

THE QUILL

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SISTERS OF BEDE VENUE EVENTS AVAILABLE

Get your ticket for the Party of Parties to be held in Luther Hall on Saturday, October 9 at 6 p.m. The Party of Parties is the chance to sign up for the 2004-2005 Sisters of Bede "exciting, mouthwatering & entertaining venues".

The 2004-2005 Schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 23: Iraqi Dinner (Newman/Mullins)*
- Nov. 6: Creole Dinner (Underwood)*
- Dec. 18: Christmas Tree Trimming (Mohler)*
- Jan. 15: Indian Dinner (Vielhaber/Short)*
- Jan. 29: Mystery Theater Dinner (Graw/Morrison)*
- Feb. 5: Prayer Breakfast (Haynes)*
- March 5: Shakespeare Dinner & Play (Newman/Mullins)*
- March 12: Italian Dinner (Nicastro)*
- April 9: Chinese Cooking (Klem)*
- May 14: Middle East Dance Class/Dinner (Tamer)*
- May 21: Those Wonderful Inverts (Hornof/Scharre)*
- June 5: Swedish Dinner (Newman)*
- June 17: Yacht Club Dinner/Boat Viewing (Hutson)*
- Aug. 21: Summer Garden Festival (Funk/Fuglie)*
- Aug. 27: Beach Picnic (Mohler)*
- TBA: Sail Away (Olsens), Game Night (SoB's)*

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THIS MONTH

SoB Venue Events in
2004-2005

Rector's Column

News Briefs-Around the
Parish

WHO WILL WRITE YOUR WILL?? THE STATE WILL (unless you do),
AND THE STATE WON'T INCLUDE A BEQUEST FOR THE PARISH.

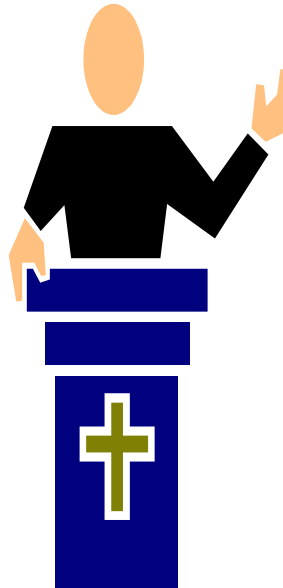
CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Wow! Here I am back again writing for the Quill...and its is the time to think of stewardship (a word that the Church of Sweden does not understand because of Sweden's "church tax").

As I said in my sermon on Sept. 19, God has (1) given us the world and all that is therein and (2) forgiven us and called us God's own. In response, we are to be God's agents here and the stewards of God's creation.

St. Bede's had a good record of stewardship. Many people have used the worksheet enclosed with the pledge materials to ascertain the percentage that they have been giving and the amount that they have as their goal. I hope that more of you do that as we prepare for 2005.

St. Bede's continues to have a respectable program of outreach. With the closing of the Thrift Store at Pueblo Nuevo, we have aligned ourselves with the Thrift Store at St. Joseph's Center in Venice. We continue to look for new ways to reach outside the walls of our buildings. In June, we lost long-time parishioner Joanne Atkinson who had worked tirelessly for the Daybreak Center, working with homeless mentally ill women. I hope that we can continue that work in her memory.



We have increased our educational activities. This year, we have begun the first youth group in 20 years. We have trained several people to use "VIA MEDIA" as a tool of evangelism and education in the parish (watch for the forum in December).

Watch for the parish forums — scheduled for 9 a.m. on some Sundays. In October, we will be discussing recent tensions within the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles; in November we will discuss stewardship; in December the "Via Media" program. I also hope to lead another discussion on will-writing and burial plans in the near future.

We will also begin the 9th season of the Friends of Music this month. We need your support, your attendance AND your willingness to tell others and bring friends. Jusak Bernhard is working on a silent auction to follow the November evensong (in time for Christmas).

Finally, more that Time, Talent & Treasure, let us be stewards of "the Peace of God that passes all understanding", for that is the greatest gift we can share. In Christ,

Canon Jim

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Michele Oats, Rod Reinecke & Ruth Wright, Polly Hansen, Debra Michels, Laura Larrabee, Read Worden, Mamie Waers, Mary Lou Davies, Percia Hutcherson, Etta Kralovec, Paul & Bonnie Nakasuji, Richard Eden, Jean Hixenbaugh, Reed Wilson, Abeer Shays & Jeff Kloss, Frank Garvey, Tim Weeder & Bernie Sabillo

Marriages:

Edward Call & Xiao Yan Sun, 09/11

Deaths:

Joanne Frances Atkinson, 06/30

October Anniversaries:

