

# THE QUILL

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## THE HOLIDAYS AT ST. BEDE'S

We have amended our Holiday schedule a bit this year. The **tree-trimming party** will be sponsored by the Sisters of Bede on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. [At the exact same time, St. Mary in Palms will be celebrating the **50th Ordination Anniversary** of the Rev. Canon Connor Lynn, the Rector-emeritus. The public is invited.]

**December 24th** is two-days in one liturgically. The morning is the **4th Sunday of Advent**. We will celebrate ONE service at 10 a.m. Later that day, the **Christmas Eve** services will be at 4.30 and 10.30 pm. The early service is very informal and is directed toward the children and their families. The later service is very traditional and ceremonial with carols & candles etc. There is **NO Christmas Day** service, but we would recommend the children's service at Holy Nativity, 6700 W. 83rd St. in Westchester [call them for specifics, 310-670-4777].

The **Sunday after Christmas** — December 31 — will have ONE eucharist at 10 a.m. On Sunday, January 7, we will celebrate both the Feast of the Epiphany & the Baptism of Jesus at both the 8 & 10 a.m. services.

## 2007 GOALS: COLUMBARIUM & SIGN

"My job is to keep visioning for the future along with the Vestry", said Canon Newman recently. "The Vestry's job is to keep asking me how it will be paid for. It makes for a lively discussion. It also makes this job fresh every day".

The Rector was pointing out that the sign at the corner of Grandview & Charnock is slowly falling apart. "It is only standing because the termites are holding hands and the light has not worked for over a decade." He added, "How do we present to the neighborhood and those who drive by? How do we advertise special events like the wonderful sale recently sponsored by the St. John's Guild?"

Inside the patio, he has plans for the east side of the garden. "Many parishes have installed a columbarium for the remains of their parishioners. I have a niche in my home parish in Minnesota. My mother is there already. However, I purchased it while I still lived in Minnesota. I want to be in this lovely garden and bring Lillian out to join me. Many have given their lives to this place and would rather be here than in a more impersonal cemetery or mausoleum.

"In the end, it pays for itself, because we who will use it pay for the spaces." St. Bede's has in storage five stained glass windows from old St. John's and Good Shepherd, the churches that were merged in the mid-1960's to create St. Bede's. "I hope that we will put those to good use as we create this living memorial," Canon Newman said.

12/24: 10 am; 4.30 pm; 10.30 pm  
12/31: 10 am

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### THIS MONTH

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Anniversaries  
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# CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

I actually made a pledge call the other day. It was to a new household and I was just talking to them at the right time. I was asked a question that I have never heard quite that way before. It was, "What does it cost to run the church for a day, a month, etc.?"

There are several ways to answer that question. The 2006 Operating Budget is \$219,956. There are a number of ways to answer the question. Based on that figure, it costs:

**\*\*\*\$603/day or \$18,330/month**

But we are made up of household (110) and members (200), so...

**\*\*\*\$5.48/per household or \$3.00/person per day**

**\*\*\*\$167/per household or \$ 91.65/person per month**

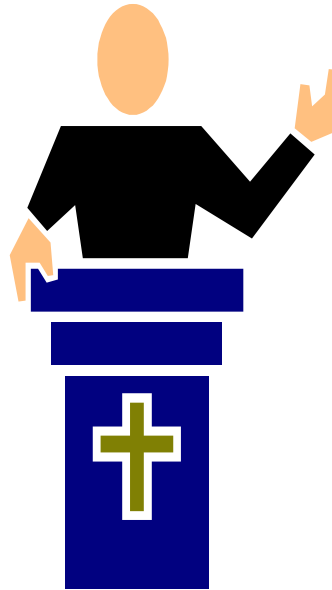
I am not sure if that is helpful information, but he immediately handed me a pledge card for \$2,400 (\$200/month) as he wanted to, as he said, "pay his fair share".

We are in the middle of the collection of pledges for 2007. To date (Nov. 20), we have collected 53 pledges totaling \$158,185 [2006: 86 pledges totaling \$ 201,849].

\*\*\*The pledges range from \$104/year to \$30,000/year

\*\*\*The average pledge is \$2,984.62/year (\$57.40/week)

\*\*\*The median pledge is \$1,560/year (30/week)



Have **YOU** returned a pledge card yet?? We ask everyone who considers themselves a parishioner to return a signed pledge card even if they cannot make a financial pledge for next year. **Please respond to this request by Sunday, December 10.**

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As I was typing this message, I remember a comment made by a parishioner in Minnesota who said, "I do not pledge, but I give the parish gifts". That is an amazing statement that has theological and financial consequences.

Financially, imagine an employer saying, "I won't pay you, but I may give you a bonus every so often". Or imagine saying to your children, "You will have to make do with the special gifts I give you". Obviously, that makes for a poor work or home environment.

However, on a theological note, stewardship is "thanksgiving" to God for what we have been given. We do not pledge to a budget nor do we have congregational fees (or dues).. We are asked to return to God a portion of what we have been given. Moreover, we are asked to dedicate ALL that we do to God's glory.

I hope and pray that one of our resolutions for the new year will be a conversion to both remembering that all comes from God and dedicating all that we are back to God.

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Please plan ahead & mark your calendars to attend the **41st Annual Meeting of St. Bede's Parish** following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 21, 2007.

On behalf of the Wardens and Vestry, I want to thank you for your love and support of the parish and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2007!!!

