

THE QUILL

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HEALING MINISTRY IS FOCUS OF JULY TRAINING



"We've studied it, talked about it, and had it done to us...now its time to do it ourselves!" It could mean many things, but Fr. Newman was talking about the Sacrament of Healing. "In the last year, we have prepared the chapel to be a place of reflection and meditation, now healing will be added. Starting as soon as possible, we will have one or more lay people (and maybe interested clergy) involved in a 'healing station' for people needing prayer for themselves or others. It is part of our ministry as members of the Baptismal Community. Ministry is not always done by 'them' (the clergy) to 'us' (the laity). In this case, the historic ministry was done by those set aside because of a certain gift (or interest or 'charism')."

On Saturday, July 13, Fr. Newman will lead a discussion with those interested in this ministry at St. Bede's. He has asked Mike Olsen to coordinate this ministry. Mike and his wife Sandi are new parishioners having recently moved to the Marina from Alabama. Mike is completing his 3rd year of Education for Ministry (EFM) and is a lector & lay eucharistic minister (LEM).

"We all have the gift to be community with and for others," said Fr. Newman. "Now we have the opportunity to manifest that in this healing ministry and to offer God our Hands in Healing."

VESTRY NOTES

Vestry Meeting: June 10, 2002

***Fr. Newman will be away: the CREDO Conference in Hartford (6/17-28); vacation (July 15-August 20); his gift to the vestry & spouses is the "L.A architectural tour" on Saturday, August 24

***Mthr. Golie showed the information on the conference for Black clergy in Miami (10/7-11);

***the Vestry had an extended conversation on the Bishop's Vision & Goals Statement; Karen will collate responded and e-mail to the office;

***Fr. Newman will lead a meeting for those interested in being a "healing minister" on Saturday 7/13 (LEV ministry may be included);

***Adelaide has had two people look at the records & tapes/ some have been purchased; a date for general sale will be set for the fall;

***the Vestry had an executive session on child safety;

***the BoB's have given 21 Dodger tickets to the NYA;

***the rector asked for nominees to fill the vacancy caused by Shannon's imminent departure;

***Paul presented the prayer chain letter;

***various committee mission statements will be up for approval at the next meeting;

**SIGN UP TO HOST A
SISTERS OF BEDE
VENUE DINNER OR
EVENT IN 2002-2003
BY AUGUST 11**

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS



As you receive this, I have just returned from the CREDO conference in West Cornwall, CT. I will report on that on June 30.

In the last few months, we have all watched as story after story has piled up on the issue of sexual abuse by clergy of the Roman Church. It has been painful to watch. While we have been relatively untouched by the current problems -- in great part due to the excellent work of the Church Insurance Company and the Diocese of Los Angeles -- recent statements and actions by some in the Roman hierarchy seems to shift the problem.

This article from the newsletter of Grace Cathedral well articulates our position and I welcome your comment.

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GRACE CATHEDRAL -- A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

The Context and the Occasion:

Many of our community are in great pain over recent events in the Roman Catholic Church and by statements made by some officials of that Church with regard to homosexuality and pedophilia. As San Francisco supervisor Mark Leno points out in his recent letter to the Archbishop of San Francisco, "For decades, gay and lesbian people have been fighting the ugly and untrue charge that gay people are sexual predators of children." We agree with him in insisting that some of the statements from the Roman Catholic Church leadership are contemptible and dangerous. Mark Leno continues, "By continually disparaging gay men as a class, the church can subsequently have greater ease in their practice of discrimination." He quotes Mary Louise Cervone, President of Dignity, USA, "This is about violence against children and abuse of power. It has nothing to do with sexual orientation."

Several years ago, we headed off and repudiated the outrageous suggestion that gay people should not be allowed to teach children. We now repudiate the scapegoating and the irrational fear of homosexuals which is still alive and well in our society. The very definition of homosexuality as intrinsically disordered is both wrong and repellent and leads to violence.

The following affirmation represents the unequivocal conviction of the leadership of Grace Cathedral in the light of both the Lambeth Conference of 1998 which was regressive in its statements about homosexuality and the present scandals in the Roman Catholic Church.

