

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA
THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 27, 2009

Welcome to St. Bede's Church. We're pleased that you have chosen to worship here today. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book or fill out the card in the Visitor's packet, and join the congregation downstairs in the parish hall for refreshments after the service. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The rest rooms, nursery and classrooms are located downstairs off the parish hall.

On this first Sunday after Christmas our attention is directed by the readings beyond the historical event of Jesus' birth to its cosmic and saving meaning. The Gospel reading is the theological prologue to the Gospel of John. This early Christian poem describes Jesus as the Incarnation ("enfleshment") of the divine Word who is one with God, through whom God creates and redeems the world. It also expresses our unity with God by grace and faith. Thus, the birth of Jesus is not simply an event in his story but the event of our lives, too.

The first reading today promises the re-establishment of God's people in his kingdom. The prophet sees this as a certainty; in other words, it is an integral part of God's plan of salvation.

The reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians is a portion of Paul's proclamation that in the new covenant our relationship to God is based on faith rather than obedience to the Law. Paul replaces the source of that new relationship in our unity through Baptism with Jesus, which makes us sons and daughters of God.

This Sunday's theme, then, expresses the double role of the church's liturgy. It usually celebrates historical events, but in our action together as the people of God, the historical events are revealed as eternally saving events as well. In the liturgy, time and space are transcended and the events of history become the events of our own lives as individuals and as a community.

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The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno is the Bishop of Los Angeles

The Very Rev. Canon James Newman is the Rector of St. Bede's Parish & Dean of Deanery 3

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian is the Assistant

Associated clergy: The Rev. Giovan King, D. Min.

Mr. Frank Basile is the Director of Music

Canon Annette Graw is the President of Deanery 3, Diocese of Los Angeles

Mr. Reed Wilson & Mr. Michael Mullins are the Wardens of this Parish

Lay Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles: Annette Graw, Edmonde Haddad, Wes Hartley, Ruth Nicastro

- *Nursery care is available downstairs. We also have speakers in the patio should your child wish to go outside*
- *You are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.*
- *If you wish a pastoral call, please see a member of the Clergy or the Vestry member on duty.*
- *Items to be included in the bulletin must be at the office by the preceding Tuesday morning.*

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INTERCESSIONS

◆ We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Jon, Chester & Sergio, our bishops, for Diane & Mary, our Bishops Suffragan-elect, and James, Vicki & Giovan, our clergy; for Frank-Joaquin-Tom-RoseMarie-Michael & Jeannette, our lay staff & for the clergy & people of St. Andrew's with St. Agnes in Romford, England. We pray for Lauren, Richard and all Missionaries of the Church. We pray for reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church & the Diocese of Los Angeles. In our parish, we pray for those who assist in the parish office & help maintain the Church and the grounds..

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *Diocese of Ysabel - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Richard Naramana;*
◆ *DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: World Mission Companions: The Diocese of El Salvador: San Juan Evangelista (La Escalon, San Salvador), The Diocese of Jerusalem: St. John the Evangelist (Haifa), Holy Family (Raineib); The Diocese of Belize: St. John's Memorial Church and School (Placencia); Congregations: St. John's (San Bernardino, Wilmington, Los Angeles, Needles, Costa Mesa, La Verne), St. Thomas of Canterbury (Long Beach), Holy Family (North Hollywood), Faith Church (Laguna Niguel); Clergy: David Perry, Marni Schneider, Alexandra Conrads, George Lutbringer, Richard Shackell, Barry Verdi, Alice Callaghan, Peter Browning, Mitties DeChamplain; Widows: Emily Miller, Catherine Miller.]*

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Arnold, our Governor; and the mayors of our cities. We pray for peace in the world and remember all those serving their countries at home and abroad, especially those we name ...

◆ We remember the **ill & those in need:** Linda, Dulcie, Michael, John, Edmonde, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Peggy, Kim, Frances, Kanan, Peggy, Diana, Steven, David, Dean, Kelly, Dan, Eileen, Ergun, Caleb, Dennis, Max,

◆ We remember those who have **died:** ...