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, John, Lois, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Fr, Howard, Kim, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Jeff, Sandy, Kelly, Ergun, Don, Caleb, Dennis

### December Birthdays:

12/1	Robert Irons, Jr.	12/2	Dennis Winston
12/4	Stephen Hunter	12/6	Joyce Matlack
12/7	Daphne Moote	12/9	Leo Nicastro
12/10	Giovan King	12/14	Annette Graw
12/19	Laird Hegamin	12/19	Phyllis Morrison
12/20	Melanie Elliott	12/24	Pammela Jackson
12/24	Karen Scharre		

### December Anniversaries:

12/22 Ed & Harriet Haddad

*Canon Jim Newman+*  
Rector

## 2007 PILGRIMAGE w/BISHOP & RECTOR

The brochures are now out in the narthex & on the website (www.stbedesla.org). Next fall, join Canon Jim and Bishop Jon and Mary Bruno in:

### *CLASSICAL TURKEY & GREECE*

The trip will depart on Oct. 31 from Los Angeles and return on Nov. 11. You will visit Istanbul (historic Constantinople), Troy (biblical Troas), Pergamum, Izmir (biblical Smyrna) & Ephesus. From Ephesus, the group will enjoy a 3-day cruise to Patmos, Rhodes, Crete & Santorini and end with a stay in Athens and a visit to Corinth. St. Paul walked and sailed these routes 2000 years ago!!

The cost will be \$2,599 (not incl. airport taxes, port charges, security fees, passport or visa fees or tipping). A single room is an additional \$650.

### REPORT FROM AIDS MINISTRY

Jeannette Young reports that the response for the Christmas bags was overwhelming. Nearly \$800 was given toward the gift certificates and many toiletries were received. 228 bags have been filled for distribution on December 6th.

### REPORT FROM EL SALVADOR MINISTRY

We will be collecting money for the El Salvador housing project until the end of the year. Please make any gifts you wish BEFORE December 31st.

### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The **Alternative Christmas Market** will be available with outreach gifts available on the first three Sundays of Advent: December 3, 10 & 17.

## SISTERS OF BEDE VENUES

Many events have space and one may sign up by talking either to the host of the event or Samira Tamer. Please see the SoB board in the Parish Hall.

### NOMINATIONS DUE

The Nominating Committee has presented the following names for the Vestry (1-1yr. term; 4-2 yr. terms):

Tom Elliott  
Michael Mullins  
Dean Pace  
Don Shaw

*(one more nominee needed)*

And 1 delegate & 1 alternate delegate to Diocesan Convention:

Annette Graw (delegate)  
Kyle Ferstead (alternate)

Nominations may be received up to the day of the Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 21, 2007 following the 10 a.m. service.

### SOME ADDRESSES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

#### Stephen Hunter

Küçükbakkalköy Yolu Cd.  
Cemre Apt. No.: 45 K: 2 D: 9  
İçerenkoy, İstanbul, Turkey

#### Fr. Holger Laske

Riehlerstrasse 7  
50 668 Koln, Germany

#### Fr. Howard Happ

5801 Crestridge Rd., #B115  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

#### Fr. John Hancock

c/o the Church office

## DECEMBER LESSONS

### SUNDAYS

**Dec. 3 (Advent 1):** (AH) Jeremiah 33.14-16;  
Ps. 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36  
**Dec. 10 (Advent 2):** (JN/8am; Lessons & Carols/10)  
Baruch 5.1-9; Canticle 16; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6  
**Dec. 17 (Advent 3):** (JN) Zephaniah 3.14-20;  
Canticle 9; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18  
**Dec. 24 (Advent 4/10 am):** (GK) Micah 2.2-5a;  
Canticle 15; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45(46-55)  
**Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve):** (AH/4.30 pm; JN/10.30 pm)  
Is. 9.2-4,6-7; Ps. 96.1-4,11-12; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14(15-20)  
**Dec. 31 (Sunday aft. Christmas):** (JN) Isaiah 61.10-62.3;  
Ps. 147.13-21; Galatians 3.23-25 & 4.4-7; John 1.1-18

### WEEKDAYS

**12/6: Wednesday in Advent 1** (JN)  
Isaiah 25.6-9; Ps. 23; Matthew 15.29-39  
**12/13: Wednesday in Advent 2** (JN)  
Isaiah 40.25-31; Ps. 103.1-10; Matthew 11.28-30  
**12/20: ST. THOMAS** (JN)  
Habakkuk 2.1-4; Ps. 126; Hebrews 10.34-11.1; John 20.24-29  
**12/27: ST. JOHN** (JN)  
Exodus 33.18-23; Ps. 92.1-4,11-14; 1 John 1.1-9; John 21.19b-24

# ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MAR VISTA, VENICE, OCEAN PARK & PLAYA VISTA

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

3590 Grand View Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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Fax: 310-391-8113

Parish Hall Telephone: 310-391-9316

Rector's Phone: 310-569-1575

We're on the Web!  
[www.stbedesla.org](http://www.stbedesla.org)  
Hear Sunday's Sermon!

## 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

Hosts:

12/5: J. Young & R. Miller; 12/12: J. Newman & R. Jayne;  
12/19 & 12/26 & 1/2: **NO MEETING**

### WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

**Great Figures of the Old Testament**

12/6 — Samson

**Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol**

12/13

**VIA MEDIA: An Anglican Form of Christianity**

12/3 @ Noon

## 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

**INTERNS:** Giovan King & Mike Olsen

**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 & Barbara Sands — Assistant Treasurers

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

Michael Gallagher ('07) Kathy Hartley ('08)

— ('08) Liz Mohler ('08)

Phyllis Morrison ('07) Alice Short ('08)

Reed Wilson ('08)

### DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

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

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