- * We affirm a positive vision of the human person as made in the image of God --male, female, straight and gay.
- * We affirm that the most real thing about persons is not their sexuality but their identity as children of God and sisters and brothers of everyone.
- * We affirm that we are an inclusive community, which makes no distinctions between male and female, straight and gay in terms of acceptance, worthiness and ministry.
- * We affirm the ministry and presence of our gay brothers and sisters as fellow ministers of the Gospel.
- * We value and rejoice in the leadership of gay people as bishops, priests, deacons and laity.
- * We seek to be a haven of safety for all those wounded by society and religion by reason of their sexual orientation.
- * We are both a repentant community and a servant community, which witnesses to God's outrageous love and generosity.

FROM THE RECORD

Visitors: Luzana Ordry, Harry Kennedy, Kevin Marder, Frederick Staff, Elsa Carrize, M. E. Booth, Dolores Tubich, Wynn Rowell, Anita Grillos, Bill & Judy Campbell, Dolores Massei, Bernice Chan, William & Michelle Campbell & family

Burial: Faye Dancer, 6/4

ST. BEDE'S CHURCH SECOND CENTURY FUND

The parish Renovation program is progressing nicely. We still need "undesignated" gifts to help continue the progress. New pledges include the chapel altar, stair rails to the choir platform, the choir privacy screen and one speaker case. We still need one more speaker case, the cabinet to cover the sound board, and (possibly) a redesigned concept for the altar rail(s). We also have about \$60,000 of glass work on the east side and in the stair-well as well as the renovation of the offices on the east side and also Luther Hall.

Christmas Wish List For the AIDS Ministry

The AIDS Ministry is looking ahead to filling Christmas bags for AIDS patients. This year, sadly, there is an increase in the number of teen-age boys at the clinic. We are hoping to give each boy something that will increase his feelings of independence such as a phone card, a gift certificate to McDonald's or a video store. If you would like to contribute such an item, please give it to Jeannette Young, Jean Boone or Phyllis Morrison.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

An updated directory will be sent out with the August newsletter.

Please make sure that the office has any updated information including your

Email address!!!

July Birthdays

Shirley Hutson, 7/01

John Romanak, 7/01

Jensu Mark, 7/16

Kyle Ferstead, 7/29

Annika Beaulieu, 7/29

Diana Neilson, 7/31

July Anniversaries

Brice & Natalie Martin, 7/5

Ruth & Leo Nicastro, 7/15

**Laurie & John
Romanak, 7/19**

JULY LESSONS

JULY 7 (Pentecost 7/Proper 9)

Gen. 24.34-38, 42-49,58-67;
Song of Solomon 2.8-13;
Romans 7.15-25a;
Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
Preaching: Fr. Newman

JULY 14 (Pentecost 8/Proper 10)

Gen. 25.19-34; Ps. 119.105-112
Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
Preaching: Fr. Newman

JULY 21 (Pentecost 9/Proper 11)

Gen. 28.11-19a; Ps. 139.1-12,23-24
Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
Preaching: Mthr. Haynes

JULY 28 (Pentecost 10/Proper 12)

Gen. 29.15-28; Ps. 105.1-11, 45b
Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52
Preaching: Fr. Asbury

AUGUST 4 (Pentecost 11/Proper 13)

Gen. 32.22-31; Ps. 17.1-7,16
Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21
Preaching: Fr. Asbury

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS

7/3 - proper 6 - (JN)

7/10 - proper 7 - (JN)

7/17 - William White - (AH)

7/24 - St James (eve) - (JH)

7/31 - Ignatius of Loyola - (AH)

NOTES

---In July, the Parish Work Day is on the 1st Saturday from 9 am - Noon;

---Would someone like to manage the record/tape sale??? ... see Adelaide Vaughn

---Fr. Newman will be on vacation and at an Ecumenical Church conference in Germany July 15-August 20.

---St. Bede's T-Shirts for sale (see Golie)

---The "Brothers of Bede" (the BoBs) meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday at 9 a.m.

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

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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

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

July 3 & 24

The Anglican Moral Vision

July 10

*A Discussion Based on the Movie: "A Man for all
Seasons"*

July 17 & 31

--no class--

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)