

THE QUILL

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VESTRY NOTES

The Vestry met in its annual retreat on the last Saturday of February. The facilitator was Fr. Dean Farrar, Rector of St. Francis Parish, Palos Verdes Estates.

Goals for 2002:

Organized volunteer office help; realistic clergy compensation; two interim budget reviews; child safety policies; newcomer follow-up; sharing of coffee-hour duties; a program of ministry with the elderly and those living alone; instigation of the ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitors; instigation of a healing station in the chapel on Sundays; possible introduction of the 'Catechesis of the Good Shepherd'; development of a 'prayer chain'; development of a program looking at 'movies & theology'; increased use of electronic technology; frequent updating of parish list & calling tree; development of a master plan for Luther Hall and the landscaping of the church property; complete purchase of new furnishings; develop a plan for ongoing renovation program; look at alternative funding sources; enhances stewardship program; committee mission statements.

No, the computer's keyboard is not stuck! CCCC stands for "Creating a Caring Community for Couples". Actually, St. Bede's wants to be a Caring Community for all people. However, we understand that the development and maintenance of healthy households is of great importance.

For almost twenty-five years, Fr. Newman has used the materials from Life Innovations to help couples prepare for either marriage or the blessing of their relationships and/or with couples having problems in those relationships. These "Prepare" or "Enrich" inventories have been used by many couples in his congregations. Furthermore, he has taught hundreds of clergy and counselors how to use these materials.

"The time has come to integrate all of their many materials into our parish life. We can do some of this on our own and we can use some of it while working with other congregations, said Fr. Newman. "The folks at Life Innovations have programs for young adults, for couples, for people under pressure, and for people all across the life cycle. We will have several opportunities to look at what is available and see how we can use it in our parish life".

EVENSONGS OR EVENING PRAYER -- SUNDAYS AT 6 PM

On 2nd Sundays, the "Praise-by-the-Sea Choir will usually be singing.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Ongoing work:

- 1. soliciting memorials**
- 2. replace sign at SW corner**
- 3. exterior lights**
- 4. painting the building**
- 5. Office painting & carpeting**
- 6. Renovation of Luther Hall**

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

Mary stood at a distance watching her son on the cross.



I wrote this meditation last November at Mt. Calvary Retreat Center while making the parish retreat. I have often found that the silence on our retreats offers me the inspiration to 'write' instead of 'talk'. That is truly a 'charism'!

The meditation has a decidedly 'Holy Week' feel, but this newsletter should get to you well before Easter.

Please note that it is in the same form as the psalmody used at Mt. Calvary.

I know what the outcome will be:
the wood the rope and the nails.
The cross is an awful death.
I bore him in my womb.

He was scourged, beaten and whipped,
mocked, defiled and defamed.
I saw him on the road
carrying the means of his death.

*Mary stood at a distance
watching her son on the cross.*

His beloved disciple by my side.
"This ... is your son."
I cannot bear to see his pain;
a mother's love for her son.

My son on the cross looks at us.
"This ... is your mother."
Another son to share my grief.
Love is stronger than blood.

*Mary stood at a distance
watching her son on the cross.*

Joseph died long ago.
I was both mother and father.
Jesus, a special child,
I never quite understood.

Remember your mother and family.
He chose his own foreign path.
With friends, the outcast, the ill
he built a new family on love.

*Mary stood at a distance
watching her son on the cross.*

Don't rock the boat, my son.
He overturned the tables.
New wine, new love, new life;
God ... abundant for all.

Keep to the road that we know,
do not upset the powers.
Samaritans, lepers, and outcasts:
theirs, the Dominion of God.

*Mary stood at a distance
watching her son on the cross.*

Mary, the Magdalene, Salome:
my closest friends by my side..
Watching his life ebb away
while he forgives those who hate.

My God, my God he cries.
My son has gone to his Father.
A sword pierces my side.
I remember the words long ago.

