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To Keep a True Lent

Lent has traditionally been a time to practice a variety of spiritual disciplines. Some people choose to give something up, like chocolate or coffee or meat on Fridays. Others choose to take on a discipline such as daily prayer or Bible reading. I have always found the words of the Cavalier poet, Robert Herrick, to be wisdom and inspiration for this season.

To Keep a True Lent

**Is this a Fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?
Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill,
The platter high with fish?
Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A down-cast look and sour?**

**No: tis a Fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat
Unto the hungry soul.
It is to fast from strife
And old debate,
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.**

May this Lenten season be a time for all of us to practice charity and harmony in our lives and in our relationships, that when we come to Easter, we may find ourselves renewed by grace, full of mercy and aglow with love.

~Julie +

THE CALLING COMMITTEE OF ST. BARNABAS

The St Barnabas Calling Committee met at 2 PM, February 10th, in the Parish Room.

They were joined by The Rev Canon Jenny Vervynck of the Diocesan Clergy Deployment Office.

Jenny reviewed the items from the Power Point presentation she made to the Parish at the beginning of our discernment process and which have already been accomplished.

The next step will be a compilation of an updated parish profile, using the one done in 2000 as a starting point and including the ideas resulting from Jenny's last visit with the whole parish, along with suggestions that have since been received from individual parishioners.

Committee members will be checking the websites of other of our sister parishes who are currently in one phase or another of the calling process. Jenny suggested that we keep our own website current and pertinent as that will probably be the first thing a potential applicant would access. The Committee will explore the possibility of including Nancy Nagy's+ DVD of St Barnabas on the website.

At the meeting of the Calling Committee on February 16th, an outline was prepared of a current Parish Profile and each member accepted responsibility for preparing one component of that outline. Chairman Addis Ward distributed copies of profiles done by other parishes to be used as models for our own. Another resource will be the previous St Barnabas profile done in 2000.

All components will be brought to the next meeting on February 24th, when the committee will begin the actual writing of a timely parish profile. It is during this process when the ideas of individual parishioners as to what we should be looking for in our next Pastor will be incorporated.

We are pleased to announce that Trent Kleinkopf has graciously agreed to update our St Barnabas website. We've been told by both the Bishop and Canon Jenny that it will be the first place anyone thinking of sending us their resume will be looking. Please thank Trent when you see him and, if you're talented in such things, offer him your assistance.

The Committee will be meeting every Monday at 2:00 pm from now on. A resume of their progress will be written for the Carillon each month, always with the understanding that no information on individuals under consideration will be shared. This is standard procedure for any calling committee in order to protect the applicants' privacy.

With that exception, the Committee members stand ready to hear your questions, suggestions, whatever. We are at your service.

Christ's Peace,
~Shirley Vialpando

With the resignation of John Drum from the Committee; and the addition of two new members, the Calling Committee stands at:

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Rector's Corner

Signs and Symbols of the Season

The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, which meant springtime.

The Lenten season lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays) and recall the 40 days of spiritual preparation that Jesus spent in the wilderness as well as the 40 years the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness before coming into the Promised Land. In the early Church, Lent was a time for new converts or catechumens who studied and prepared for their baptism and first communion on Easter Eve.

The colors we use for vestments and paraments (altar and lectern hangings) are violet, signifying suffering and sorrow, and black, the traditional color of mourning.

Ashes, made from the burnt palms of the previous Palm Sunday celebration, are both a reminder of our mortality and a sign of our repentance.

~Julie+

Vestry Report

Your Vestry met Monday, February 23, ready for the challenges of the coming year. Please note the new Vestry assignments on Page 4 of this Carillon. If you have questions or suggestions in any category, these are the individuals to contact. Please call them!

Sue Salt, Victor Levine, Julie + and Bonnie Walker will be rewriting the Mission Statement.

Bill Walker, Stewardship chair, spoke to the Vestry of the financial challenges the church is facing. Pledging is down, but unfortunately expenses are not. Trees need trimming at both the church and rectory and the Calling Committee must work with these numbers in calling a priest.

On the bright side:

**THE SUN IS OUT
AND THE FLOWERS
ARE BEGINNING TO WAKE UP!**

~ Sue Salt

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 6:45 AM)
April 19—Earth Day—(start of 1 service 8:30 AM)

PRAYERS & PSALMS FOR TODAY

can help those who are hurting in body, mind and/or spirit. It includes selections from Prayers and Thanksgivings, Prayers for the Sick, Prayers for Use by a Sick Person, and the Book of Psalms from The Book of Common Prayer (1979).

To order one CD, please send a self-addressed, stamped 6x9-inch envelope with four first-class stamps attached (five on a padded envelope) to Ann Dahlen, 1900 6th Ave., Apt. 513, Rock Island, IL 61201. Please add more postage when ordering more than one CD. Please indicate which CD(s) you want. Two CDs can be sent in one unpadding 6x9-inch envelope.

