

# 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 8 at 6 p.m. The Party of Parties is the chance to sign up for the 2005-06 Sisters of Bede "exciting, mouthwatering & entertaining venues".

The 2005-06 Schedule is as follows:

- Dec. 17: Christmas Tree Trimming (SoB's & Mohlers)*
- Jan. 14: Russian Dinner (Graw/Hiteshew/Newman/Mullins)*
- Jan 28: Italian Dinner (Vielhaber/Short)*
- Feb. 4: 3rd Annual Prayer Breakfast (Haynes)*
- February 11: Italian Dinner (Nicastros)*
- Feb. 14: Mystery Theater Dinner (Graw/Morrison)*
- Feb. 18: Trip to the Palm Springs Follies (Mullins/Newman)*
- Feb. 25: Nov. 6: Creole Dinner (Underwood)*
- Mar. 18: Elegant Retro Dinner a la 60's (Mouradian)*
- Mar. 25: Mystery Theater Dinner (Graw/Morrison)*
- Apr. 22: Shakespeare Dinner & Play (Newman/Mullins/Townsend)*
- May 6: 2nd Annual Game Night (Jones/Russell)*
- May 6: High Tea on the High Seas - a ladies' day out(Olsens)*
- May 13: Seafood of the Pacific Northwest (Hornof/Scharre)*
- April 9: Chinese Cooking (Klem)*
- May 14: Middle East Dance Class/Dinner (Tamer)*
- June 3: El Salvadorian Dinner (Newman/Mullins)*
- June 10: The Parrot & Organ BBQ (Mackay)*
- Aug. 20: Summer Garden Festival Dinner (Funk/Olsen)*
- Sept. 6: Sail Away (Olsens)*
- Sept. 24: California Eclectic Seasonal Delights in the Afternoon (Levenstein/Reitzel)*

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### THIS MONTH

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- SoB Venues Announced
- October Birthdays & Anniversaries

## OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH !!

# CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Dear Friends in Christ:

Stewardship is easy. A Baptist friend of mine says — tithing (10%) is what is expected. Anything beyond that is giving. Hmm...that is an interesting thought.

NO, I am not trying to scare people away. Actually, I would say that sacrificial giving is setting a percentage goal and working toward it.. So, there are several steps:

1. Figure out what %age of your income you have been giving (we will send a form to help with that);
2. Prayerfully set a %age goal (we would hope that it would be an upward climb);
3. Look at the other opportunities for outreach (NYA, ERD, UTO, FoM, etc.); and
4. Look at what you might give for the ongoing renovation of the parish (see p. 3).

The next issue is: %age of what figure? I don't care whether it is Gross or Net. Most people put a bill in the

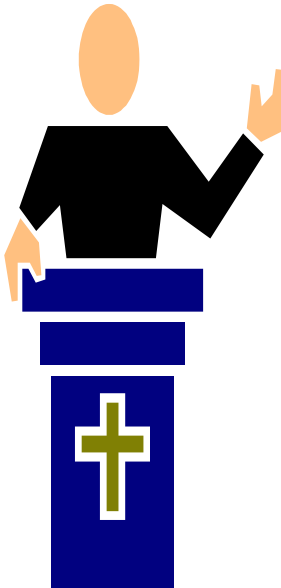


plate and never thing %age. I remember the first time I faced that issue as a young (29) priest. All I had ever done was put \$5 in the collection plate — that was my standard gift. The night before I preached my first stewardship sermon, I had to face the fact that I had never seriously thought about stewardship. It was truly a “come to Jesus” moment.

A parishioner is a former parish once said, “I determine what is 10% of gross and then all of my charitable giving comes out of that.” That's fair. There are so many good paths to choose, all that we need to do is to choose one.

Let me say, St. Bede's is an incredibly generous parish. The stewardship here has gone up year after year. At the same time, our first priority is to be a responsible member of the Diocese of Los Angeles. The first thing we do is pay our monthly assessment to the Diocese (part of which they pay as their assessment to the national Episcopal Church).

In October, the Stewardship Committee under the able leadership of Jerry Hornof will sponsor a series of presentations at the Sunday services. The office will send out pledge materials in mid-October.

Our goal is that everyone who claims to be a member of St. Bede's (who claims its pastoral ministry) will return a pledge card on or by Sunday, November 6. Even if you cannot pledge, returning the signed card is a symbol of our ministry together.

This year, **Bishop Chester Talton** will be with us on November 6 at the 10 a.m. service. He will be blessing our new windows, new church furniture, new offices & new parish hall. He will also confirm and receive new members. Bishop Talton will join us for our annual stewardship luncheon in Luther Hall following the service. I will comment further on Bishop Talton's visit in the November Quill.

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Visitors:

Jan & Craig McLanahan, Eric Dalquist & Gretchen Hight, David Norgard & Joseph Oppold III, Mary Walker-Chyle & Valerian Chyle, Julie Butler, John Henderson, Kimball Wheeler, Sandra & Arnold Orleans, Robyn & Ben Zelmanovitz

### 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
Micheline Carlstrand	10/13
Pamela Hall	10/16
Margaret Hartley	10/20
Jean Gould	10/21
Hannah Vaughn	10/21
Elsie Harter	10/28
Jusak Bernhard	10/28
Susan Funk	10/28
Linda Demer	10/31

## RENOVATION PROJECT COMPLETES SEVERAL ITEMS & KEEPS GOING

In the late fall of 1967, the Diocese celebrated the opening of the building housing St. Bede's congregation. It was the successor to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Venice and St. John's Mission in West Los Angeles (Sawtelle), both of which had existed since the first decade of the 20th century.

