

# THE QUILL

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ALL INVITED  
TO JOIN 'HANDS TOGETHER'  
AROUND ECHO PARK LAKE;  
FEB. 9  
'URBAN WITNESS' WILL  
INCLUDE BP. BRUNO'S  
SEATING AT CATHEDRAL  
CENTER



All Southland Episcopalians are invited to join hands around L.A.'s Echo Park Lake on Saturday morning, Feb. 9, in an "urban witness" of solidarity and ministry in all cities of the six county Diocese of Los Angeles.

Set to begin at 10.30 am and conclude with a picnic lunch in Echo Park, the event will include the seating, at the Cathedral Center, of the Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno as sixth bishop of the diocese. The gathering will also serve as the culmination of the Feb. 6-9 national meeting of the church-wide Episcopal Urban Caucus at the Radisson Wilshire Hotel.

"I look forward to welcoming everyone to Echo Park on Feb. 9 so that together we can demonstrate the Episcopal Church's commitment to our communities and especially our stand against violence affecting youth and families," Bruno said in a recent interview.

Under the theme of "Hands Together," the Echo Park event will launch a wider series of six convocations slated to address issues of violence against children and families, demographic trends, and related church responses. Convocations are planned (see schedule below) in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

Open to the public, the convocations are designed with the bishop's expectation that as many clergy and laity especially those serving congregations on vestries and bishop's committees as possible will attend the convocations in the county in which their ministries are resident.

Planned with the theme of "Hands in Healing," the convocations will begin an initiative that the bishop envisions as having national applications through curricula and youth participation, among other facets, Bruno told The News.

A network of planning teams for the events is being coordinated through the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Affairs, located at the Cathedral Center, 840 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles (telephone: 213.482.2040, ext. 245).

The Los Angeles County Hands in Healing convocation is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 9.30 am, St. John's Church, 514 W. Adams Blvd. (near USC), Los Angeles, with the launch of national initiatives for Hands in Healing.

FRIENDS  
OF  
MUSIC  
  
Solemn  
Lenten  
Evensong

Sunday  
February  
17

6:00 p.m

## 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



*Lent is coming so early this year\*, I have barely put away the "stuff" from Christmas and gotten over the Annual Meeting, but now I am facing both penitence and deprivation...*

I always write the February newsletter while planning to be gone a while on both study & retreat break and family time with my sister and her family -- all of which is in Hawaii. I have often said that I am glad the Mary chose to teach at Kauai Community College rather than the University of No. Dakota -- especially at this time of year.

We are facing the most intense time of the church year -- the onset of Lent. We are reminded to "love God with all of [our] heart, ...soul ...mind ... and ... strength" and also to "love [our] neighbor as [ourselves]." That is a big command. Whenever I get too self-satisfied, I just examine my relationships with myself, others and God ... and I am put in my place.

We are called to love God with our minds. I have an ad in my office. Under a picture of Jesus, the caption reads, "He died to take away your sins, not your mind". How do we love God with our mind? What have we read or studied that has opened new vistas of understanding? We have special opportunities in Lent to focus on knowing (and hence loving) God more and more. You might ask, "Why would knowing more about Bede help me to understand God more?" or "Why would I want to spend Monday nights preparing to re-affirm my baptismal vows?" You can only answer that question by actually doing it.

Secondly, we are called to assess all of our relationships during Lent ... even (or maybe I should say, especially) to the point of seeing one of the clergy for the sacrament of reconciliation. It has been said that our relation to God is as close as our relationship to the person we know best and like least! That's a hard pill to swallow (for me at least)! Reconciliation is the work of the Church and we are called to be its foot-soldiers or, for a different image, advocates.

Are we out of relationship with a family member or co-worker or neighbor or fellow parishioner? Are we out of relationship with any part of God's creation? Are we out of relationship with our self and our body through overwork or misuse? Then, a rigorous self-examination is in order (you may want to begin by re-reading the "Exhortation" found in the Prayer Book on pp. 316-317).

And do what? It is customary in Lent to give something up ...and we usually gratuitously give up chocolate and alcohol only to pray fervently for Easter Day. Might I suggest that we instead take on some discipline which both opens our minds and cleans up our messy loose-ends? That's a real Lenten challenge!

