

THE QUILL

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VESTRY FACES SPACE/ FORMATION

At its March retreat, the Vestry established goals that will cause the parish to take on a different look in the next few years. With the expected completion of the "upstairs renovation", the lower level must face the success of increased fellowship and the renewed emphasis on Christian Formation (formerly called Christian Education or Church School).

Since last year, the Vestry has been working with PAC Design on a plan to make Luther Hall more flexible. Our needs for Christian Formation space have grown with the adoption of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and its associated programs (Rite 13, J2A). We simply need more space.

The current building was never meant to hold the whole program. A second building was planned for the north end of the property. This would have included Christian education rooms and fellowship space, both also opening on the current patio. Due to limited funds and the use of the house until 1992 by Charlott Phillips, that building was never built.

In 2003, the Vestry has agreed that we need to look at the use of all of our space, so that both fellowship and Christian Formation will continue to grow and prosper. One of the ways that can happen is with the renovation of Luther Hall. It is hoped that the plan for that work will be ready by mid-summer.

More than that, we may need to look at the need for a second building. While the parish is still paying the bills for the Second Century Renovations, it may have to explore the next phase of growth.

"The formation of Christians is our business and it begins with the smallest child", Fr. Newman commented on this need. "We may need grants or loans or several Acts of God. We cannot wait until the need is so overwhelming that all we can do is apply band-aids to the problem. There are a lot of great minds in this place and I am sure that we will come up with a plan!"

LENTEN VOICES CONTINUE

Fr. Newman announced that Lent, 2003 would have a variety of voices preaching throughout the season.

LENT 5, April 6: The Rev. Howard Happ has been a Professor of Religion at Cal. State University at Northridge since 1971. He was awarded his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1974. He was ordained in 1973.

PALM SUNDAY, April 13: The Rev. Argola Haynes is the Associate Rector at St. Bede's. A 1998 graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, she was a teacher in the Pasadena School System for 30 years prior

to her ordination.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17: The Rev. John J. Hancock has assisted at St. Bede's since 1990. Ordained in 1946, he has served parishes in Oregon, Texas, & California.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18: Frank Basile has been the Director of Music since 1990. He is a member of the faculty at Campbell Hall and an aspirant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

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THIS MONTH

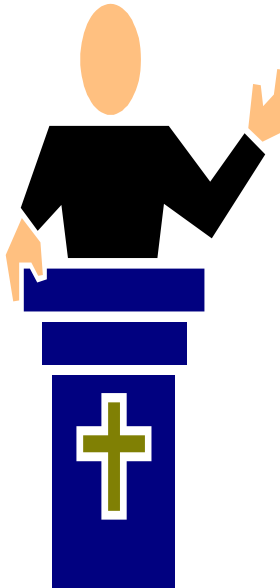
- Space & Formation
- Lenten Voices
- Italy Trip: the bus is almost full!!
- Holy Week Schedule
- God & Tenure

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

One of the messages of Lent & Holy Week is that the Church is not non-political. Jesus was not non-political. The early Church was not non-political. The Church is, however, non-partisan. It does not endorse candidates or political parties.

Partisan means taking sides in a campaign or telling you who is more "Christian" or more "Episcopalian". Partisan is the church allowing some candidates to use it as a forum for recruitment and posturing. We are not — or not supposed to be — that.

However, Jesus was a political figure in that he spoke about the people — how they lived, how they were ruled, what they did, etc. Think of the moral issues around us about which laws are made — marital regulations, birth control & abortion, fair or unfair taxation, health care, fair housing, discrimination, the environment, education, "blue laws",



and of course war and peace — the list goes on and on.

Should "the Church" have positions on moral issues? Should it state its positions? Should it help frame the discussion or be silent? What about when it challenges my beliefs?

I recently heard the following description: "A sermon with which I disagree is a lecture". At a gut level, I probably feel that way, but how open am I to examining my beliefs in the light of scripture, in the light of Jesus' words?

Two thousand years ago, Jesus challenged the power-elite of both the Temple leadership and the Roman overlords. That is, he took an unpopular political position — and look where he ended up! In Christ, **Fr. Jim+**

ADDENDUM

Corrections to the Parish Directory:

Entries:

James Raef, telephone: 818-752-0966

New address and phone number available for Kim Hudson:

Contact the office if you need it.

