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Holy Week and the Great Festivals of Easter

The culmination of our Lenten journey comes during Holy Week - that span of time from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. It is an emotional time - a time when we encounter the excitement of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, full of the hopes of the people that God's beloved will be received by one and all as the Messiah, the Anointed One of God, only to be followed by the shock and sorrow of his arrest, trial and dreadful execution as a threat to the established order, a heretic, a criminal of the worst sort.

As much as we live in an antiseptic world, distant from and inoculated against most of the horrors that plague the rest of the world, this week of events forces us to face the fact that human beings have been and continue to be greedy and protective of power and privilege. And just when our world seems to be immersed in its darkest depths of depravity and despair, we encounter the God's ultimate confrontation with and victory over death - the Resurrection - God's final Word that all the evil of the world cannot and never will succeed against the power of God's love. This week is a roller coaster of emotion and I encourage you to engage your own emotions and your faith through the power of this story.

Palm Sunday, April 5th

7:30 am - Palm Procession into church and celebration, culminating in the Passion

9:30 am - Palm Procession from the Palapa into church and celebration,
culminating in the Passion

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

4:00 pm - Last Supper liturgy and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 10th

12:00 noon - Good Friday liturgy with Solemn Collects

4:00 pm - Stations of the Cross out to the Palapa

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 11th

8:30 pm - Kindling of the New Fire on the Patio, the Recitation of Salvation History,
& the first Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 12th

6:30 am - Sunrise service at the foot of the Cross, by the Methodist Church,

followed by Holy Communion at St. Barnabas

9:30 am - Choral Eucharist

~Julia+

THE CALLING COMMITTEE OF ST. BARNABAS

Your calling committee continues to meet every Monday at 2:00. During the month of March four goals for a rector were created from the input gathered from the congregation. They could be no more than 45 characters and are as follows.

1. Provide inspiring/renewing Rite II worship
2. Grow membership and deeper sense of commitment
3. Develop community outreach and presence
4. Maintain consistent local church operations

Each goal was matched with six skills listed in the Ministry Skill/Experience Manual from the church deployment office. These will be reviewed by Canon Jenny and then presented to the Vestry for approval. When accepted they will be entered into the national data base where rectors searching for a parish have access. This and our website will provide them with their information about us.

~Sue Salt

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Vestry Report

Your vestry gathered on March 23rd with several important items on their agenda. At 9 a.m. they took a break for a presentation of the Position Profile from the Calling Committee and Canon Jenny Vervynck. The finance committee added the necessary numbers to complete the Profile. The vestry approved the Profile and it is now ready for posting on various websites.

The regular vestry meeting resumed at 10 a.m. Among the topics covered were ideal dates for the 2010 bishop's visit (one of the 4 Sundays between Feb. 10 and Mar. 14), the news that current pledges will cover 87% of the "conservative budget", a decision that one service each Sunday (8:30 a.m.) will begin this year on April 19 until November.

~Nancy Bye for Sue Salt

On Pastoral Care

Thanks to all of you who are visiting folks in need of support and loving sustenance. We are in need of two types of visitors: one is the informal visitor who can visit and bring or share a meal, or just drop in for a short visit to socialize or even play a friendly card or board game.

However, if you feel called, you might want to consider becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM). That ministry differs from an informal ministry only in the sense that it provides the Eucharist and abbreviated service to the celebrant. If you feel called to this ministry we will need to submit your names to the diocese and be sure that you are licensed. This does not preclude engaging in the same socializing activities as the informal visitor.

In order to be sure that people's needs are met, as Chairman of Pastoral Care, I need to know who needs visits and who is visiting. Please let me know at 767-7746 if you wish to visit the sick and homebound and/or if you are already performing this ministry. The vestry has the obligation to know if needs are being met and by whom.

Please consider the calling of LEM and speak with the rector about it. She will be submitting to the diocese in the next month the names of those whose calling directs them to becoming LEMs.

I look forward to hearing from you: Victor Levine: 767-7746; ra-vok@nethere.com; POB 444 BS CA 2004.

Rector's Corner

Celebrate Spring!

Let's get together for one last celebration of our St. Barnabas family before we start scattering to the far reaches of our continent. On Saturday, April 18th, we'll gather for dinner at the Rectory at 6 pm. I'll provide the main event if you all will bring appetizers, side dishes and salads, and dessert to share. And of course your favorite beverage of choice. We had so much fun at Mardi Gras, let's do it again! This will be a great time to bid farewell to our seasonal members!

