

THE QUILL

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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BISHOP BRUNO VISITATION ON 9/22



Bishop J. Jon Bruno will make his first Visitation as Diocesan Bishop to St. Bede's Parish on Sunday, September 22, at the 10 a.m. service. At that time, he will lay hands on candidates from both St. Bede's & St. Thomas', Hollywood, for confirmation, reception, & reaffirmation. He will also bless a number of new pieces of liturgical furniture which have been given during the last year or so. He will also bless Room A in its transformation to be the "environment" for the CGS (see elsewhere in the Quill).

Following the service, the annual parish fall BBQ will be held on the Patio. The luncheon is being coordinated by the Brothers of Bede (BoB's). People may donate some part of the food and/or pay \$5 person or \$15 per family.

September 22 is also the day of the next Pueblo Nuevo rummage collection, so clean out your closets and bring the rummage to the Parish Work Day (transferred) on Sat. Sept. 21. We will be cleaning up the place for the Bishop's visit.

ALSO, the BoB's will be sponsoring a car wash in the parking lot on the morning of the 21st -- during the Work Day -- so bring your dirty old car to become clean and shiny for the Bishop!!!

VESTRY NOTES

Vestry Meeting: August 26, 2002

***All shared why they were thankful; Fr. Newman shared a bit about his time in Europe and updated the Vestry on announcements from the Diocese;

***Mthr. Golie reported on Christian ed. planning and plans for Room A and nursery;

***The Vestry elected Ruth Nicastro to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Shannon Ruth Finley; the Nominating Committee for Annual Meeting is Carl, Adelaide & Richard; report due at November Vestry meeting;

***Fr. Newman will mark the 9/11 anniversary in a service that evening; he talked of plans for the Bishop's visit; he reported on Frank's Ministry Study Year and out needed outlay of money;

***Mark Scott volunteered to be the liaison w/the St. Joseph Center to replace Ray & Shannon;

***OLD: the record/tape sale will be Oct. 19 (FoM benefit); the "Prayer Chain" is getting volunteers ; Adelaide brought more child safety signs for use;

***Karen presented a report on e-mail addresses and a report on the collection of funds for the 2nd Century Fund;

***Gordon reported on progress on the preparation for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (start date - 9/29).

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC
GALA SEASON OPENER
MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS
& SILENT AUCTION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 P.M.**

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

3 to 6 year-old children of St. Bede's to participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program starting September 29



*There is so much going on...not only the Bishop's visit, but the institution of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), the possibility of an Education for Mission (EFM) class, the return of Breakfast & Bible (B&B), the monthly class for Lutheran & Episcopalian church musicians (LPM), the Wednesday night preparation for the Bishop's visit...Read & Join in...**

St. Bede's vestry members Adelaide Vaughn & Gordon Fuglie are overseeing the transformation of one of our Sunday School classrooms into an "atrium" as a place of Christian formation for our children from ages three to six.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a "method" by which young children are guided to discover and develop the spiritual potential that is already budding in their lives. CGS originated in Italy 50 years ago when Maria Montessori, an innovator in children's education and a committed Christian, asked her younger colleague Sofia Cavelletti (a scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures), to assist in developing an approach to nurturing young children in the faith. Applying the observations of Montessori and observing children's responses to the Scriptures and liturgy, they evolved a means of reaching young children and engaging their rich sense of wonder about God and Jesus.

The "method" of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is only that, and it should not be compared with conventional American Sunday Schools where religious information is imparted to children. By contrast CGS assists in serving and guiding our children to the real goal of Christian life: a life lived in relationship with God in Christ. Virtually all adults who have become CGS catechists or who otherwise assist in the atrium have discovered an enrichment of their own faith as a result.

What will happen here at St. Bede's? The CGS program will start on the last Sunday in September. In the interim, the Sunday School room used for young children will be completely transformed into what CGS calls "the prepared environment," the atrium. Our room will be painted with a restful color and some basic furnishings will be installed, including an altar, prayer table and a teaching station or two -- all scaled to the physical capabilities of small children. The room is called an atrium because in early Christianity, it was literally the entryway of the church and used for the instruction and nurturing of those to be initiated into the faith. Historically, we know that Christian symbols decorated the atrium's walls, so along with the teaching of the catechist, the initiate's eye and ear were awakened to the sensory learning of God's love.

CGS in the Diocese of Los Angeles: CGS was first introduced in the U.S. in 1975, and the first Episcopal catechists were trained in 1985. A few atriums began to flourish in our dioceses in the 1990's, especially through the efforts of Wendie Roberts of St. Cross, Hermosa Beach. With the election of Jon Bruno as Bishop and his commitment to the children in our diocese, he appointed Roberts as a diocesan missionary in children's formation. In a few years' time, Roberts has helped "plant" new atriums throughout Southern California, much as St. Paul planted churches in the Mediterranean world!

What can I do? First, you can pray for CGS and our catechists-in-training. Second, you can encourage St. Bede's parents with children in this age group to bring their children to our atrium on September 29. Third, ask yourself if your own Christian vocation is leading you to assist in CGS at St. Bede's -- if so, talk to Adelaide or Gordon. Fourth, are you handy in woodworking or model building? Part of the ministry of the atrium is the parish's construction of materials for the children's life there, i.e. figures, displays, boxes and cabinets, etc. CGS understands the spirituality of this kind of labor and as we complete materials for our atrium, they will be blessed at our Sunday liturgy.