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~Diocesan Office

Vestry Goals for 2009

1) Preparing for a new rector:

Related tasks:

Work with the Calling Committee
Prepare compensation package guidelines for Calling Committee
Get organized, get church affairs in order
Maintain responsible oversight of spending throughout the year

2) Increase harmony and cohesiveness

Related tasks:

Increase member participation
Acknowledge church members' service
Be inclusive

Responsibilities of Vestry Committees to accomplish Goal #2:

Worship	Begin single service Sundays on April 19 at 8:30 AM instead of May
Christian Education	Develop all parish programs
Pastoral Care	Create/reinstate Prayer Chain; Reinstate ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitors
Outreach	Invite member participation in Outreach Ministries
Buildings & Grounds	Keep church open and attractive

Task of all Vestry members - Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!

VESTRY ASSIGNMENTS & SUBCOMMITTEES

Senior Warden	Cathy Gay Oswalt	
Junior Warden	Haddon Salt	
Worship Liaison	Victor Levine, Bonnie Walker, Llouise Jee & Julie Christian+	
	Altar Guild	Llouise Jee
	Music & Choir	Joann McLean & Bonnie Walker
	Lectors	Shirley Vialpando
	Chalice Bearers	Llouise Jee
	Ushers & Greeters	Bill Walker, Faye Dorsey, Fred Jee
Pastoral Care	Victor Levine	
	Lay Eucharistic Visitors	_____*
	Prayer Chain	_____*
Finance	David Liebert	
	Budget	_____*
	Investment Fund	_____*
	Insurance	_____*
	Stewardship	Bill Walker
Outreach	Haddon Salt	
	SHARE	_____*
	Slab City	_____*
	Beautify Borrego	_____*
	Community Org. Relations	_____*
Buildings & Grounds	Chuck Bennett	
	Church	_____*
	Rectory	_____*
	Memorial Garden Plots	Llouise Jee
Parish Life/Hospitality	Cathy Gay Oswalt & Llouise Jee	
	Coffee Hour	Patsy Schumacher
	Special Events	BJ Parsons
	Communications	Lynniss Wilderson
	Carillon	Nancy Bye
	Bulletins	Lynniss Wilderson
	Publicity	Nancy Bye
	Sarah's Circle	Mary Levine, Louise Burmester
	Women of St. B	Nancy Bye/Ann Nourse
	Men of St. B	_____*
	Men's Breakfast	Frisbie Killman
	Cursillo	Haddon Salt
Christian Education	Bonnie Walker & Julie Christian+	
Gifts and Memorials	Lee Estep	
	Memorials Committee	_____*
	Designated Memorial Funds	_____*
	Planned Giving & Endowment	_____*
	Memorial Plot Policy Oversight	_____*
Calling Committee Liaison	Shirley Vialpando	

*Blank lines indicate opportunity for someone to volunteer

Ministry To Those We Love

Do you not preside
Over this desert realm?
Are you, not dear ones,
The love of our lives?

Where you are
Is that not sanctuary?
Do you not serve on altar
And in choir;

Are you not known
For healing the sick
And feeding
The hungry?

Do you not serve
On the councils
That give meaning
To this safe place?

How, tell me, are you not seen
As the constant
That rules our days?
And presides over the events

That define
Our lives?
How are you not
The living fabric

Of this good life,
The master chefs
Who serve the viands
That reduce men

To shameless praise
Of your gifts?
How not seen
As the core

Of this body
And the treasure
Of our godly
Estate?

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Dinner and Conversation in the Parish Room

On February 8 we began our Sunday evenings of Dinner and Conversation with the first of three evenings reviewing the book *The Shack*, by William P. Young. About 13 of us gather for each evening, a nice mix of people. After taking a few minutes to get acquainted, we sat down to share a fantastic meal of soup, salad and bread provided by Rev. Julie followed by desserts brought by various members of the group.

The Shack is rich with discussion materials. This is a great story of a father and his family who go through what the father refers to as "The Great Sadness". The father questions the existence of God because of the events leading to this sadness. The response the father gets is an incredible tale leading him to discover God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in a completely unexpected way.

The story is so rich in theology that we could have taken several more weeks to discuss it. The discussion covered all manner of topics including the Trinity, the Godhood/Manhood of Jesus, original sin, our images and titles of God, and many, many more. We were all challenged to look outside the box for answers to the many questions we all have that the book brought to our attention.

If you were unable to participate in this enlightening gathering, not to worry. You have several more chances to challenge and expand your concepts of God and what it means to be a Christian. We gather over the next several weeks of Lent at 5:00 PM Sunday evenings to view and discuss a variety of movies that will be presented. The films being considered for viewing are *Babel*, *Wall-E*, *Sicko*, *Atonement*, and *Babe*. Hope to see you there for a growth experience you won't want to miss!

~Trent C. Kleinkopf

BRAVO!

