

# THE QUILL

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## A BUSY FALL FOR ST BEDE'S: HOMECOMING, CHURCH SCHOOL

Its hard to believe that the long days of summer are almost behind us, but it's true. Not only is it getting dark earlier in the evening, but a quick look at the St. Bede's Calendar for September reveals the return of many parish activities on hiatus for the summer months.

Homecoming Sunday marks this transition in our parish. The Barbeque following the 10 am service brings everyone together to kick of the year's activities: 8 o'clockers and 10 o'clockers, and lots of children. This year's BBQ is being organized by the Brothers of Bede. The sign-up sheet for food and other supplies is taped to the window next to the main entrance to the church.

The Church School year also gets under way this month. There are new programs and facilities for a wider range of ages. Mother Golie and Gordon Fuglie each have articles in this issue of the Quill regarding these programs.

Breakfast and Bible will return to its Tuesday am schedule beginning September 9.

Even though it is in October, don't forget to put the Party of Parties, sponsored by the Sisters of Bede on your calendar for October 4.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: WHAT'S AHEAD FOR OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

#### From Mother Golie:

Greetings! Exciting things are in store for our young people this year. I am grateful for the dedicated group of volunteers who helped create a successful school year in Christian Education.

We do need more volunteers to help in our programs and to share our vision of where we go from here. Teaching and helping with hands-on means that we are developing and maintaining a healthy growing church. Please consider it as part of your ministry at St. Bede's.

Because of the growth in our programs, we are adding new rooms and new programs. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be extended for older children, and a program for Junior and Senior High School students will focus on their needs.

#### Important dates:

**September 14:** There will be a fall meeting for Christian Education after the 10 am service. All members interested in all forms of this ministry please come and help us brainstorm. Lunch will be served.

**September 21:** (Homecoming Sunday) Registration for Sunday School. Visit the Classrooms to see the changes.

**September 28:** Sunday School begins

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#### THIS MONTH

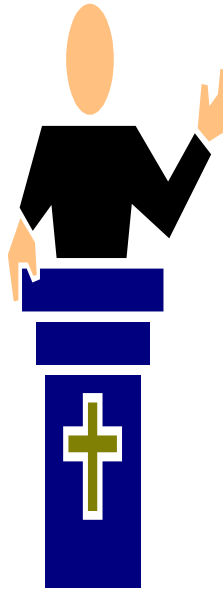
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# FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

One of our hymns says that Jesus' followers – 100 of them – "turned the known world upside down" through the power of the Spirit (Hymn #506). Our theology of God's Holy Spirit is that it will come without warning and that it will "melt me, mold me, fill me, use me".

I know that while many rejoice at the movement of the Spirit in the actions of the recent General Convention, there are many who feel that what was manifested was NOT the work of God, but of misguided humanity. As one friend said to me, "I am sad that some people will feel forced out". I too share in that sadness.

However, I feel that the Spirit of God was working at the convention and that in time that will become manifestly clear. For the first time, we have said to all people – regardless of their sexual orientation – "You are equal members in God's house." Not only that, we have acknowledged that healthy, honest, covenanted relationships that are celebrated in and by the worshiping community are our goal. We have said that – regardless of sexual orientation – couples may pray for the strength to be faithful and loving and that we, their family, are with them in that enterprise. We have affirmed, as the Rev. Susan Russell noted here in Lent, that "when we baptize someone we do not add an asterisk that says 'unless you happen to be gay or lesbian.'"



What effect will the General Convention have on us at St. Bede's or in the Diocese of Los Angeles? Not very much. Congregations have been blessing the covenanted relationships of gay and lesbian couples with the knowledge and/or permission of the Bishop(s) for over 15 years. The Canons (laws) of the Church say that sexual orientation is not a bar to entering the process for ordination. Eight years ago, the Church stated that a bishop was not guilty of either heresy or improper action when he ordained a partnered gay man to the priesthood.

Therefore, was the known world turned upside down last month in Minneapolis? No, certainly not as I see it. We did affirm that in many areas we are not, nor never have been, Biblical literalists. We ordain women and eat shellfish & rare steak, we wear clothes made of a blend of materials and also bless a marriage which follows the pain of a divorce, we do not stone disobedient children and now we do not cast out a person just because of his or her god-given sexual orientation. And we do not consign a person to a life of loneliness and no possibility of a loving, faithful relationship because of that orientation.

That will be new and painful for some of us and part of our ongoing reality for others. I just pray that we can finally move on to the call for all Christians – to proclaim God's love through word and deed to a world dying (literally) to know the reality and the effects of the concept that "God is Love

## NEWS NOTES

\*\*\*Fr. Newman will be away August 29 - September 16, leading the pilgrimage to Italy. In case of emergency, please call Mthr. Golie.

\*\*\*Please remember to keep your pledges current. The summer months still have ongoing bills to pay!!!

\*\*\*The choir is in street dress all summer (thru October); this is a good time to talk with Frank Basile about informally singing with the choir for a few weeks to try it out!!

\*\*\*Speaking of music, even if you don't join the choir, participate in the music program by joining The Friends of Music Board. Contact Annette Graw if you are interested (310-545-3617 or info@annettegraw.com)

\*\*\* One of the highlights of the week at St. Bede's is the Coffee Hour. Take a turn at sharing your special treats by signing up. If you haven't hosted coffee hour before, try finding an old hand to team up with, to show you where everything is kept.