Special Service in April

Not only will we worship with the special liturgies of Palm Sunday and Easter this month, but on April 19th we will focus on the Care of Creation, our stewardship of God's good creation. Special music and lessons will help us focus on our relationship with the natural world and our service as God's stewards of God's world.

~ Julie +

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the members of St. Barnabas who have pledged a total of \$84,760. As you know our budget for 2009 is \$98,384. We have pledged 86% of a very conservative budget. In these difficult times we all need to continue to be hopeful and continue our mission and ministry here at St. Barnabas with renewed vigor and energy.

~Bill Walker

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!

In New Orleans, home of probably the world's largest Mardi Gras party, the French urge everyone to "Let the good times roll." On February 24 at the Rectory, about 30 of us certainly did our part to follow that suggestion. Julie+ hosted a wonderful party. She loves Mardi Gras and has organized many celebrations in the past. It certainly shows. There were beautiful decorations, including beads for all, good food, music and company. We started with a delicious spinach, artichoke and parmesan dip while enjoying Dave Otis on the piano and songs by Nancy Schumacher and Faye Dorsey. Special thanks to Addis, Jack and Bill for opening the wine! Nutmeg the beagle was an added attraction, although most disappointed that she was not allowed "people food." We look forward to meeting Cinnamon, who was at her other home, next time.

Before dinner we joined hands as Julie+ led us in an inspiring prayer, then dug into a delicious dinner of gumbo, salad and bread. Of course the meal ended with the traditional Mardi Gras cake, with almonds substituted for the usual toy babies. Legend has it that the two who find the babies (or almonds) in their pieces of cake shall be crowned King and Queen, and sometimes also must host the next party. The lucky winners were King Joya Hoyt and Queen Ruth Otis. Julie+ explained the significance of the traditional Mardi Gras colors, gold for glory, purple for justice and green for faith. We all agreed it was a special evening and hope to do it again next year.

~Wendy Quinn

Mardi Gras King
Joya Hoyt and
Queen Ruth Otis
enjoy the Mardi Gras
Party!



Reflections on the Process Workshop & Beyond

I've been thinking about the discussions and presentations that took place in the courtyard of St Barnabas, on a brisk Sunday morning, January 4, 2009.

As you'll recall, Canon Vervynck from the Bishop's office presided on that day. Most of the members of the church were there, participated and carried away a set of impressions about the Workshop and where it naturally led, to thoughts about the process of seeking a new rector for St Barnabas.

Canon Vervynck has been meeting weekly with members of the St Barnabas Calling Committee on a regular and urgent basis. They've been working on producing an up-to-date description of St Barnabas and the village of Borrego for the St B website. Soon the questing process will begin.

I hope you've also been mulling over the question of what kind of rector we want and, in particular, marshalling your preferences vis-à-vis the new leader's strengths and abilities. I'm hoping you've shared your thoughts with the Calling Committee, either in person or via written note.

My further hope is that this reflection is one of many that have taken place within the St Barnabas community, even as I offer you my personal words on the process.

I've gone over the data from the January 4 discussions and presentations and thank Shirley Vialpando for her good work in tabulating each of personal comments collected at that time.

In addition, I've talked with a number of people since January 4, about what they have in mind when they think about what they and the rest of the congregation needs to receive from the next occupant of the rector's office.

What I've learned in the last two months from folks who were kind enough to respond, suggests an area of wide agreement. Most folks want a rector who matches the excellences of the rectors they have known. What were some of those excellences? Their ideal rector would:

be Biblically hip.

offer sermons that are inspiring and set the past in its historic context.

be prepared to offer visitation to all, sick and well, as a predictable tool in promoting a greater sense of community among members and, where possible, the wider Borrego community.

be willing and able to tackle the job of growing the church by appealing to the needs of both church members and those outside the St Barnabas community.

be proficient in Spanish and ready to draw into the church local Hispanics and other unchurched individuals.

At the same time, there were both confirmations and additional details built into those responses. For example: Folks wanted a rector who delivers a provocative and yet consoling sermon based on Old and New Testament texts. At the same time, they felt that he or she must be able to make sermons more relevant to contemporary life, yet—echoing points one and two above— be solidly grounded in the latest Biblical scholarship.

Some preferred a retired candidate, with or without spouse. Others were hoping for a young, married couple with, or without children. Some would not consider diverging from the male model, in any event.

