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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Two of the most hopeful and joyful seasons of the Church year fall during the month of December: Advent and Christmas. At the beginning of the third millennium, the month of December is one of families coming together, and sharing with friends. In a variety of ways, various groups at St. Bede's have been sharing or gathering together for the holiday season.

In November, St. John's Guild held its holiday bazaar, with valuable "opportunities" available. Janet Fox thanks all those who worked and supported their efforts. Jeannette Young is likewise appreciative of the gifts for children and teenagers who are patients at the USC AIDS clinic. Clearly there were lots of us traveling during the last year, as shown by the number of toiletry items for the adult patients' stockings.

What would this season be without music? On December 14, the St. Bede's choir will present the annual Lessons and Carols of Advent Service at the 10:00 AM Service. That same evening, Jeannette Young's recorder group will present a concert of seasonal music here at St. Bede's. Your opportunity to sing Christmas carols will begin on Christmas Eve, especially at the 10:30 service.

The Sisters of Bede is a women's group open to all women of the parish. The December meeting on the 8th fea-

tures the annual gift exchange. It's a lot of fun. If you're interested, ask a Sister for details.

The Brothers of Bede is the men's group of the parish. The Brothers will hold their Second Annual Bake Sale on Sunday, December 21. It's perfectly timed for acquiring stress-free hostess gifts or goodies for your family gathering. Guys — get on those aprons.

If you would like to offer greetings to someone in your family, and help others at the same time, check out the Alternate Gift Market. Jeannette Young has organized this event for years, offering the means to make a gift to various groups in the name of another person, then giving you a card to give to your friend announcing the gift. The offerings vary from year to year, so check out this year's selection.

The parish Christmas Tree will be trimmed on December 20. This Sisters of Bede event gets under way at 10:00 AM in Luther Hall with activities for the children, snacks, and Santa. Eventually it moves upstairs to decorate the tree.

And finally we get to Christmas Eve. We have two Eucharist Services. One, at 4:30 PM is aimed towards children — more informal. The 10:30 PM service pulls out the stops, with music and pageantry. But on that evening, Christ, the Light of the World, will shine.

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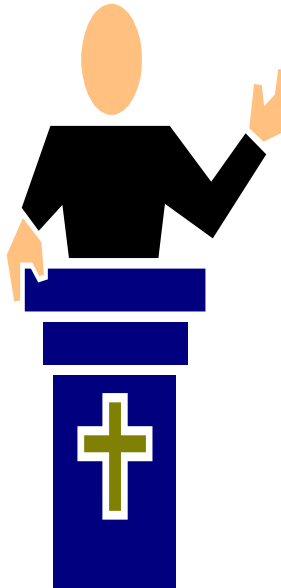
THIS MONTH

- December Highlights
- Sisters of Bede Events
- Kids' Eye View of the New Testament

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

By the time I am thinking about the December Quill, we are well into our stewardship season of looking at pledges of time, talent & treasure. We are also almost upon the time of our Diocesan Convention (this year, Dec. 5-6). Finally, Frank Basile & I are quietly celebrating the Lessons & Carols of Advent & Christmas Eve as we make plans for the special liturgical celebrations. That is to say, that the end of November is a time of great busy-ness and preparation so that we may prepare for Christ in Advent (December) with a much more quiet mind.

Each Sunday in December has one of the marks of our preparation. On Dec. 7, I will be reporting about our Diocesan Convention in Riverside -- the annual "family gathering" of Episcopalians in So. California. We Episcopalians are learning to live in a new definition of family with all of the pains associated with change. On Dec. 14, we will celebrate Advent with the Service of Lessons & Carols of Advent at the 10 a.m. service. This service will also be a (or rather, THE)



memorial service for long-time parishioner Dick Hassell who passed away this year. Moneys collected today will go to support a gift in Dick's memory to the Friends of Music at St. Bede's. On Dec. 21, we will have just celebrated the annual tree-trimming party the day before. The sanctuary and parish hall will be "beginning to look a lot like Christmas" thanks to many young hands. Finally, December 24 (Christmas Eve) & the 28th (Christmas 1 - with one service at 9 a.m.) are the services at which we remember Jesus' birth - God With Us -- Emmanuel.

We are very incarnational people. This season is, I believe, one of the most defining ones of our Church year. Let us PREPARE in Advent and CELEBRATE in Christmas what makes us Christians -- the absolute self-giving love of our Creator God made manifest in Jesu, the Christ -- our brother and redeemer.