◆ The **Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's Peace and Grace; the **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God and in honor of her Ya Ya Sister Lola Thombs by Nancy Mills AND in prayers for Prace for All by Ron & Kelly Zullo.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

WEDNESDAY – Holy Innocents (tr.) :

Jeremiah 31.15-17; Ps. 124; Revelation 21.1-7;
Matthew 2.13-18

SUNDAY – Christmas 2:

Jeremiah 31.7-14; Ps. 84.1-8; Ephesians 1.3-6, 15-19a;
Matthew 2.1-12

CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim
==on call==
Mthr. Vicki
W: 4-7 pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY		NO Evening Prayer
Wednesday	7 pm	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8 & 10 9 am	Holy Eucharist Choir rehearsal
	6 pm	Evening Prayer

[refreshments: 8: ???; 10: L. Williams/D. David]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Advent-Christmas Quill* and the **December Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- Please pick up your **2010 pledge envelopes**.
- The **Annual Meeting** will be Sun., Jan. 17 following the 10 am service; to determine what you should bring for the pot-luck luncheon, : If the last digit of your telephone # is... bring:
6-8, maincourse; 9, bread; 0-1, salad; 2-3, vegetable; 4-5, dessert.
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:
1/18- *Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher (8): The Rev. Canon Jim Newman
Lay Assistant (8): Michael Gallagher
Lector (8): Roger Jayne
Greeter (8): Ron Zullo
Healing Team (8): Gina Turella
Refreshments (8): ???

Celebrant & Preacher (10): The Rev. Canon Jim Newman
Guest Music Director (10): Wayne Behlendorf
Vocal Section Leaders (10): Anita Van Tellingen;
Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery
Lay Ministers (10): Angus Mackay, Diane Gandara,
Kim Hudson, Peggy Levenstein, Michael Mullins,
Ashkan Sobhe, Adelaide Vaughn
Greeters (10): Russ Harter, Penny Jennings
Healing Chapel (10): Peggy Levenstein
Refreshments (10): ???

Vestry Member on Duty: Carly Portalupi
Counters: Nancy Holly & Marta Quiroba

New to the Episcopal Church? Lost in the Prayer Book? Hazy about Sin & Redemption? Want to be confirmed or received? Meet the Episcopal Church up close and personal – come to the Via Media Class (8 weeks) after the 10 am service.

- **St. Joseph Center** food collection next Sunday.
- **St. Bede's AIDS Ministry:** May 3, 9 am at St. Mary's; details: Jeannette Young (398-6925).
- **St. Joseph Center** food collection TODAY.
- Today we remember those who have **birthdays or anniversaries** in May; the collection taken benefits the **Neighborhood Youth Association**.
- Deadline for the **August Quill** is July 16.

8 am Teams

Week 1: Dennis Winston Gina Turella Nancy Mills

Week 2: Kyle Ferstead Lew Ehrich Dennis &/or Connor Winston

Week 3: Annette Graw Quinn Kelley Tom Ledsam

Week 4: Michael Gallagher Roger Jayne Ron Zullo

5th Sunday at 8 a.m.: Michael Gallagher Kathy Fairchild

Eucharistic Visitors

Michael Gallagher & Janet Fox, Kyle Ferstead, Samira Tamer & Annette Graw, Annette Graw & Michael Mullins, Kyle Ferstead, Kathy Russell & Angus Mackay

We pray for the lay ministries of this parish, remembering especially this week:

1

the wardens, vestry officers & members, and the members of parish committees

2

the Verger, lay eucharistic ministers, healing team members, intercessors, lectors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, counters, and the sacristans

3

the music director, choir, musicians, and the Friends of Music

4

the St. John's Guild, the Sisters of Bede, the Brothers of Bede, the Bookworms of Bede, the Kids of Bede & the Friends of Bede

5

the AIDS ministry & those who minister with the N.Y.A, St. Joseph Center, the OPCC and the Daybreak Center & with our NYA scholarship students Jasmine, Teresa, Dayana, Rebeca & Alex.

6

nursery workers, Church School teachers, leaders of adult education classes, and those participating in EFM and other educational programs

7

those who minister in the committees and institutions of the Deanery & Diocese

8

those who assist in the parish office & help maintain the Church and the grounds.

9 (fifth Sundays)

those who meet at St. Bede's seeking health and wholeness from addictions

10 am Teams

Week 1:

Akani Fletcher, Sharon Arthur, Christoph Dugré, Janet Fox, Phyllis Morrison, Reed Wilson

G: James Raef, Reed Wilson

Week 2:

Barbara Sands, Annette Graw, Steve Buck, James Davis, Laird Hegamin, Phil Schultz, Samira Tamer

G: James Raef, Jesse Neboh

Week 3:

Dennis Winston, Tom Elliott, Tom King, Liz Mohler, Kathy Russell, Alice Short, Anita Van Tellingen

G: Carl Townsend, Jeanette Young

Week 4:

Angus Mackay, Diane Gandara, Kim Hudson, Peggy

Levenstein, Michael Mullins, Ashkan Sobhe, Adelaide Vaughn

G: Russ Harter, Penny Jennings

5th Sundays at 10 a. m.

The lay assistants at the late service are:

March 29, 2009: Team 3

May 31, 2009: Team 4

August 30, 2009: Team 1

November 29, 2009: Team 2