Carl & Jennine Townsend 10/07

October Birthdays:

Jean Dahler	10/02
Quinn Kelley	10/03
Paul Thompson	10/03
Miller Vaughn	10/06
Raymond Atwood	10/10
Pamela Hall	10/16
Margaret Hartley	10/20
Jean Gould	10/21
Hannah Vaughn	10/21
Elsie Harter	10/28
Jusak Yang Bernhard	10/28
Susan Funk	10/28
Linda Demer	10/31

MORE JOTTINGS ...random thoughts as I clean off my desk... from Canon Jim Newman

Someone said to me schism is worse than heresy, because heresy can be repented. In schism, one is breaking ties ...usually for a very long time. This summer, three of our sister congregations (one in Orange County and two in Los Angeles County) broke fellowship with the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and the Episcopal Church in the United States and are seeking to align themselves with the Anglican Province of Uganda.

The congregations say that they are doing this because of Biblical orthodoxy. The plain fact is that they are doing it because they wish to say that gay and lesbian people are less than whole members of God's dominion. After centuries of gay clergy, many of them aligned with the "conservative" side of the Church, they have been offended that the Bishop of New Hampshire is honest about his relationship. One conservative Bishop said, "if only he hadn't told us, I could have voted for him".

Poor Gene Robinson has become the whipping-boy for the "traditionalists in the Church because he is honest. Even the Archbishop of Canterbury has refused to talk with him as he ponders the current mess. This congregation and others have been ably served by gay or lesbian clergy and to demean anyone because of their God-given sexuality is to seek to play God.

Also, the General Convention allowed as how some communities (dioceses and congregations) are celebrating the blessing of gay and lesbian relationships. Since that includes this congregation, we have been told that some relationships are good and some are sin. Well, I agree with that! My mother was married four times and one husband was a wife-beater and one was an abusive alco-

holic and one abandoned her with a three month old daughter to raise. Yes, some relationships are sinful, but it has nothing to do with sexual orientation. It has everything to do with having a commitment to have Jesus or God as part of that relationship. If that is part of the mix, then this Church and this parish will bless it. And if some people think that we have attacked the sanctity of marriage, I would invite them to come and pray and share fellowship in this inclusive place.

We live in a world where many orthodoxies have been shattered as we live and move and have our being. We understand that divorce is terrible but sometimes necessary and we recognize that remarriage is often life-giving. We recognize that women have God-given ministries (lay and ordained). We recognize the same is true for gay and lesbian people and any people who have been marginalized and enslaved due to the limitations of the minds of others.

We have again and again stated our welcome for all people — all of us God's sons and daughters — as we seek to live out our Baptismal pledges. We want to be a place where our relationships will grow and become strong; where children and adults will have their faith formed and strengthened; where we are all committed to extend the ministry of Jesus Christ outside the four walls of this building. And we affirm the ministry and vision of Bishops Bruno, Talton, Anderson and Carranza as they lead us into the future that God is creating for us.

**DAVID AND PAT TOY REMIND US:
IF YOU WISH TO ORDER MEMORIAL ROSES, PLEASE DO IT NOW AS THEY ARE
IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING OUT OF THE AREA!!!**

OCTOBER SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

October 3, Proper 22 (Mthr. Haynes)
Lamentations 1.1-6 & 3.19-20; 2 Tim. 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

October 10, Proper 23 (Canon Newman)
Jeremiah 29.6.1-12; 2 Tim. 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

October 17, Proper 24 (Canon Newman)
Jer. P. 119.97-104; 2 Tim. 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

October 24, Proper 25 (Canon Newman)
Joel 2.23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18; Luke 18.9-14

October 31, Proper 26 (Mthr. Haynes)
Hab. 1.1-4 & 2.1-4; Ps. 119.137-144; 2 Thess. 1.1-4,11-12; Luke 19.1-10

WEDNESDAYS

10/6: William Tyndale (Canon Newman)
Ps. 1; James 1.21-25; John 12.44-50

10/13: feria (Canon Newman)
Ps. 32; Galatians 6.1-10; Luke 11.42-46

10/20: feria (Canon Newman)
Canticle 9; Ephesians 3.4-12; Luke 12.39-48

10/27: feria (Canon Newman)
Ps. 145.10-19; Ephesians 6.1-9; Luke 13.22-30

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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.*

October 5 — (N. Holly & M. Leng, hosts)
October 12 — (R. Jayne & R. Miller, hosts)
October 19 — (I. Klem & L. Jennison, hosts)
October 26 — (J. Newman, host)

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

10/6-13-20 & 27:

The study of "Early Christian Traditions"
By Professor Rebecca Lyman
Church Divinity School of the Pacific

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

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)