"Christians aren't born; they are made." Tertullian (2nd Century AD)

September Birthdays

Alex Hornof, 9/01
Tammis Biraben, 9/04
Kathy Russell, 9/05
Ina Klem, 9/06
Brice Martin, 9/07
Matian Biraben, 9/12
Bettina Ayers, 9/21
Peggy Levenstein, 9/21
David Toy, 9/21
Rogena Silverman, 9/22
Tori Patterson, 9/30

September Anniversaries

Don & Char Thomas, 9/16

FROM THE RECORD

Visitors: Sue Fisher, Brandon Peterson, Audrey Adams, Alice Fuglie, Bill & Dorothy Funk, Pat Wukeen, Mike Kendall

Education for Ministry: Our Call to be Ministers in the World

Many people think that one must be ordained in order to be "a minister." The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's total ministry. This Total Ministry is nothing less than the exercise of the church's vocation to continue the ministry of Jesus. He reconciled the world to God. We are called to incarnate that reconciliation in our own time and in our own place through worship, service to others, and by proclamation of his Word to all people.

The EFM program is preparation for the ministry to which we are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the eucharist: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

The Education for Ministry (EFM) program provides people from all walks of life with the education "to be" Christians and to carry out their ministry. All Christians need a Christian education which supports their faith and which prepares them to express that faith in day-to-day events.

EFM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South. It holds before us that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a Church empowered by an active theologically articulate laity.

Thousand of persons have completed this four-year program. You enroll one year at a time, can transfer almost anywhere in the USA and in many foreign countries, and can obtain 18 Continuing Education Units per year by participating here at St. Bede's.

We are exploring the interest for a West LA EFM group. This group would meet at St. Bede's on Tuesday evenings from mid September through May. For more information, contact Mike Olsen, or Michael Gallagher.

Education for Ministry The Program: How It Works

The Seminar Group

The seminar group is the nucleus of the Education for Ministry program. A group consists of six to eleven students and a trained mentor meeting weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. These meetings are usually from two and a half to three hours in length. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EFM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. This process can be illustrated by a two-rail fence. One rail is the Christian tradition. The other is the collective experience of the group's members. The rails are linked by fence posts which represent the seminar sessions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.

Study

Students are given weekly lesson assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Students are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week. In the seminars students have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them.

Reflection

Through discussion and guided reflection, the seminars furnish an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the reading materials. More important is the development of skills in theological reflection. The goal is that students learn to think theologically. By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, students can learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. In coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has the potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

Worship

The seminar incorporates regular worship into the weekly meetings and is supported by a life of prayer. Seminar members explore different methods of worship led by the seminar members.

"PREPARING TO COMMIT"

Have you been confirmed? Have you been received into the Episcopal Church (if confirmed in another tradition)? Would you like to renew your Baptismal Vows because of taking on a new ministry or coming back to the Church after a long time away?

Bishop Jon Bruno will be making his visitation to St. Bede's on Sunday, September 22.

On the three Wednesday evenings prior, Fr. Newman will lead a seminar -- "Preparing to Commit". Come to those classes on Sept. 4, 11, & 18 for a short, but intense, preparation to make your commitment to Christ.

SEPTEMBER LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 1 (Pentecost 16/Proper 17)

Exodus 3.1-15; Ps. 105.1-6,23-26,45c;
Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28
Preaching: Fr. Newman

SEPTEMBER 8 (Pentecost 17/Proper 18)

Exodus 12.1-14; Ps. 105.1-6,23-26,45c;
Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28
Preaching: Fr. Newman

SEPTEMBER 15 (Pentecost 18/Proper 19)

Exodus 14.19-31; Ps. 114;
Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
Preaching: Fr. Newman

SEPTEMBER 22 (Pentecost 19/Proper 20)

Exodus 16.2-15; Ps. 105.1-6,37-45;
Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16
Preaching: Bishop Bruno

SEPTEMBER 29 (Pentecost 20/Proper 21)

Exodus 17.1-7; Ps. 78.1-4,12-16;
Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32
Preaching: Mthr. Haynes

OCTOBER 6 (Pentecost 21/Proper 22)

Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20; Ps. 19;
Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46
Preaching: Fr. Newman

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS

9/4 - Bp. Paul Jones - (JN)
9/11 - votive:for the Nation - (JN)
9/18 - Ember Day - (JN)
9/25 - Sergius of Moscow - (JH)

NOTES

---This month, the Parish Work Day will be on the day before the Bishop's visitation -- Sat., 9/21.

Please come and help!!!

---Fr. Newman will be speaking at a conference in Las Vegas 9/16-17 & will be away 9/26 -10/ 1.

---The Party of Parties will be Sat., Oct. 5 -- Buy your tickets NOW!!!

---The "Brothers of Bede" have "BoB caps for sale -- \$15 (checks to Mike Olsen)

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

---James Raef is available to do handy-man work call him at (818) 590-2810.

---The St. John's Guild is going to the Getty Museum on 9/11 -- all are invited, see Janet Fox.

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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.*

September 10, 17, 24

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

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

9/4 Preparing to Commit - Part 1
9/11 Preparing to Commit - Part 2
9/18 Preparing to Commit - Part 3
9/25 --No Class--

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

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