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RECTOR'S FORUM TO MEET MONTHLY

The Vestry has embarked on an exciting new venture in Christian education for the parish. Beginning in May, the 1st Sunday each month will take on even more importance in our schedule. Not only will we have the input of our youth at the 10 a.m. service, the food collection for the St. Joseph Center, and the gathering of folks for birthday/anniversary prayers. Starting in May, the Rector and Vestry will sponsor THE RECTOR'S FORUM to be held from 9 - 9.50 in Luther Hall.

The Rector's Forum will be a time to raise issues and ask questions. It will be a time for a speaker or a video that we need to hear but which is not appropriate for the sermon. It is a time to ask questions and seek new expressions of our faith. Those who preach will seek to ensure that the 8 a.m. ends by 8.50 so that people may

get down to Luther Hall and get their refreshments. That day will be for presentations & dialogue, not only "the coffee hour"

There will be times that the Forum gets moved (as in September due to Labor Day weekend or in January due to New Year's weekend). There are times when it will not be held at all (the summer months of June, July & August). What would you like to see as topics? Please pass on your ideas to Mike Olsen & Joelle Underwood.

The initial forum will be held Sunday, May 2. Attorneys Dennis Winston & Michael Mullins will speak on "Unions in the Church: Holy, Civil or both?" The Forum will begin promptly at 9 a.m. in Luther Hall.

Remember, "Jesus died to take away your sins, not your minds"!

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THIS MONTH

- Rector's Forum
- New Occasions
- Healing Ministry Workshop
- News Briefs-Around the Parish

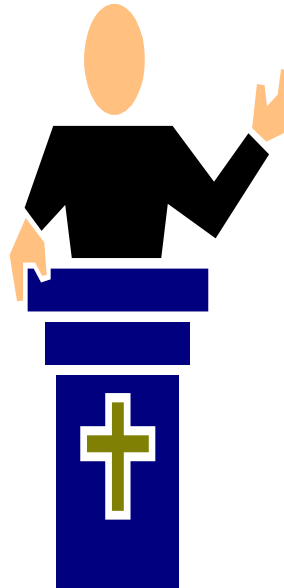
CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

As I write this message, my desk is awash with Holy Week and Easter. Before YOU end Lent, I will have celebrated Holy Week & Easter several times as we pick hymns, decide on liturgies and publish bulletins. The copy machine and volunteers will hate me by Easter Day.

That is our preparation. We prepare like mad to celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. What we do on April 11 is the formative act of our lives as Christians. It is the event around which all other events are built. It is not only central, but essential, to our faith.

Easter is why we have Lent & Holy Week. We do not shout "Christ was Beaten" every Sunday, but we tell that story on Palm/Passion Sunday and on Good Friday. We do not focus on whips and thorns, but we do say, "Therefore let us keep the feast". When Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and then his disciples, he was not a beaten and bloodied messiah. No, when he appeared, he was a victorious savior -- Christus Victor. He was the bringer of hope, not the reminder of brutality.

We live through and celebrate Holy Week so that we CAN celebrate Easter just as we offer each Friday as a Day of Denial so that we might celebrate the Sunday as a reminder of Easter. We may not have a meatless Friday as the Roman Church used to mandate, but I think it important to incorporate some kind of spiritual discipline that reminds us that



Good Friday always must precede Easter, Friday must always precede Sunday.

As Christians and as Anglicans, we are united not by one earthly leader -- a Pope or an all powerful ayatollah who tells us what or how to think. We are united by Jesus and his saving death, his message of love, his unity with God the Father. We are united with Anglicans around the world not because we speak the same language or share the same foods or customs, but because we follow the same Lord and Savior.

Following Jesus does not mean that we will have unanimity of thought or practice. I am not sure that the Twelve Disciples even had that throughout their lifetimes. The unity is in the table fellowship -- take, give thanks, break, eat. We all believe that the Bible is our primary source, our central library, but it is not the only (or inerrant) source. We also believe that the experience of tradition and the insights of human reason are vitally important in our quest to be people whose faith shapes our actions.

