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**IF YOU'RE SPIRITUALLY ALIVE, YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS!  
IF YOU'RE SPIRITUALLY DEAD, YOU WON'T WANT TO READ IT.  
IF YOU'RE SPIRITUALLY CURIOUS, THERE IS STILL HOPE! !**

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## THIS MONTH

Rector's Column

Golie & Vicki

Via Media

Preparing for

Tomorrow

April Birthdays &

Anniversaries

### Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, ! for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

All right, now that you're done reading, share this! I think everyone should read this! "When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

—*from the internet*—

LIVE HOLY WEEK — SERVICES EACH DAY — PALM SUNDAY THROUGH

# CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

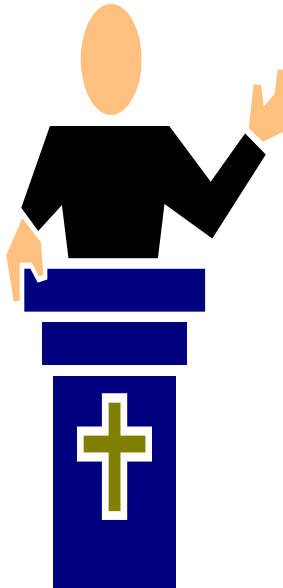
Dear Friends in Christ:

“And if ... you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.”  
*BCP, pg. 317*

As we make our way through Lent, we are called to examine ourselves in a number of ways. On March 19, we heard these words from the “Exhortation” offering sacramental confession and absolution as one of the spiritual paths offered by the Church.

The “ministry of reconciliation” is fully explained on page 446 of the *Book of Common Prayer* and is followed by two forms of the rite (pp. 447-48 & 449-452). I would commend this to all members of the Church as a spiritual practice of power and grace. So-called “private confession” is not a Roman Catholicism in our midst, it is one of the seven sacraments that the Church has professed and taught since its earliest days.

Unlike the Roman Church, Anglicans (Episcopalians) are not forced to go to confession. One of the reformations of the 16th century was to introduce the “general confession &



absolution” in the services (see *BCP* pp. 331 & 360).

Private confession was made an option. We say, “all may, none must, some should.” There are simply times, that we need to verbalize our brokenness to another person before God. “When two or three are gathered together in his Name you [God] will be in the midst of them.”

Private confession may be scheduled with the clergy at any time one feels that need. Lent is an especially appropriate time and season and context to consider making a confession.

I will be available in Lent for those who wish to avail themselves of God’s love in this way. Holy Week (from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday) is an appropriate time.

At Sacramental Confession, one should be prepared and mentally organized. Should you wish to make an examination of conscience prior to making your confession, may I suggest using the “Litany of Penitence” on pp. 267-269 of the *BCP*.

In Christ,

**Jim Newman+**

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Visitors:

Daniel Gotz, Elizabeth Cochet & Jon Wilson, Mike Turella,  
David Ross, Eric Reinbold, Jessica Baris, Kristen Weirick,  
Jackie Hesley, Yuko Ferrell, Susan Barnidge, Jack & Marge Manley

### Please Pray for:

Tina, Peggy, Frances, Daniel, Eugenia, Diane, Dulcie, Fr. Giles,  
Fr. Howard, Fr. John, Michael, Kelly, Wes, Don, Charlotte, Sandi,  
Mary Jane, Nabila, Jean, Marlowe, John, Lois, Joe, Harriet, Ina,  
Dennis, Janet

### April Anniversaries:

04/11	Kathy and Joe Hartley
04/17	Seth and Diana Neilson
04/27	Jean and Martin Boone
04/27	Wendy and Steve Butts
04/28	Jerry Hornof and Karen Scharre
04/29	Angus and Valerie Mackay

### April Birthdays:

04/01	Nathan Mohler
04/02	Eugenia Eaton
04/05	Meg Russell
04/06	Harriet Haddad
04/10	Carl Townsend
04/11	Kathy Hartley
04/12	Jo Ledsam
04/12	Karen Earle
04/15	Nancy Holly
04/17	Connor Winston
04/18	Amanda Duval
04/18	Madeline Hisserich
04/20	Samira Tamer
04/22	Mary Jane Herron
04/23	David Householder
04/24	Evlynne Householder
04/26	Stephen Buck

## VARIOUS MINISTRIES NEEDED

Catechists for the older students' Atrium (Fr. Jim)  
 Acolytes (Michael Gallagher)  
 Lectors (Dennis Winston)  
 Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Fr. Jim)  
 Lay Eucharistic Visitors (Annette Graw)

## VIA MEDIA & PREPARING FOR TOMORROW CONTINUE

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**April Sundays following the 10 a.m. service!!**

...and on various Saturdays...

