

# THE QUILL

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## PARISH ENTERS 2005 AT ALL-TIME HIGH

With 82 pledges totaling almost \$195,000, St. Bede's has again reached an all-time high. As noted elsewhere, this amount includes 9 new pledges and 22 increased pledges! This also means that pledged income for 2005 has increased by 5%. Experience leads the Vestry to hope that that percentage will usually be 10% so that we may keep up with the cost of living AND grow a bit. The Vestry also keeps track of the amount of pledges paid. In some places that is only 80-85%. Historically, St. Bede's has averaged at 98-110% of the pledged income — a very good figure indeed.

With an average household pledge of \$2,376, the Vestry is hopeful that more families will make commitments in the new year. The pledge allows the Vestry to make a knowledgeable decision in the allocation of assets in the coming year.

## MTHR. GOLIE TO PREPARE PARISH FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is held in February each year. This year, Mthr. Golie Haynes will help the congregation prepare for **Black History Month** by leading four special events. The first three will be discussions during the Wednesday forums on January 12, 19 & 26. Each forum is held beginning at 7.45 pm — immediately following the community Eucharist at 7 pm. The final event will be the Prayer Breakfast to be held in Luther Hall on Saturday, February 5 at 9 a.m. This is a Sisters of Bede Ticket event and tickets are available up to the day (or call Golie at 626-794-3562).

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### THIS MONTH

The Stewardship of  
the Parish  
Black History Month  
Rector's Column—  
Jesus calls us, holds us  
& sends us  
January Birthdays

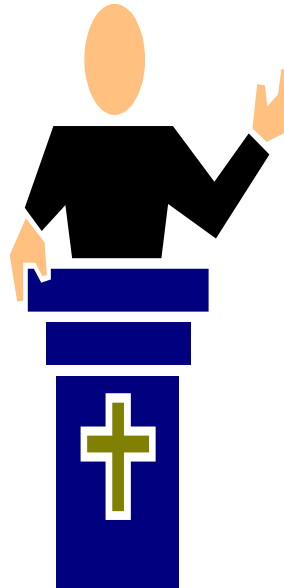
THE STATE'S ALL-PURPOSE WILL IS NOT DESIGNED TO FIT YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OR TO SHOW INTEREST IN YOUR PARISH.

# CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

We are facing the Annual Meeting of the parish on the first Sunday of February. On that occasion, we will elect vestry members, review the budget, and look at the direction of both the renovation project and the parish in general.

About 20 years ago, a couple at one of my Minnesota congregations told me that they would be looking for another church home because the parish was not "meeting their needs". More recently, a young priest in this diocese left parish ministry a year after he was ordained because, again, "it wan not meeting my needs".

In both of those cases, my reaction at the time and now is that they are remarkably selfish statements. We affiliate with a denomination because we agree with its general precepts and core doctrines. I am an Episcopalian because I believe in our balanced theology and our biblically-based Book of Common Prayer. That is a choice I made almost 40 years ago.



We join congregations because they are geographically close or because we know someone there already or because we like the music or preaching. There is something which **draws us** there.

We commit to congregation — in time, talent and treasure — because of our baptismal promises to be Christ's Body in the world. We do not worship the coffee hour or the music or the priest. We make a commitment to Jesus and he **anchors us** there.

Finally, drawn by the Spirit for a myriad of reasons, anchored by the love and call of Jesus, we are finally inspired to live out those promises and "incarnate" the Christ in our lives — "be born in us today". We do that in acts of charity and love — helping, sharing, caring, nurturing. We do that within the walls of the parish and beyond them. We serve because Christ **sends us** there.

I don't understand the comment about having "my needs met". I do understand the commitment to be family with each other and with God in Christ. I do understand why people may move to another parish OR another denomination, don't get me wrong. I just think that the starting point can never be MY needs without first asking how and what God is doing with me.

As we make our resolutions for 2005 and recommit ourselves both in the liturgy on January 9 and at the meeting on February 6, let us pray for discernment of our gifts for ministry and the opportunities to use them

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Visitors:

Denise Kelsall, Maria & David Waylor,  
Dr. & Mrs. James Campbell, Lane & Ruth Wollery & family,  
Alice Fuglie

### Baptism:

Blythe Elaine Jackson, 11/28/04

### January Birthdays:

Lana Spraker	01/04
Gregory Demer	01/05
Ryan Bolden	01/11
Sandra Burnett	01/12
Sandy Olsen	01/12
Joelle Underwood	01/13
Michael Gallagher	01/15
Michael Mullins	01/15
Ruth Nicastro	01/18
Madeline Vielhaber	01/22
Donald Thomas	01/25
Elizabeth Mohler	01/28
Ronald Zullo	01/31
Brian Mark	01/31

## Thank you

to the 82 individuals or households listed below who have returned pledge cards and/or pledged \$ 194,848 toward the operation of St. Bede's in 2005 (including 9 new pledges and 22 increased pledges!). It is not too late to join! Please pick up a pledge card in the narthex or call 391-5522.