Five new writers have emerged from under their respective pews to contribute articles to the Carillon. Shirley Vialpando, Trent Kleinkopf, Wendy Quinn, LLouise Jee and Gary Westover are excellent writers and we hope to hear more from them. Are there any more of you down there? Love to hear from you!

~Nancy Bye

BITS & PIECES

“YOUNGER NEXT YEAR”

Returning support group that will focus on all the important things that keep us young. We will deal with goal setting, nutrition, exercise, life style and staying connected. Join Bill Walker in the Parish room at 4:00 pm on Thursday afternoons throughout March.

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WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS MARCH MEETING

The Women of St. Barnabas will meet March 4th at Faye Dorsey’s house at Unit 23 at Villas Borrego Condos, west of the mall. Attendees, please bring any photographs, news articles, or stories about St. Barnabas and its congregation...new or from olden days...to the meeting. Also be thinking how we can best preserve our history and how we can modernize what we do. How do other churches do this and who would be our contact at the Diocese of San Diego?

See ya’ there.....

~Faye Dorsey

PARISHIONER ACTIVITY

Jonathan Mittleman will co-star in “I Do! I Do!” a musical about marriage. 7:30 p.m. March 6,7, 12,13,14 Borrego Spring Performing Arts Center

WHITE ELEPHANT COLUMN

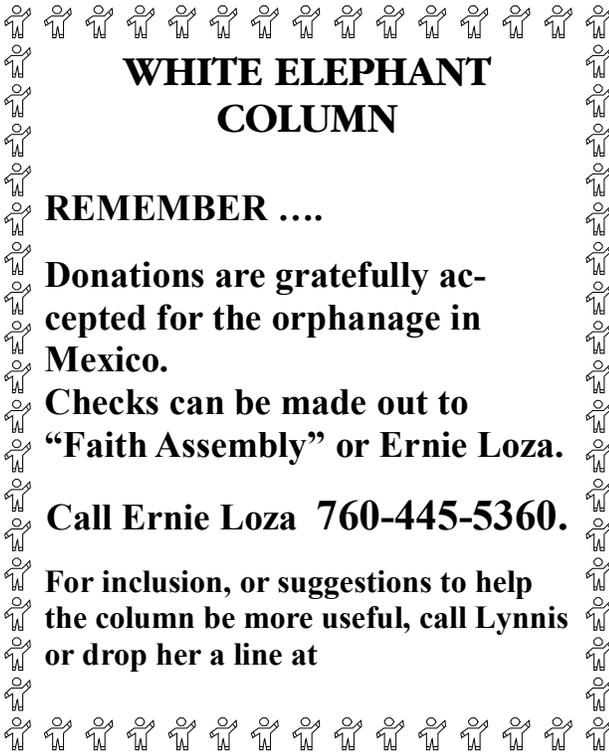
REMEMBER

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



The Congregation wishes Joanne McLean “speedy recovery” and happy, healthy songs until she can return to services!

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS— ACTIVITIES!

Ernie Loza was a delightful speaker at the February meeting in Sue Salt's lovely home. He raised an immediate need. The orphanage in Mexico is desperate for a decent refrigerator and some of us want to help them get it. Sue will put funds together to enable Ernie to get it NOW. Please give her your personal donation.

Please be thinking about which activities we should support this year—a camper, Horizon Hospice, Meals for the Homebound, Performing Arts, new priorities?

And please get into the kitchen. The April Baking Event is our last opportunity for a while to raise some money. Let's see if we can break a record in sales. (woops)

Wednesday, March 4

Faye Dorsey, hostess for potluck

More work on our ever growing photographic history.

Planning for summer activities.

Thursday, April 2—

Packaging for Spring Barnabas Bakers

Friday, April 3

Barnabas Bakers—Christmas Circle— 7 a.m.

Saturday, April 4 @ 10 a.m.

Join Irene at the Parish room to make palm crosses

we WILL do the Easter Holy Happy Hour!

HEADS UP!!!

*The co-chair system has worked well for
Ann and me.*

*We retire in October and suggest you
plan your next team while
everyone is still in town this season.*

~Nancy Bye

BISHOP'S VISIT

+Jim Mathes, Bishop of our diocese made his annual visit to St. Barnabas on Sunday, February 15th. He was visibly touched and pleased with the smart round of applause that welcomed him. (Julie's+ thoughtful idea.) He also commented on the size of our choir (somewhat artificially inflated for this special occasion). We already anticipate his next visit, when St. Barnabas will have turned a new page in its history!

~Nancy Bye



Photo by Faye Dorsey

Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas
@ Kendall's Café
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -5:00 PM SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIE & SUPPER
(Parish Room)
March 4- 12:00 noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Faye Dorsey's house
March 19 -6:00 Sarah's Circle @ Sue Salt's house
March 19-6:00 Men's Group (Note: date change)
March 19- 3:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
March 23-8:00 AM Vestry



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