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MOVIES &

THEOLOGY



Have you ever thought of the theological motifs in motion pictures -- not only in movies like "The Ten Commandments" or "The King of Kings", but also in films such as "In the Bedroom", "The Prince of Tides", or "Harold and Maude"?

Two years ago, Karen Kuchel and Fr. Jim began this discussion while on a retreat. In the meantime, Phyllis Morrison and Annette Graw have taken courses on this subject from Fr. Jim Friedrich at Mt. Calvary Retreat Center in Santa Barbara.

We live in such a media-dominated culture and city," noted Fr. Newman, "that we cannot even schedule an event to conflict with the Academy Awards -- no one would be at Church! We should use that interest to look at theological themes that are all around us. Whether we go to a theater or watch a film here, we have the makings of great discussions."

The Wednesday class in Easter Week (April 3) will serve as an organizing meeting for this ongoing study and discussion. If you are interested in seeing this established, please mark that date on your calendar!!

**AN UPDATE TO THE PARISH DIRECTORY
WILL APPEAR IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF *THE QUILL***

BE AWARE !

No, not beware; but be aware. There are a variety of ways to be aware of what is happening in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

One is to read The Episcopal News when it arrives at your home (if you are not currently receiving this, please let the office know). Another is to subscribe to one or more of the magazines: Episcopal Life, The Living Church, The Witness, Anglican World or others.

Another way is to visit the various websites -- for the parish, for the diocese, for the national church and for the Anglican Communion. You can get to all of them by visiting our parish website at:

<http://www.stbedesla.org>

Yet another way is to join an e-mail list ('enlist') which automatically sends out the releases of the Episcopal Church. To SUBSCRIBE to enlist, send a blank email message, from the address which you wish subscribed, to:

join-enlist@epicom.org

The enlist is published by Episcopal News Service. Visit the ENS web site:

www.episcopalchurch.org/ens

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Ongoing work:

- 1. soliciting memorials**
- 2. replace sign at SW corner**
- 3. exterior lights**
- 4. painting the building**
- 5. Office painting & carpeting**
- 6. Renovation of Luther Hall**

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

HOLY WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

PALM SUNDAY - Services at 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. We recall both the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem and the impact of that procession which carried him to the cross. On this day, we gather at a place apart from the nave to re-enact Christ's entry into the city. After the procession moves into the building, we read the passion narrative.

EUCCHARISTS - MONDAY & TUESDAY at 7 P.M. & WEDNESDAY at 6:30 P.M.

We view Christ's passion from various points of view as we gather at the Lord's Table.

TENEBRAE - Wednesday at 8:00 P.M.

This is the traditional service for the evening before Maundy Thursday. Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") is a service of lessons and psalms that provides an extended meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events in our Lord's life between the Last Supper and the Resurrection.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Service at 7:00 P.M.

On this day, we celebrate the inauguration of the Lord's supper, when Jesus offered his body and blood in the form of bread and wine. At the same time, he gave us his commandment - "Mandatum" - that we should love one another. So on Maundy Thursday we celebrate the Eucharist and the priest washes the feet of people as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar and in silence as we recall Jesus and his disciples leaving the upper room and going to Gethsemane.

Following this, a prayer vigil will continue until Noon on Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY - Service at Noon

This day we concentrate on Jesus death on Calvary. Good Friday is also one of the two days designated as fast days in the Prayer Book. To keep the fast, eat nothing on this day from morning until sundown. Our worship at this service consists of the service of the word, the Veneration of the Cross - when we meditate upon Christ's offering - and receiving the consecrated elements reserved at the Maundy Thursday Eucharist.

Service at 7 PM

This evening, we will gather to meditate about Christ's last hours and last walk in a series of lessons & readings.