Many were less concerned with gender than with a prospective rector's depth of experience and knowledge of liturgy and related church matters.

For some, there was a desire for a more conservative reading of the Bible and Book of Common Prayer, though this was muted. Most prefer the more modern readings.

It should be noted that some favored a rector who leaned more to a traditional approach to Sunday services, generally covering liturgy with which they were most comfortable, or with which they had grown up.

Very few ruled out the inclusion of a female rector. Some were unalterably opposed, as noted. Most preferred a man but were willing to consider a woman, if their other needs were met.

Many simply wanted a rector who would be well-balanced in all the desired areas. They were concerned that the next rector be an insightful leader with the ability to weld the church into a more perfect union through sermons and a constructive application of liturgy which recognized the special needs of the St Barnabas community.

A focus on visitation was seen as one of the prime functions of the next rector. The hope for face-to-face exchanges was widely shared, as opposed to voice- or email connections, though the latter were not excluded as additional means of staying in touch.

Two additional concerns were for the establishing of a policy of outward movement, where a future rector would enlarge the presence of the church within the Borrego and surrounding communities.

The other concern was with more fully developing the Retreat Center and labyrinth as viable instruments of renewal for members and also local inhabitants—not just church members but all within the geographical vicinity.

Coupled with that was the desire, and perhaps necessity, to open the Retreat Center/labyrinth facility to a far wider audience. This would be done by regularizing use of the facilities locally, as in focused one-day or seasonal meditations.

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In the Vale of the Francis B:
Farewell

I

We live
In a world
You
Invented

Now you go
In a different key
While we who stay
Build on the dreams

That flowed
From your need
And vivid
Presence;

We deem ourselves
Blessed
To follow in
Your sturdy wake;

II

Earth: salute
A gallant soul;
God give you rest;
Frances B, farewell.

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[Memorial, Saturday: 02.21.'09]

**WHAT IS THAT
CALLING COMMITTEE
DOING?**

Your calling committee has been working hard to complete the parish description, parish goals and responsibilities for the new rector with the help of Canon Jenny Vervynck and within the guidelines of the national church. This is the form we need to send to the great computer in the sky in order to get a match for us to look at. We think it's ready, but need to run it past Canon Vervynck again and get the approval of the vestry. Then she can send it forward. This has been a task much more complex than we had expected as our description of the new rector's responsibilities have to fit a set description for computer purposes.

We have also been working on the parish profile to go up on the St. Barnabas website so that candidates can understand the individual characteristics of this parish. Two parts have been completed in draft form: the history of St. Barnabas and the description of the Borrego community. These need to be perfected, and again, run past the vestry. There is also a vestry committee which is working on a new and expanded mission statement which is also to be put up on the website as part of the profile.

The calling committee and the vestry are working together to move the process along. We want the process to be as swift as possible while being as careful as possible about the accuracy of our description of the parish and its needs. We want to attract the right candidates for the position.

~Mary Levine

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In addition, the thought was that word about both Retreat Center and labyrinth should be broadcast widely with the stress on the meditative silences of the desert. Accompanying that would be the assurance that St Barnabas, given its ideal locale, offers a time-tested surcease far from the madding crowd and, along with that, the crucial opportunity to renew one's union with the God-head.

I would say, there were few surprises to any of us who were present at the January 4 convocation. Most, if not all, of the above concerns were, as you'll recall, raised and discussed at that time.

~Victor Levine

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 5—Palm Sunday (2 services)
- April 9—Maundy Thursday (4:00 PM Eucharist)
- April 10—Good Friday (services Noon and 4:00 PM)
- April 11—Easter Vigil (8:30 PM)
- April 12—EASTER (Sunrise 6:30 AM)
- April 19—Earth Day—(start of 1 service 8:30 AM)

BITS & PIECES

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Choir Update

As some of you may already know our Choir Director Joanne Mclean is having some health issues and found it necessary to step down as Director for the time being.

Joanne, we all wish you well, good health and a quick recovery. In the interim I have been asked to help lead the choir. It is my pleasure to help out. The choir is doing a fine job in leading the congregation in worship through its gift of song. We will continue to work hard to provide the congregation with quality music. We are currently working on hymns for the Lenten season and are beginning our preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Thanks for your support and remember, we always have room for one more voice.