However, St. Bede's sanctuary was not complete. The stained glass was not installed. Slowly — over the next twenty-five years — people gave memorials and 18 of the 42 windows were created. Several years later, the parish developed plan for the renovation of the worship space. Working with architects Eric Heggen and, later, Paul Collins, the worship committee & vestry developed and implemented the renovation that was completed when we moved back into the sanctuary to celebrate the life of our founding rector, Fr. Joseph Reeves, on October 21, 2000.

On November 6, Bishop Talton will bless the remainder of the clerestory windows — much of them given in memory of Fr. Reeves — as well as the chapel altar — given in memory of Michael Gallagher's parents, the choir privacy screen, and two speaker cabinets. He will also bless the renovated offices and parish hall.

We are still paying for the work — \$15,000 of the parish hall/office costs. We are also still renovating. We need to paint the building and complete the 2nd and 3rd stages of the Luther Hall renovation (flexible wall, lighting, new furnaces & air conditioning for the offices and Luther Hall).

## HAWAII RETREAT TO FOCUS ON JOB

St. Bede's-on-the-Beach is an intimate retreat held on the Hawaiian island of Kauai at the end of January. The stunning Maha'ulepu valley is the location of the Gillin Beach House — the only house in the valley and on an otherwise isolated beach. The 2006 Retreat will be held on January 30-February 6.

This year, we will be studying *Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job, and the Scale of Creation* by Bill McKibben. Acclaimed environmentalist and writer Bill McKibben turns to the biblical book of Job and its awesome depiction of creation to demonstrate our need to embrace a bold new paradigm for living if we hope to reverse the current trend of ecological destruction. McKibben combines modern science and timeless biblical wisdom to make the case that growth and economic progress are not only undesirable but deadly. If we continue to accelerate the pace of development, we will inevitably complete the "decreation" of our planet and everything on it, including ourselves.

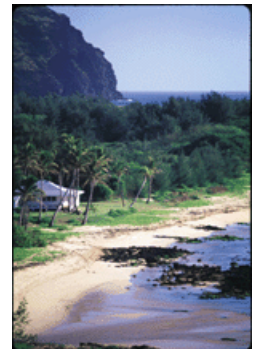
The retreat costs:



Room/Board:  
\$750 (dbl. Room)

Est. Food/Auto:  
\$200

See the Rector!



## OCTOBER LESSONS

### SUNDAYS

**October 2, Pentecost 20** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Ex. 20.1-4,7-9,12-20; Ps. 19; Phil 3.4b-14; Matt. 21.33-46

**October 9, Pentecost 21** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Ex. 32.1-14; Ps. 106.1-6,19-23; Phil. 4.1-9; Matt. 22.1-14

**October 16, Pentecost 22** (Canon Newman)  
Ex. 33.12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1.1-10; Matt. 22.15-22

**October 23, Pentecost 23** (Canon Newman)  
Deut. 34.1-12; Ps. 90.1-6,13-17; 1 Thess. 2.1-8; Matt. 22.34-46

**October 30, Pentecost 24** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Josh. 3.7-17; Ps. 107.1-7,33-37; 1 Thess. 2.9-13; Matt. 23.1-12

### WEDNESDAYS

**10/5, feria** (Canon Newman)  
Ps. 86.1-10; Jonah 4.1-11; Luke 11.1-4

**10/12, feria** (Canon Newman)  
Ps. 62.1-9; Romans 2.1-11; Luke 11.42-46

**10/19, St. Luke (tr.)** (Canon Newman) Ps. 147.1-7;  
Eccclus. 38.1-4,6-10,12-14; 2 Tim. 4.5-13; Luke 4.14-21

**10/26, St. James of Jerusalem (tr.)** (Canon Newman)  
Ps. 1; Acts 15.12-22a; 1 Cor. 15.1-11; Matthew 13.54-58

# ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Email: stbedesla@yahoo.com

**We're on the Web!**  
**www.stbedesla.org**  
**Hear Sunday's Sermon!**

## ***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** 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

**WEDNESDAYS:** 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:45 pm, Adult Class

### **BREAKFAST & BIBLE**

Hosts:  
10/4: J. Fox, H. Haddad, M. Kosinski  
10/11: J. Young, R. Miller  
10/18: I. Klem, L. Jennison  
10/25: L. Beitzel, E. Harter

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM**

10/4: New Testament: Mark—Jesus the Suffering Son of God  
10/11: New Testament: Matthew—Jesus the Jewish Messiah  
10/18: New Testament: Luke—Jesus the Savior of the World  
10/25: New Testament: John—Jesus the Man from Heaven

### **VIA MEDIA**

*An introduction to the Episcopal Church*

10/2: God & Creation: The Abundance of God's Goodness  
10/9: God in Jesus: An Incarnational Faith  
10/16: God the Holy Spirit: The Breath of New Life  
10/23: The Bible: The Word of God for the People of God

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

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

**ASSOCIATE:** The Rev. Argola Haynes

### **ASSISTING:**

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mr. Frank Basile

**FACILITIES MANAGER:** Tom Ledsam

**SEXTON:** Mr. Masoud Janneshan

### **VESTRY**

Mike Olsen [06] - Senior Warden

Annette Graw [07] - Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood (06)—Clerk

Paul Thompson—Treasurer

Susan Funk (08) Michael Gallagher [07]

Edmonde Haddad [07] Jerry Hornof [08]

Ina Klem [06] Liz Mohler (08)

### **DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION**

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - (06)

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - (07)