*Mary stood at a distance
watching her son on the cross.*

*James Newman
Mt. Calvary Retreat Center
November 19, 2001*

FROM THE RECORD

Visitors

Robert Curry & Joanne Rice, Archdeacon Harver Southcott, Stephanie Becker,
Mike & Sandy Olsen

EASTER ... THE 'QUEEN OF SEASONS'

Easter is not a day ... it is a season. The Great Fifty Days of Easter is the great celebration of the Church. It is Mardi Gras for 50 days and it empowers and gives meaning to all other holy days (after all, why would we have Christmas or Pentecost if there hadn't been Easter?). It is such a celebration that the early Church outlawed 'kneeling' (i.e., penitential positions), 'fasting' (even on Fridays), and the saying of public confessions during that season. The season is a week of weeks (7x7) and includes The Feast of the Ascension (the 40th day/May 9th). The final day is the Day of Pentecost (the 50th day/May 19th) [more about those two days in the next issue].

The color of the season (except for Pentecost/red) is white. It is also the color for baptisms. On both Easter Day -- at the Great Vigil -- and Pentecost, we present candidates for baptism or renew our baptismal vows. In fact, the whole season is appropriate for baptisms and the celebration of Christian initiation. In the Diocese of Los Angeles, we present candidates for Confirmation and Reception during this season.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the 'archtypal' Eucharistic service. In it, we recognize 'the light of Christ', we hear of our salvation as proclaimed in the several lessons from the Hebrew scriptures, we baptize & renew our vows, and we join in the Eucharist. It is also longer as we gather in a vigil -- a time of waiting -- to hear of God's saving acts in history.

During 'Eastertide', the Paschal Candle remains lighted as a reminder of Jesus' earthly ministry and of the baptismal nature of the season. Eastertide is also one of the two seasons when we use our full jacobean frontal to cover the altar. The kneelers will be put away until after the season. Also, this season we will be welcoming the new baptismal font, the new sanctuary lamp, the new aumbry (repository of the consecrated elements), and several other pieces of sanctuary furniture.

Possibly the best measure of the season is in the words of the hymnody. Aside from again proclaiming "Alleluia", the Easter & Ascension hymnody (#174-222) proclaims the message of joy and gladness. The resurrection of Jesus is THE message, THE event, THE reason for being. Hymn #210 proclaims:

"The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad ... for Christ the Lord is risen..."



April Birthdays

Daniel Mohler IV, 4/01

Meg Russell, 4/05

Diana Tate, 4/08

Carl Townsend, 4/10

Madeline Hisserich-

Patterson, 4/18

Samira Tamer, 4/20

Mary Jane Herron, 4/22

Faye Dancer, 4/24

Evelynne Householder, 4/24

Steve Buck, 4/26

April Anniversaries

Dan & Liz Mohler, 4/03

Seth & Diana Neilson, 4/17

Jerry Hornof &

Karen Scharre, 4/28

An updated directory is now available. If you need to get new addresses or e-mail address, please see a hardcopy of the *Quill* or contact Fr. Newman.

APRIL LESSONS

APRIL 7 (Easter 2)

Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Ps. 16

1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

Preaching: Fr. Newman

APRIL 14 (Easter 3)

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Ps. 116.1-3,10-19

1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

Preaching: Mthr. Haynes

APRIL 21 (Easter 4)

Acts 2.42-47; Ps. 23

1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

Preaching: Fr. Newman

APRIL 28 (Easter 5)

Acts 7.55-60; Ps. 31.1-5,15-16

1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

Preaching: Fr. Newman

MAY 5 (Easter 6)

Acts 17.22-31; Ps. 66.7-18

1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

Preaching: Fr. Newman

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS

4/3 - Wed., Easter Week - (JN)

4/10 - The Annunciation (tr.) - (JN)

4/17 - Wed., Easter 3 - (JH)

4/24 - St. Mark (eve) - (JN)

5/1 - SS Philip & James - (JN)

NOTES

---We will have a Parish Work Day on the 1st Sat. each month from 9 am - Noon;

---Mthr. Golie will be away on April 21.

---Congratulations to Bettina Joy Ayers II on her acceptance at UCLA in the class of 2006.

---The "Brothers of Bede" (the BoBs) are forming; they will meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday between the services at 9 a.m.

---Please recommend the church's Web Site to friends; it is: <http://www.stbedesla.org>

---Office help needed after Easter -- see Fr. Newman

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SCHEDULE OF 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
MONDAYS 7 pm, Class & Compline (as announced)
TUESDAYS 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study
WEDNESDAYS 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class - beginning with breakfast -
which looks at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each week at 7 p.m.

April 3

Movies & Theology

-- a planning session --

April 10, 17, 24

Travels w/Fr. Jim & St. Bede in the U.K.

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

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