Fr. Jim

FROM THE RECORDS

VISITORS

James & Lori King, Karin Chiljian, Larry & Mary Ann Long, Rae Lynn & Bobbie Baldwin, Kelly Crego, Kent Jones, Marti Nelson Collins, Judith Morgan, Katherine Slott, Susan DiGiulio, Dean Rice, J.C. Cadene, Betty Riley, Dan & Christine Paladichuk, Reed Wilson, Abe & B.J. Ravitz, Rolly & Mikel Morrison, Cathy & Paul Clement, Patsy Brierly, Dina Ferguson, Jon & Mary Bruno, Pat Casanares, Margie Lloyd & Rich Hope, Br Thomas Bushnell BSG, Audrie Wing, Beatrice Floyd

BAPTISM

Aaron Joseph Matthew Larson, 11/2

FUNERAL

Claude Ripke, 11/13

SPECIAL DAYS IN DECEMBER

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Winston 12/02

Stephen Hunter 12/04

Joyce Matlack 12/06

Elizabeth Harter 12/07

Leo Nicastro 12/09

Gaston Biraben 12/12

Annette Graw 12/14

Charlotte Thomas 12/17

Laird Hegamin 12/19

Phyllis Morrison 12/19

Karen Scharre 12/24

Adelaide Vaughn

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Edmonde & Harriet Haddad 12/22

The New Testament According to Kids

In a previous issue of the Quill, we read unretouched versions of Old Testament stories, coming from a Catholic elementary school. Here's what they said about the New Testament:

1. When Mary heard that she was the Mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta. She sang Acapulco, because opera and instruments hadn't been invented yet.
2. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
3. When the three wise guys from the East Side arrived, they found Jesus in the manger wrapped in waddling clothes. In the Gospel of Luke they named him Enamel. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. St. John, the Blacksmith, dumped water on his head.
4. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He wrote the "B" Attitudes and explained, "Man doth not live by sweat alone." Jesus was crucified on his way to Calgary. It was a miracle when he rose from the dead and managed to get the tomb stone off the entrance.
5. We know the Magi arrived with the shepherds because every Christmas we see pictures of them together. The Church won't let people lie at Christmas.
6. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistles were the wives of the apostles. One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was by profession a taximan.
7. Simon was called Peter—it was like a nickname.
8. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony. The na-

tives of Macedonian did not believe in Paul, so he got stoned. Paul got hit on the head, Jesus had his head washed and oiled.

9. Other Christians were condemned to death in large groups. They entered the arena to face wild lions singing hymns of praise in the name of the Father, the Son, and In-the-Hole-He-Goes. The Romans went to the coliseum to watch the Christians die for the fun of it. But, as Mel Brooks says, "The meek shall inherit the earth."

Available Sisters of Bede Events

- Christmas Tree Trimming (12/20/03)
- Rose Parade (1/1/04)
- Prayer Breakfast (2/7/04)
- First Bloom (4/25/04)
- Eclectic Cabaret (4/30/04)
- Western Pacific Seafood (5/8/04)
- Middle East Folk Dance/Dinner (5/15/04)
- Iraqi Dinner (5/1/04)
- Chinese Cooking 102 (5/22/04)
- Picnic in the Park (6/6/04)
- Goldline Art Tour (7/17/04)
- Beach Bash (8/7/04)
- Summer Garden Fest (8/22/04)
- Champagne Garden Lunch (9/19/04)

DECEMBER LESSONS

SUNDAY LESSONS

December 7—Advent 2—Canon Newman

Baruch 5: 1-9; Lk. 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 14 — Advent 3—Lessons & Carols of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 9; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 21: Advent 4—Canon Newman

Micah 5:2-5a; Ps. 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

December 24—Christmas Eve—Canon Newman

Isaiah 9:2-7; Ps. 96: 1-4, 11-12; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2: 1-14(15-20)

December 28—Christmas 1—Mthr Haynes

Isaiah 61: 10-62:3; Ps. 147: 13-21; Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

January 4—Epiphany (transferred)

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ps. 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

WEDNESDAY LESSONS

December 3—Canon Newman

Ps. 23; Isaiah 25: 60-9; Matthew 15: 29-39

December 10—Canon Newman

Ps. 103: 1-10; Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

December 17—Ember Day—Canon Newman

Ps. 27: 1-9; Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; I Corinthians 3: 5-11; John 4: 31-38

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 31: No Service

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Holy Eucharist is celebrated each week at 7 pm.
December 3—Movies and Theology: A Separate Peace
December 10—Traveling in Italy with Bishop Jon and Fr. Jim
December 17—Traveling in Italy with Bishop Jon and Fr. Jim
December 24 and 31—No Class
January 7—Moses and Exodus: Exodus 1-15

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon 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

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SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

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Paul Thompson ('05) - Junior Warden

Connor Winston ('06) - Clerk

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

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

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

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