HOLY SATURDAY - Service at Noon

This is a short "burial office" liturgy where we remember Christ lying on the tomb. There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER - Service at 6:30 A.M. on Sunday

As the first ray of sun is breaking, the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated preceded by a Vigil in which we remember the meaning of Christ's rising from the dead. At this service the Paschal Candle - symbolizing the risen Christ - is lighted. Old Testament lessons tell us of God's saving deeds in history. From earliest times this was the time for the baptism of new Christians. Since this is the night when Christ, buried in the tomb, was raised to new life, new Christians are buried with him and raised to new life with him in Baptism.

This is followed by a festive parish breakfast.

EASTER DAY - Service at 10:00 A.M. EASTER DAY - Service at 10:00 A.M.

The second Eucharist of Easter is a festive sung service. In the Easter season, the confession is omitted and it is customary to not kneel because of the festal nature of the season.

CONFESSIONS

If you wish to make a confession during Holy Week, speak to one of the clergy. There are times before and after the services, or you may make an appointment for another time. The forms for private confession is found on pp. 446-452 of the Book of Common Prayer.

FROM THE RECORD

Visitors: John Baber, Barbara MacLeod, Linda Yu, Nancy Longacre, Winnifred Danner, Cathy McCabe, Mr. & Mrs. Angeletti, Maya Mahue-Grangreco, Daniel Blair, Thelma Smith, Rachel Duncan, Ninki & Maria Mallet, Heidi Johnson



The services of Holy Week are some of the oldest devotions of the church, as this is the holiest and most solemn time. Holy Week provides a time for intensive meditation upon the offering of Christ and the joy that offering has brought to the world. We hope it will be a special time for you - for reflection and prayer - and, when Easter arrives, for new life and joy. Plan to worship with us throughout the week, and we hope to see all of you at Easter, either at the Vigil Service or at the later service on Sunday morning.

THE VERY ... WHAT???

[Note: The series on the liturgical seasons will continue in the April Quill.]

Many of you will have already noticed the slight change in the listing of my name on p. 4 of The Quill or in the Sunday bulletin. It now says "The Very Rev.". I have to admit that, after 24 years, any change looks strange. Furthermore, I don't feel any more "reverend" than before.

So what happened? On March 1, Bishop Bruno appointed me as Dean of Deanery 3 (Incarnation Deanery) -- a geographic region of the Diocese running from Malibu to Koreatown to Inglewood to Westchester. The Diocese of Los Angeles consists of ten deaneries. Their mission is to "facilitate the Mission of the Church and to participate in the planning and nurturing of local congregational development, with an emphasis on the teaching and visionary role of the church. The matters involved shall include membership growth, evangelism, Christian education, youth, mission planning and stewardship..." The Dean's job description includes, "...shall assist ... in matters involving the pastoral care and support of local clergy and in convening the clericus [a gathering of the clergy] from time to time" (both quotes fr. Canon IX of *The Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles*).

Some of you may remember that in the early 1990's I served as the President of the "Los Angeles Region" (a previous form of diocesan structure) with many of the same duties over an area twice as large. I have served for the last year as the acting convener of the Clericus in the absence of our former Dean, Fr. Clif Gain. He has been ailing for the last 18 months and has retired from his parochial and diocesan positions effective March 1.

The *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* notes: "DEAN. (Lat. decanus, from decem, 'ten'). The title of various, originally minor, officials, e.g. a monk supervising ten novices". In the church today, there are several kinds of officials who might use the title "Dean" and be addressed as "Dean Jones" or "The Very Rev. ...". They are:

1. Rural Deans or Area Deans who assist the Bishop in administration & pastoral care;
2. The priest in charge of a Cathedral. [Note in the Diocese of Los Angeles, the Bishop is the 'Dean' of the Cathedral Center with the priest-in-charge being 'The Provost';
3. In England, the head of a 'collegiate church (such as Westminster Abbey, St. George's Chapel (Windsor), etc., not under a Bishop's control;

There are also officials exclusively peculiar to Anglican usage within the United Kingdom and/or within other religious traditions (Roman, Lutheran, etc.). In the U. S. many colleges and universities have chapels where the clergy in charge are called 'the Dean of the Chapel'. Our just retired Bishop, Fred Borsch, was the Dean of the Chapel at Princeton University before his election here in Los Angeles.

