of humanity was accomplished within human life, not apart from it.

Human nature has a real and definitive role to play, a role revealed in the story of Mary. Today's Gospel reading is the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Both Elizabeth and her unborn son rejoice in Mary's role. Mary praises God in the Magnificat, the words used by the church at Evening Prayer. God's blessing of Mary, the lowly servant, will be extended in the ministry of Christ to all, especially the poor and the lowly. In her acceptance and cooperation with God's will, Mary becomes the model for our response to God and the human agent of God's gift of the redeeming Christ to the world.

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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 Assistant

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 the Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Jon, Chester & Sergio, our bishops, for Diane & Mary, our Bishops Suffragan-elect, 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 reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church & the Diocese of Los Angeles. In our parish, we pray for those who minister in the committees and institutions of the Deanery & Diocese.

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *Diocese of Yangon, The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Bishop & Archbishop of Myanmar, and The Rt Revd Joseph Than Pe, Bishop Suffragan;*

◆ DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *World Mission Companions: The Diocese of Jerusalem: Emmanuel (Ramla), The Diocese of Belize: St. Thomas Church and School (Double Head Cabbage), St. Steven's Mission (Monkey River, Flower Bank); Congregations: St. Thomas (Hollywood/Los Angeles, Hacienda Heights), Mar Thoma Church (Los Angeles), Messiah (Santa Ana), Immanuel (El Monte), Prince of Peace (Woodland Hills); Holy Child/Philippine Independent Church (Wilmington), St. Stephen's (Hollywood/Los Angeles, Beaumont, Whittier, Santa Clarita); Institutions: Canterbury Westwood/UCLA (Los Angeles); Clergy: Jerry Anderson, Michael Bamberger, Malcolm Boyd, Connor Lynn, Roger Wood, Charles Mitchell, Brian Cox IV, Catherine Keyser-Mary, David Davidson-Methot, Gary Commins, James J. Young, Paul Edwards, Charles Rowins, Widows: Yoshimi Akiyoshi, Jeannette Armstrong.]*

◆ 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**: Linda, Dulcie, Michael, John, Edmonde, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Peggy, Kim, Frances, Kanan, Peggy, Diana, Steven, David, Dean, Kelly, Dan, Eileen, Ergun, Caleb, Dennis, Max,

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

◆ The **Advent Greens** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of her son William P. Graw & for the birthday of her friend Phyllis Morrison by Annette Graw; the **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God and in honor of her friend Carol Papas by Nancy Mills AND in honor of the birthday of their grandson Kasey by Ron & Kelly Zullo.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

WEDNESDAY – St. Thomas (tr.) :

Hab. 2.1-4; Ps. 126; Hebrews 10.35-11.1; John 20.24-29

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Isaiah 9.2-7; Ps. 96.1-4,11-12; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14

SUNDAY – Christmas 1:

Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Ps. 147.13-21; Gal. 3.23-25;4:4-7; John 1.1-18

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim

W: 10am - 8pm; Th: 3pm-Midnight

Mthr. Vicki

Su: 11.30 am- 2:30 pm; Th: 1 pm - 4.30 pm

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	6 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	7 pm	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	4.30 pm	<b>Christmas Pageant &amp; Eucharist</b>
	10.30 pm	<b>Festival Choral Eucharist:</b>
		<b>The Christ-Mass</b>
Sunday	8 & 10	Holy Eucharist
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
		[refreshments: 8: ???; 10: ???]
	6 pm	NO Evening Prayer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Advent-Christmas Quill* and the **December Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- **Alternative Christmas Market** concludes today.
- **Christmas Flower envelopes** are available in the Narthex.
- **Christmas Eve**: 4.30 & 10.30 p.m.
- Please pick up your **2010 pledge envelopes**.
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:  
12/21-no meeting  
1/18- *Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich

## SERVING TODAY

**Celebrant (8)**: The Rev. Giovan King

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

**Lay Assistant (8)**: Annette Graw

**Lector (8)**: Quinn Kelley

**Greeter (8)**: Tom Ledsam

**Healing Team (8)**: Ina Klem

**Refreshments (8)**: Joan Reitzel

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

**Preaching (10)**: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo

**Assisting (10)**: The Revs. Giovan King & Vicki Mouradian

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

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

Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery

**Lay Ministers (10)**: Dennis Winston, Tom Elliott, Tom King,

Liz Mohler, Kathy Russell, Alice Short, Anita Van Tellingen

**Greeters (10)**: Carl Townsend, Jeanette Young

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

**Refreshments (10)**: Alice Short

**Vestry Member on Duty**: Akani Fletcher

**Counters**: Joyce Matlack & Dulcie Ellis

New to the Episcopal Church? Lost in the Prayer Book? Hazy about Sin & Redemption? Want to be confirmed or received? Meet the Episcopal Church up close and personal – come to the Via Media Class (8 weeks) after the 10 am service.

- **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).
- **St. Joseph Center** food collection TODAY.
- Today we remember those who have **birthdays or anniversaries** in May; the collection taken benefits the **Neighborhood Youth Association**.
- Deadline for the **August Quill** is July 16.

### 8 am Teams

Week 1: Dennis Winston Gina Turella Nancy Mills

Week 2: Kyle Ferstead Lew Ehrich Dennis &/or Connor Winston

Week 3: Annette Graw Quinn Kelley Tom Ledsam

Week 4: Michael Gallagher Roger Jayne Ron Zullo

5th Sunday at 8 a.m.: Michael Gallagher Kathy Fairchild

### Eucharistic Visitors

Michael Gallagher & Janet Fox, Kyle Ferstead, Samira Tamer & Annette Graw, Annette Graw & Michael Mullins, Kyle Ferstead, Kathy Russell & Angus Mackay

We pray for the lay ministries of this parish, remembering especially this week:

1

the wardens, vestry officers & members, and the members of parish committees

2

the Verger, lay eucharistic ministers, healing team members, intercessors, lectors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, counters, and the sacristans

3

the music director, choir, musicians, and the Friends of Music

4

the St. John's Guild, the Sisters of Bede, the Brothers of Bede, the Bookworms of Bede, the Kids of Bede & the Friends of Bede

5

the AIDS ministry & those who minister with the N.Y.A, St. Joseph Center, the OPCC and the Daybreak Center & with our NYA scholarship students Jasmine, Teresa, Dayana, Rebeca & Alex.

6

nursery workers, Church School teachers, leaders of adult education classes, and those participating in EFM and other educational programs

7

those who minister in the committees and institutions of the Deanery & Diocese

8

those who assist in the parish office & help maintain the Church and the grounds.

9 (fifth Sundays)

those who meet at St. Bede's seeking health and wholeness from addictions

### 10 am Teams

Week 1:

Akani Fletcher, Sharon Arthur, Christoph Dugré, Janet Fox, Phyllis Morrison, Reed Wilson

G: James Raef, Reed Wilson

Week 2:

Barbara Sands, Annette Graw, Steve Buck, James Davis, Laird Hegamin, Phil Schultz, Samira Tamer

G: James Raef, Jesse Neboh

Week 3:

Dennis Winston, Tom Elliott, Tom King, Liz Mohler, Kathy Russell, Alice Short, Anita Van Tellingen

G: Carl Townsend, Jeanette Young

Week 4:

Angus Mackay, Diane Gandara, Kim Hudson, Peggy

Levenstein, Michael Mullins, Ashkan Sobhe, Adelaide Vaughn

G: Russ Harter, Penny Jennings

5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10 a. m.

The lay assistants at the late service are:

March 29, 2009: Team 3

May 31, 2009: Team 4

August 30, 2009: Team 1

November 29, 2009: Team 2