FROM THE RECORDS

VISITORS

Freddie Danner, Ofa Halapua, Michael Nishti, Kevin Knight, Lori Egglefield, C. D. Magee, Austen & Jonathan Bailly, Anastasia Newham, Dennis & Donna Brodahl, Karol Day, Judy Bohlen, Beatrice Valencia, Steve Hunter

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Mohler IV, 4/01

Eugenia Eaton, 4/02

Meg Russell, 4/05

Harriet Haddad, 4/06

Diana Tate, 4/08

Carl Townsend, 4/10

Nancy Holly, 4/15

Amanda Duval, 4/18

Madeline Hisserich-Patterson 4/18

Samira Tamer, 4/20

Mary Jane Herron, 4/22

Evlynne Householder, 4/23

David Householder, 4/24

Stephen Buck, 4/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Liz Mohler, 4/03

Seth & Diana Neilson, 4/17

Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre, 4/28

Why God would never get tenure:

1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew.
3. It had no references.
4. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
5. Some even doubt he wrote it by himself.
6. It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since then?
7. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
8. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating his results.
9. He never applied to the ethics board for permission to use human subjects.
10. When one experiment went awry he tried to cover it by drowning his subjects.
11. When subjects didn't behave as predicted, he deleted them from the sample.
12. He rarely came to class, just told students to read the book.
13. Some say he had his son teach the class.
14. He expelled his first two students for learning.
15. Although there were only 10 requirements, most of his students failed his tests.
16. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountaintop.

—from the Internet

NEWS NOTES

***The Parish Work Day is on the 1st Saturday of the month — WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

***The Brothers of Bede meet on the 2nd Sundays at 9 a.m.

***What's going on in the Diocese?? Go to: www.ladiocese.org

***James Raef is available for handy-man work (818-752-0966).

***The Italy trip being led by Bp. Bruno & Fr. Newman is now almost full. THERE IS ROOM!!!

***The Evening Prayer on the last Sunday each month is directed toward, but not limited to, the 12-step community.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: 8 & 10 am, Eucharist; 6 pm Evening Prayer
Monday & Tuesday: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist
Wednesday: 6.30 pm, Eucharist; 8 pm, Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday: 7 pm, Eucharist & all-night prayer vigil
Good Friday: Noon, Liturgy; 7 pm, Prayers & Meditation
Holy Saturday: Noon, Liturgy
Easter Day: 6.30 am, Great Vigil & 1st Eucharist;
10 am, Festival Choral Eucharist; 6 pm, Evening Prayer

APRIL LESSONS: FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

SUNDAY LESSONS

APRIL 6 (Lent 5) - Fr. Happ

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Ps. 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

APRIL 13 (Palm Sunday) - Mthr. Haynes

Ps. 118.1-2,19-29 & Mark 11.1-11a; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps. 31.9-16;

Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.47

APRIL 20 (EASTER DAY) - Fr. Newman

Acys 10.34-43; Ps. 118.12,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18

APRIL 27 (Easter 2) - Fr. Newman

Acts 4.32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31

WEDNESDAY LESSONS

4/2 — (James Lloyd Breck) Ps. 145.1-7; 1 Corinthians 3.4-11; Mark 4.26-42 (JN)

4/9 — (D. Bonhoeffer) Ps. 119.89-96; Proverbs 3.1-7; Matthew 13.47-52 (JN)

SEE THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE IN THE APRIL 13TH BULLETIN

4/23 — (Wed., Easter Week) Ps. 105.1-8; Acts 3.1-10; Luke 24.13-35 (JN)

4/30 — [SS Philip & James] Ps. 119.33-40; Is. 30.18-21; 2 Cor. 4.1-6; Jn 14.6-14 []

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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: 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class – beginning with breakfast – which previews
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

CLASSES ON April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Holy Eucharist is celebrated each week at 7 pm.

April. : The Practice of Prayer

(April 23—Movies & Theology: "Harold & Maude")

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. James Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

Ruth Nicastro ('04) - Senior Warden

Paul Thompson ('05) - Junior Warden

Connor Winston ('06) - Clerk

Tom Ledsam—Treasurer

Gordon Fuglie ('05) Karen Kuchel ('04)

Mike Olsen ('06) Mark Scott ('04)

Samira Tamer ('05) Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Dennis Winston (D)/Angus Mackay (A) - ('04)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)