**Fr. Jim Newman+**

\*actually earlier in 2005 & 2008

## FROM THE RECORD

**Visitors:** Harry Kennedy, Craig Kenkel, R. Baur

**Baptism:** Andrew James Matthew Larson

## LENT IN OUR CHURCH & IN OUR LIVES

Epiphany is a day and it is a season (rather, it is the "ordinary time" that comes "after the Epiphany" (always January 6) and before the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (a moveable date that will be February 13 in 2002). This year, the Feast of the Epiphany occurs on a Sunday. The "1st Sunday after the Epiphany" (January 13) is always a commemoration of "the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ". On this day, we celebrate any pending baptisms and/or we renew our baptismal vows (the other "baptismal days" are Easter Day, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day or the Sunday following it).

The seasons after Epiphany and Pentecost are what I referred to as "ordinary time". That is, they are not part of the Incarnation cycle (Advent - Christmas - the Feast of the Epiphany) OR the Paschal cycle (Ash Wednesday - Lent - Holy Week - Easter - Ascension - the Day of Pentecost). The color for these "after ..." seasons is green. When I was in high school, our school chaplain said that the green stood for growing because the lessons were all about Jesus ministry and teaching, not about specific events like birth or crucifixion. I think that a look at the lessons to the right for Epiphany 2, 3, or 4 will provide an example of what I am talking about.

Because it is an "ordinary time", there are no special pieces of furniture (i.e., the Advent wreath in Advent, the Paschal Candle up front in Eastertide). The focus in "ordinary time" is the Word, not the ceremonial.

Depending on the date of Easter, this season is variable in length. There may be as many as nine Sundays after Epiphany or as few as four. This year, there are five. The "Last (or 5th) Sunday after the Epiphany" always focuses on the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It is on that Sunday that we "bury the Alleluia" until the proclamation of Christ's resurrection at Easter.



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Ashley Collins, 2/17**  
**Joanne Atkinson, 2/21**  
**Taylor Martin, 2/21**  
**Marian Leng, 2/24**

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**David & Rogena  
Silverman, 2/15**

## **SIXTH ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR**

**SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16**

**The sixth annual Ministry Fair in the Diocese of Los Angeles will offer a wide assortment of workshops and other activities when it convenes from 8.30am to 4pm Saturday, March 16, at Campbell Hall Episcopal school in North Hollywood.**

**Packets containing workshop information and necessary forms were mailed recently to congregations. Registration is due by March 1. Cost to attend is \$7 for persons bringing their own lunch, or \$15, for those wishing to order lunch in advance. Completed forms, along with checks made payable to "Treasurer of the Diocese" may be mailed to: Ministry Fair Registration, The Cathedral Center of St. Paul, P.O. 512164, Los Angeles, CA 90051.**

**For more information,  
call 213.482.2040, ext. 278.**

# **FEBRUARY LESSONS**

### **FEBRUARY 3 (Epiphany 4)**

Micha 6.1-8; Ps. 15  
1 Corinthians 1.18-31;  
Matthew 5.1-12  
Preaching: Fr. Happ

### **FEBRUARY 10 (Last Sun. aft. Epiphany)**

Exodus 24.12-18; Ps. 2  
2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9  
Preaching: Fr. Asbury

### **FEBRUARY 13 (Ash Wednesday)**

Joel 2.1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12;  
Ps. 103.8-14; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10;  
Matthew 6.1-6,16-21  
Preaching: Fr. Newman

### **FEBRUARY 17 (Lent 1)**

Genesis 2.15-17 & 3.1-7; Ps. 32  
Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11  
Preaching: Fr. Newman

### **FEBRUARY 24 (Lent 2)**

Genesis 12.1-4a; Ps. 121  
Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17  
Preaching: Mthr. Haynes

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS**

2/6 - feria (Ep. 4 lessons) - (JH)  
2/13 - Ash Wednesday (see above) (JN)  
2/20 - Ember Wednesday (JN)  
2/27 - George Herbert (JN)

## **NOTES**

---We will have a Parish Work Day on the morning of Feb. 2 from 9 am - Noon; these will usually be scheduled for the 1st Sat. each month.

---Fr. Jim will return - Feb. 12.

---The "Brothers of Bede" (the BoBs) are forming; talk with Roger Jayne or Brice Martin

---SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 12, 6 - 7 p.m.; \$3 (ind.)/\$10 (family)

---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.

---JAZZ Vespers: 4 pm, Sunday, February 10. St Mary Palms; 3647 Watske Ave. Fr Norm Freeman combo; coffee follows; Collection for the homeless. Street parking -- car pooling suggested; Tel 310.558.4124

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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.*

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

*Inquirers' Class followed by Compline  
February 18, 25 and March 4, 11, & 18*

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

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

*February 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13, & 20*

*Bede and his World*

*A Study of the Venerable Bede using his Writings*

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

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