### The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Bede's Church

Giles Asbury, Frank Basile, \*Jusak Bernhard & Jeff Manley, \*Andrea Bolden, Jean Boone, Steve Buck, \*Wendy Butts, Jean Dahler, Richard Dancer, \*Linda Demer, Patti Duval, Karen Earle, Eugenia Eaton, Harold Eaton, \*Dulcie Ellis, \*Nancy Elwood, Kyle Ferstead, Tracy Flinders, Janet Fox, \*Gordon Fuglie, \*Susan Funk, \*Michael Gallagher, Diane Gandara, Jean Gould, \*Annette Graw, Linda Guagliano, \*Edmonde & Harriet Haddad, John Hancock, Howard Happ, Barbara Harrison, Elsie Harter, Russ Harter, \*Joe & Kathy Hartley, Wes Hartley, Argola Haynes, \*Laird Hegamin, Mary Jane Herron, \*Tori Patterson & Helmi Hisserich, Betsy Hiteshew, Nancy Holly, Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre, Evlynn & David Householder, \*Stephen Hunter, Shirley Hutson, \*Andrew & Pamela Jackson, \*Roger Jayne, \*Leona Jennison, \*Quinn & Jim Kelley, Dorothy King, \*Ina Klem, Frances Knight, \*Karen Kuchel, \*Thomas & Jo Ledsam, Jeff Leng, Marian Leng, Peggy Levenstein, Angus Mackay, Joyce Matlack, Dan & Liz Mohler, Phyllis Morrison, \*Michael Mullins, James Newman, Ruth Nicastro, \*Mike & Sandy Olsen, Joan Reitzel, \*Barbara Sands, \*Phil Schultz, \*Ruben Scott, Don Shaw, Alice Short & Steve Vielhaber, Sandi Burnett & Brad Smith, Samira Tamer, Donald & Charlotte Thomas, Paul Thompson, \*Carl & Jennine Townsend, Joelle Underwood, Ned & Adelaide Vaughn, \*Henry Etta Waters, \*Reed Wilson, Dennis & Connor Winston, Jeannette Young, Ron & Kelly Zullo

\* indicates new or increased pledge for 2005.

## Russian Pilgrimage Update

Now, over 25 people have signed up. This is going well. NAWAS suggests that people planning on traveling make their deposits **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!** That will facilitate the purchase of tickets, etc. To obtain a brochure and registration forms, please see Jim Newman OR download the materials from the Website.

## Renovation Update

A matching gift has been made toward the completion of the sanctuary windows. Thus far, in December, over \$7,200 was donated and matched. An additional \$12,000+ was also given. Keep us the good work!!!

The Diamond Jubilee event in December netted over \$4,000 toward both parish outreach and the renovation of Luther Hall. Congratulations to Jusak & Jeff and the entire committee and all of the marvelous celebrities!!

## JANUARY LESSONS

### SUNDAYS

**January 2, Christmas 2** (Canon Newman)  
Jer. 31.7-14; Ps. Ps. 84.1-8; Eph. 1.3-6,15-19a; Matt. 2.13-15,19-23

**January 9, 1st Sunday after Epiphany** (Canon Newman)  
Isaiah 42.1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

**January 16, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Isaiah 49.1-7; Ps. 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

**January 23, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Isaiah 9.1-4; Ps. 27.1,5-13; 1 Cor. 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

**January 30, 4th Sunday after Epiphany** (Canon Newman)  
Micah 6.1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12

### WEDNESDAYS

**1/5: The Epiphany (eve)** (Canon Newman)  
Ps. 72.1-7,10-14; Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

**1/12: Aelred of Rievaulx** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Ps. 36.5-10; Philippians 2.1-4; John 15.9-17

**1/19: Confession of St. Peter (tr.)** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Ps. 23; Acts 4.8-13; 1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19

**1/26: Conversion of St. Paul (tr.)** (Mthr. Haynes)  
Ps. 67; Acts 26.9-21; Galatians 1.11-24; Matthew 10.16-22

# ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

3590 Grand View Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Phone: 310-391-5522 or 888-802-6722

Fax: 310-391-8113

Parish Hall Telephone: 310-391-9316

Rector's Pager: 310-569-1575

Email: stbedesla@yahoo.com

**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.stbedesla.org](http://www.stbedesla.org)**

## ***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.*

December 7 — (J. Young & R. Miller, hosts)  
December 14 — (E. Harter & L. Beitzel, hosts)  
December 21 — (A. Haynes & J. Dahler, hosts)  
December 30 — (J. Fox, H. Haddad, M. Kosinski, hosts)

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM**

Jan. 5 : Movies & Theology: "Empire of the Sun"

Jan. 12, 19 & 26: Preparing for Black History month  
(Mthr. Golie & others)

## ***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

**SEXTON:** Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

### **VESTRY**

Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden

Annette Graw ['07] - Junior Warden

Kyle Ferstead—Clerk

Tom Ledsam—Treasurer

Gordon Fuglie ('05) Michael Gallagher ['07]

Edmonde Haddad ['07] Ina Klem ['06]

Samira Tamer ('05) Jerry Hornof ['05]

Joelle Underwood ('06)

### **DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION**

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)

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