It has been said that we are an Easter people. Then let us live that both by what we say and who we are. Let being a Christian in a post-Easter world mean that we pass on Christ-like virtues as our legacy. Let us truly be evangelists -- sharing the good news of who and Whose we are.

Canon Jim

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Elaine Stumpus, Lana Spraker,
Marjorie & Don Kivell,
Robin Manley, A. J. & Barbara Racy,
James Roshdoony

Covenant Blessing:

Jusak Bernhard & Jeffrey Manley, 3/20

April Anniversaries:

Daniel & Elizabeth Mohler, 04/03
Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre, 04/28

April Birthdays:

Nathan Mohler, 04/01
Eugenia Eaton, 04/02
Meg Russell, 04/05
Harriet Haddad, 04/06
Carl Townsend, 04/10
Karen Earle, 04/12
Jo Ledsam, 04/12
Nancy Holly, 04/15
Madeline Hisserich, 04/18
Amanda Duval, 04/18
Samira Tamer, 04/20
Mary Jane Herron, 04/22
Evelynne Householder, 04/24
David Householder, 04/25
Stephen Buck, 04/26

NEWS BRIEFS—AROUND THE PARISH

We are no longer using the "Emergency Pager" number that has been used for the last several years. In case of emergency, please page Fr. Jim at 310-569-1575 or call Mthr. Golie at 626-795-3562. You may also call one of the wardens or your Vestry liaison.

Coffee Hour is one of the special occasions in St. Bede's parish life. Like all special occasions, someone has to take the responsibility for organizing it. Please consider volunteering to share your special goodies with your friends some Sunday. Sign up on the list in Luther Hall.

With the end of Lent, the Sisters of Bede Season of venues continues, with two events in April. Talk to one of the Sisters to learn about open events in the coming months. If you'd like to be active with the group, Easter Sunday is a good day to start.

The Middle Eastern Line Dancing Class and Dinner originally scheduled for May 15th will be rescheduled on June 12th at 6 pm in Luther Hall. Host Samira Tamer will be contacting all those who have signed up for this event.

St. John's Guild will convene for its monthly potluck luncheon at Noon on April 14. Following lunch, there will be a business meeting and a guest speaker. Fr. John Hancock, of St. Bede's, will speak on the topic of Nutritional Health. All are welcome to attend.

APRIL LESSONS

SUNDAY LESSONS

April 4: Palm Sunday - Canon Newman
Luke 19.28-40; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps. 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-23.56

April 11: Easter Day - Canon Newman
Acts 10.34-43; Ps. 118.14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12

April 18: Easter 2 - Canon Newman
Acts 5.27-32; Ps. 150; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

April 25: Easter 3 - Mthr. Haynes
Acts 9.1-20; Ps. 30; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

MID WEEK LESSONS

April 8: (Maundy Thursday) - Canon Newman
Exodus 12.1-14; Ps. 116.1,10-17; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-7,31b-35

April 9: (Good Friday) - Canon Newman
Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Ps. 22; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-19.42

April 14: (Wed., Easter Week) - Canon Newman
Ps. 105.108; Acts 3.1-10; Luke 24.13-35

April 21: (Anselm) - Canon Newman
Ps. 139.1-9; Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 11.25-30

April 28: (Wed., Easter 3) - Canon Newman
Ps 66.1-8; Acts 8.1b-8; John 6.35-40

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.
NO Class April 6–Holy Week*

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

- 4/7: No Class -- HOLY WEEK
- 4/14 The Old Testament: Samuel & Saul
- 4/21 The Old Testament: King David
- 4/28 The Old Testament: From King Solomon
to Preclassical Prophecy

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

MSY INTERN: Ms. Vicki Mouradian

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

- Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden
Annete Graw ['07] - Junior Warden
Kyle Ferstead—Clerk
Tom Ledsam—Treasurer
Gordon Fuglie ('05) Michael Gallagher ['07]
Edmonde Haddad ['07] Ina Klem ['06]
Samira Tamer ('05) Jerry Hornof ['05]
Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

- Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)
Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)