~Trent C. Kleinkopf

WHITE ELEPHANT COLUMN

REMEMBER

Donations are gratefully accepted for the orphanage in Mexico.

Checks can be made out to "Faith Assembly" or Ernie Loza.

Call Ernie Loza 760-445-5360.

For inclusion, or suggestions to help the column be more useful, call Lynniss or drop her a line at

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Talents & Treasures

On February 22nd Faye Dorsey set up her 3rd annual talents and treasures sale. Held in the parish room after both services, it was a delight to behold. And a success! Jean Smith served as cashier. Irene Foster's gorgeous jewelry was a great hit, as always.

The great surprise was an anonymous contribution of \$200 from.....oh, no! Proceeds from this event are evenly distributed between the altar guild and the Women of St. Barnabas.

~Nancy Bye

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS— ACTIVITIES!

On March 4th only seven of us gathered at Faye's house. Two were guests: Joan Sobol visiting for the month of March, and our own dear Nancy Stevens. But much transpired. Fabulous Faye (as we will now call her) volunteered to co-chair our group from October 2009 to October 2010. Now she needs a year 'rounder as a partner. Please talk to Faye, to Ann Nourse, or to me if you are willing to do this. I have volunteered to relieve her in the fall of scheduling ushers for the 9:30 service, and will continue to serve as treasurer for this group if you like.

We agreed on the following desired outreach donations for the rest of this year: \$500 to Meals for the Homebound (through the Senior Center), \$500 to Horizon Hospice (for patient care in Borrego Springs only), \$250 to the Performing Arts Center, and \$500 for water to Slab City for two summer months. We feel that, all things considered, we should hold some money (\$500?) aside in an emergency fund. The actual amounts to be donated will be determined after our "Bake Event" on April 3rd.

We WILL host the Easter Holy Happy Hour!
John Visser will pour our mimosas.

NEXT MEETING

May 6th at noon in the parish room.
Please let me know if you will attend—
nancybye@cableusa.com

As we go or stay for the summer, in the spirit of sisterhood I send this prayer that Jinny Perrin sent to me.

"May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

Feel free to share.

~Nancy Bye

What Is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a way for people to help themselves and each other live their lives as Christians. Cursillo offers a method for sustaining Christians as they struggle "Being Christian" in daily living in the world.

First and foremost, Cursillo is small groups of people sharing their lives in Christ and aiding each other in a world that does not appear to care about Him. These groups motivate their members to grow, to share their lives with the group, and to live as Christians in the world.

The movement and the name "Cursillo" came from Spain. The full title Cursillo de Cristiandad means "short courses in Christian living. Cursillo starts, for most people, with a three day weekend.

Cursillo does not have a set of right answers but the weekend is a time to be open to the spirit and to explore your own reactions. There are fifteen talks and each talk is colored by the experiences of the person who gives that particular talk. Each talk is followed by discussion at each table. Each Cursillo weekend is shaped by the personalities of the people who lead it as well as those who lead it. The message of GOD's grace is consistent, but each person's reaction to it is unique.

When the weekend is over, Cursillo starts and last for the rest of your life. The participants go back to their world and find or create small groups to meet together regularly in prayer, to review how they are doing and to support each other in their daily lives. It is walking with each other and with Christ.

Please call me if you are interested in learning about the Cursillo community and what we do.

~Garrett Westover

YOUNGER NEXT YEAR

This support group meets every Thursday at
4:00PM in the Parish Room.

The group discusses the book "Younger Next Year" and individuals report on their weeks activities. The ultimate goal is to demonstrate how a sound exercise and diet plan can lead to life-changing and healthy outcomes for all participants.

~Bill Walker

Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

April 3-7:00 AM Women of St. Barnabas Bakers @ Christmas Circle
April 4-10:00 AM Make Palm Crosses @ Parish Room
April 5—PALM SUNDAY 7:30 & 9:30 AM Services
April 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's
April 9-MAUNDY THURSDAY—4:00 PM service
April 10-GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 Noon & 4:00 PM services
April 11 THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8:30 PM
April 12 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30AM Sunrise service at the foot of the Cross by the Methodist Church, followed by Holy Communion at St. Barnabas
9:30 AM—Choral Eucharist
April 15-6:00 PM Sarah's Circle April 15-6:00 PM Men's Group
April 19—"Care of Creation Day" BEGIN 1 SERVICE 8:30AM
April 23- 3:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
April 27-8:00 AM Vestry



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