I still have not answered the question, "Why the Very. Rev." Simply, it seems to be that one becomes "more reverend" with an increased area of ministry. Deans are "Very", Bishops are "Right", and Presiding Bishops or Primate are "Most".

All of this affects my and our daily routine very little. It doesn't change what you call me ('Fr. Jim, Fr. Newman, or Jim'). It doesn't really add to my time commitments since I have been doing the job already. You may notice a dab of purple in some vestments.

Right now, I am VERY glad to be Rector of St. Bede's and VERY glad that we are in this Diocese with our VERY good Bishops!

MARCH LESSONS

MARCH 3 (Lent 3)

Exodus 17.1-7; Ps. 95
Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42
Preaching: Mthr. Haynes

MARCH 10 (Lent 4)

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ps. 23
Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41
Preaching: Fr. Newman

MARCH 17 (Lent 5)

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Ps. 130;
Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45
Preaching: Mthr. Haynes

MARCH 24 (Palm Sunday)

Matthew 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-9a;
Ps. 118.1-2,19-29; Philippians 2.5-11;
Matthew 26.14-27.66
Preaching: Fr. Newman

MARCH 31 (Easter Day)

Vigil Lessons; Rom. 6.3-11; Mt. 28.1-10
Acts 10.34-43; Ps. 118.1-2,14-24;
1 Corinthians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18
Preaching: Fr. Newman

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS

3/6 - Wed., Lent 3 - (JN)
3/13 - Wed., Lent 4 - (JH)
3/20 - St. Cuthbert - (JN)
3/25-27 - Mon-Wed., Holy Week - (JN)
3/28 - Maundy Thursday (AH)
3/29 - Good Friday (JN)

NOTES

--We will have a Parish Work Day on the 1st Sat. each month from 9 am - Noon;

--The "Brothers of Bede" (the BoBs) are forming; they will meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday between the services at 9 a.m.

--Please recommend the church's Web Site to friends; it is: <http://www.stbedesla.org>

--Copies of "The Report to the 2002 Annual Meeting" and the 2002 offering envelopes are available at the Church. Please see the clergy.

--Office help needed after Easter -- see Fr. Newman

March Birthdays

Helmi Hisserich-Patterson, 3/03

Alice Short, 3/08

Angus Mackay, 3/13

Kelly Zullo, 3/18

Devin Beaulieu, 3/21

Patricia Toy, 3/22

Barbara Sands, 3/23

Monica Sands, 3/23

Karen Kuchel, 3/25

Zane Householder, 3/27

Mark Scott, 3/27

Richard Dancer, 3/29

March Anniversaries

Brian & Jensu Mark, 3/15

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SCHEDULE OF 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
MONDAYS 7 pm, Class & Compline (as announced)
TUESDAYS 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study
WEDNESDAYS 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class - beginning with breakfast -
which looks at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.
---no class on March 5 due to city & state elections---*

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each week at 7 p.m.

March 6, 13, & 20

Bede and his World

A Study of the Venerable Bede using his Writings

March 27

---no class due to Holy Week---

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. James A. Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola E. Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,

The Rev. John J. Hancock, The Rev. Howard J. Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

Adelaide Vaughn ('03) - Senior Warden
Carl Townsend ('03) - Junior Warden
Karen Kuchel ('04) - Clerk
Tom Ledsam - Treasurer
Richard Dancer ('03) Gordon Fuglie ('05)
Shannon Ruth Finley ('04) Mark Scott ('04)
Samira Tamer ('05) Paul Thompson ('05)
Jennine Townsend - Financial Secretary

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION & DEANERY

Patricia Toy (D)/ Annette Graw (A) - ('03)
Dennis Winston (D)/Angus Mackay (A) - ('04)