\*\*\* The series Historical Services will continue in October.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Alex Hornof	9/12 Matias Biraben
9/4 Tammis Biraben	9/21 Peggy Levenstein
9/5 Kathy Russell	David Toy
9/6 Ina Klem	9/30 Tori Hisserich
9/7 Bian Byers	
Brice Martin	

### ANNIVERSARY

9/16 - Don and Charlotte Thomas

## FROM THE RECORD

### VISITORS

Mel Ryane, Dulcie Ellis, Linda Childs, Claudia Ripke,  
Will Mouradian, James Mouradian

### BURIALS

Carl Dawson, 8/6/2003  
Bernice Ripke, 8/7/2003

## SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 28

On September 28, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) will return to Sunday mornings at 10 am at Saint Bede's. Atrium Level 1, for 3 – to younger 6-year olds continues and will move into Mother Golie's former office. And thanks be to God, a new Atrium (Level 2) will be set up for older 6 year olds (those with previous Atrium experience) and children from 7 to 9 years of age. This will be housed in the current CGS Atrium. My co-catechist, Adelaide Vaughn, will continue with Level 1. I will be the catechist for Level 2, and am delighted to announce Karen Kuchel will be assisting me. Both of us are continuing CGS training.

### What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and what makes it different from traditional Sunday School instruction?

CGS is an evolving approach to the Christian formation of children. It originated 50 years ago with the pioneering work of Sofia Cavaletti, an Italian Bible scholar, who became interested in the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori, herself a devout Christian. Cavaletti continues to be involved in CGS, which has since spread throughout Europe, Africa, North and South America.

It is the conviction and experience of CGS catechists, including me, that children are "pre-wired" for a relationship with God – but at *their* level and on a scale that relates to *them*. For the 3 – 6 year-olds, Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the objects of the Eucharist (understood as the special meal of Jesus' friends), to select two examples, are key elements of the their conception of the mystery of God's love. For the 6 – 9 year olds who have further development and capacities, we help them find their own understanding of God's covenant relationship with them and His Church, the underlying theme of the Bible. While continuing to nurture their sense of God's mystery, we also see an

emerging sense of moral responsibility as an important part of their relationship with God and others.

Is it always ideal or "sacred" in the Atrium? Not always - kids are kids, and sometimes their attention spans wander or they may decide that the Creche figures are opportunities for comedic scenarios. For example, in an August atrium Jaron was "acting out" a narrative that I didn't recognize as part of the parable of the Pearl of Great Price tableau (whenever this happens, we remind the children that the figures are not toys). I didn't want to just say, "don't do that!", but sought for a way to engage him on the level of the parable's purpose. Perhaps it was the Holy Spirit who reminded me that Jaron and I had the day before gone to see *Spy Kids 3* – an intriguing tale of a scheming toymaker who tries to take over the minds of children with seductive and self-destructive computer games. So I recalled this to Jaron and asked him if the Pearl of Great Price was like the movie's thrill-a-minute, gotta-have "Game Over" DVD or like the imperiled Spy Kid Juni Cortez' family (who all come together at the climax to defeat the toymaker). He "got it," and said the Pearl was like the family – priceless.

Please help to support CGS at St. Bede's by keeping us in your prayers; we are teaching our children to pray for you. And just as you welcome visitors, greet our children by coming down to their level, looking them in the eye, and saying "good morning, Hannah, I'm glad to see you, today." And do tell your curious friends that not only is St. Bede's a committed and friendly parish, it also has a special place for teaching their children about God's love.

And if you think God is calling you to become part of our CGS ministry, please let us know. We'd love to have your special gifts as part of our rich and rewarding work.

Gordon Fuglie (310-337-7095);  
Catechist and Vestry member

## September LESSONS: HOLY SUMMER

### SUNDAY LESSONS

**September 7 (Proper 18) - Mthr Haynes**

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9,22-23; Ps 125; James 2.1-10,(11-13),14-17; Mark 7.24-37.

**September 14 (Holy Cross) - Fthr Asbury**

Isaiah 45.21-25; Ps 98; Philippians 2.5-11; John 12.31-36a

**September 21 (Proper 20) - Fthr Newman**

Proverbs 31.10-31; Ps 1; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

**September 28 (Proper 21) - Fthr Happ**

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10:9.20-22; Ps 124; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50

### WEDNESDAY LESSONS

**September 3 - Fthr Hancock**

Ps 34.9-22; Colossians 1.1-8; Luke 4.38-44

**September 10 - Mthr Haynes**

Ps 9.7-11; Ecclesiasticus 39.6-11; Mark 4.1-10,13-20

**September 17 - Ember Day - Fthr Newman**

Ps 15; Exodus 19.3-8; Peter 4.7-11; Matthew 16.24-27

**September 24 - Fthr Newman**

Ps 48; Ezra 9.5-9; Luke 9.1-6

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## ***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
- TUESDAYS:** 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study
- WEDNESDAYS:** 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:45 pm, Adult Class

### **BREAKFAST & BIBLE**

*A weekly class – beginning with breakfast – which previews  
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM**

*Holy Eucharist is celebrated each week at 7 pm.*

9/3: No class

9/10: *Living with History, Chapter 6, (Pp 161-178)*

9/17: *The Old Testament: In the Beginning*

9/24: *The Old Testament: Adam and Eve*

10/1: *Movies & Theology: Amadeus*

## ***ST . BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF***

**RECTOR:** The Very Rev. James Newman

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**ASSISTING:** The Rev. Giles Asbury,  
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**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mr. Frank Basile

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