We are all aging. We have loved ones who are aging. We have friends who are aging. How do we face the various challenges & opportunities both in our growth & development and as we perceive our various ministries within the Body of Christ? The title of this series is **"Planning for Tomorrow"**. 4/8: Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning (Tom Curtiss); 4/29: Life Income Gifts (Ben Harrington); 5/6: From Aging to Sage-ing, Part Two (Fr. Ron Erlandson); 5/20: Funeral Issues (Bill Hawkins & Jim Newman)

## "MOTHER" TO TEND ANOTHER GARDEN FOR AWHILE

**Mthr. Golie** will not be with us for the Sunday liturgies in April. During that time, she will be the Sunday substitute for the Rector of the Church of the Advent on West Adams., who will be on sabbatical leave. Golie WILL be coordinating those who teach in the Church School, leading the Breakfast & Bible Class, meeting with the SoB's and SJG, and making pastoral & hospital calls. She will also be the celebrant & homilist at the service on the Tuesday of Holy Week.

## VICKI MOURADIAN TO PREACH

Former parish Vicki Mouradian will be our guest preacher on Palm Sunday — April 9 at both services. Vicki is scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2007 and is a member of St. Peter's Church, San Pedro.

## RECTOR'S FORUM

On Sunday, April 2, Mike & Sandy Olsen will talk about their interfaith pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Forum is held between the 8 & 10 a.m. services.

## APRIL LESSONS

### SUNDAYS

**April 2 (Lent 5):** (JN) Jeremiah 31.31-34; Ps. 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33  
**April 9 (Palm Sunday):** (VM) Ps. 118.1-2,19-29; Mk. 11.1-11a; Is. 50.4-9a; Ps. 31.9-16; Phil. 2.5-11; Mark 14.1 - 15.47  
**April 16 (Easter Vigil):** (JN) Romans 6.3-11; Mark 16.1-8  
**April 16 (Easter Day):** (JN) Acts 10.34-43; Ps. 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8  
**April 23 (Easter 2):** (JN) Acts 4.32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31  
**April 30 (Easter 3):** (JN) Acts 3.12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48

### WEEKDAYS

4/5 (Wed. in Lent 5): (MO) Daniel 3.14-20,24-28; Canticle 13; John 8.31-42  
 4/10 (Mon. in Holy Week): (JN) Isaiah 42.1-9; Ps. 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11  
 4/11 (Tues. in Holy Week): (AH) Isaiah 49.1-7; Ps. 71.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36  
 4/12 (Wed. in Holy Week): (JN) Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps. 70; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32  
 4/13 (Maundy Thursday): (JN) Exodus 12.1-4(5-10) 11-14; Ps. 116.1,10-17; 1 Cor. 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35  
 4/14 (Good Friday): (JN) Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Ps. 22.1-11; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-19.42  
 4/15 (Holy Saturday): Job 14.1-14; Ps. 31.1-4,15-16; 1 Peter 4.1-8; John 19.38-42  
 4/19 (Wed. in Easter Week): (JN) Acts 12.24-13.5a; Ps. 67; John 12.44-50  
 4/26 (St. Mark, tr.): (JN) Isaiah 52.7-10; Ps. 2.7-10; Ephesians 4.7-8,11-16; Mark 1.1-15

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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** 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE**

04 J. Newman & R. Jayne  
11 NO CLASS  
18 J. Fox & M. Kosinski  
25 N. Holly & M. Leng

**WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:**

**LENT in NARNIA**

4/5: "Shadowlands" (movie @ 7.30)  
5/12: NO CLASS (Tenebrae @ 8 pm)  
4/19: New Testament:: Pastoral Epistles  
4/26: New Testament:: The Book of Hebrews

**PREPARING FOR TOMORROW: (Saturdays)**

4/8: Wills & Trusts (Tom Curtiss)  
4/29: Life Income Gifts (Ben Harrington)

**VIA MEDIA:** April 2, 9, 23 & 30

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

**RECTOR:** The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

**ASSOCIATE:** The Rev. Argola Haynes

**ASSISTING CLERGY:**

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Frank Basile

**FACILITIES MANAGER:** Tom Ledsam

**VESTRY**

Annette Graw ('07) — Senior Warden

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood — Clerk

Paul Thompson—Treasurer

Mike Olsen — Assistant Treasurer

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

Susan Funk ('08) Michael Gallagher ('07)

Kathy Hartley ('07) Ricky Lewis, Jr. ('08)

Liz Mohler ('08) Phyllis Morrison ('07)

Reed Wilson ('08)

**DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION**

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)