

THE FIRST SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2014

INTERCESSIONS

◆ We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Gaye, the President of the House of Deputies; Jon, Diane, and Mary, our bishops; and James, our rector & dean; for the Vestry including Jerry and Alice, the Vestry Wardens; for Frank, Joaquin, Tom, RoseMarie, Michael, Kathy, and Rea, our lay staff; for Jon, our Postulant and Eugenie, our aspirant; and for the clergy and people of St. Andrew's with St. Agnes in Romford, England; and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church with Guy, their Bishop and Caleb, their pastor. In our parish, we pray those who assist in the parish office & help maintain the Church and the grounds.

◆ **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** PRAY for the Diocese of Kushtia (Bangladesh): *The Rt Revd Sunil Mankhin, bishop.*

◆ **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

Clergy: Marni Schneider, Alexandra Conrads, George Luthringer, Barry Verdi, Allive Callaghan, Peter Browning, Mitties DeChamplain, Carol Anderson, Martha Siegel. **Congregations:** St. Thomas of Canterbury, Long Beach; Holy Family, North Hollywood; Faith Church, Laguna Niguel. **Widows:** Catherine Miller. **World Mission Companions:** The Diocese of Jerusalem: Holy Family, Raine.

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Jerry, our Governor; & the mayors of our cities.

◆ We pray for peace in the world & remember all those serving their countries at home and abroad, especially those we name...

◆ We remember the **ill & those in need:** Giles, Eugenie, Jean, Valeria, Barbara, Michael, Diane, Edmonde, Daniel, Joe, Golie, Laird, Kim, Roger, Leona, Florence, Jo, Peggy, Rita, Marilyn, Ruth, Leo, Barbara, Kelly, Carl, Jeannette...

◆ We remember those who have **died:**

◆ The **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God.

◆ The **Advent Greens** are given to the glory of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

WEDNESDAY – no service

SUNDAY – The Epiphany (tr.):

Is. 60.1-6; Ps. 72.1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3.1-12; Matt. 2.1-12

CANON JIM'S SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

M-F: On call for emergencies; Sa: 3pm-6pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday (28)	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	9 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Nursery & Church School
	10 am	Holy Eucharist
	12 n	Daughters of the King
Tuesday (30)	9 am	NO Bible and Breakfast
Wednesday (31)		NO Wednesday evening service
Thursday (1)		NEW YEAR'S DAY
Saturday (3)	8 pm	Jouyssance Concert
Sunday (4)	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	<i>[Hosts: 8/???, 10/Kids of Bede]</i>	
	9 & 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Nursery & Church School
	10 am	Holy Eucharist
	1 pm	Needlers of Bede

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The clergy and staff of St. Bede's wish you a Blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year.
- The Bookworms of Bede will discuss *The Man Who Invented Christmas* by Les Standiford on Jan. 19, 2015 at 7 pm.

SERVING TODAY

Lay Ministers (8): Kathy Fairchild, Kyle Ferstead, Ron Zullo

Healing Chapel (8): Kathy Fairchild

Refreshments (8): ???

Music Director (10): Wayne Behlendorf

Vocal Section Leaders (10): Anita Van Tellingen;

Cynthia Rothschild; Joe Montgomery

Lay Ministers (10): Annette Graw, Corrine Henderson,

Laird Hegamin, Kim Hudson, Alice Short, Diane Gandara,

Ina Klem

Refreshments (10): ???

Counters: Jennine Townsend, Tana Raikes

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In the Church, Christmas is not just one day. It is a season. For twelve days after Christmas Day, it is still Christmas. We celebrate, because our Advent waiting is over. The wonderful present that God promised us has come, and we have opened it, and it is ours forever. We say "thank you" to God for the gift of his Son to set us free!

PSALM 147:2-3
"The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he brings his people home, and heals the brokenhearted"

GALATIANS 4:4-5
"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son to save us and make us his own"

JOHN 1:1-18
"The Light that was with God at the beginning came to earth as a human being, full of truth and love"

The Bible tells us God's promises. God promised to bring his people home, and be with them, and feed them and heal them and give them his kingdom. The Bible says God's Kingdom is like a growing garden, and a rebuilt city, and a wedding where we will all live happily ever after!

GOD WITH US
Isaiah 61:10-62:5
GOD'S PROMISES COME TO US IN THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS, WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE!

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD, I WILL REJOICE IN GOD, BECAUSE HE HAS PUT ON ME THE ROBES OF SALVATION; HE HAS DRESSED ME IN THE CLOTHES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...

... LIKE A GARLAND ON A BRIDEGROOM ... LIKE (ISAIAH 61:10) ON A BRIDE!

GOD WILL MAKE JUSTICE AND HONOR GROW AMONG HIS PEOPLE, LIKE A FRESH GARDEN THAT SPROUTS AND GROWS!

HE WILL CROWN JERUSALEM WITH HIS LOVE AND FAVOR!

YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ABANDONED; FOR THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU, AND HAS MADE YOU HIS BRIDE!

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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

On the church's liturgical calendar, New Year's Day, January 1, is also the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also sometimes called the Feast of the Circumcision, since it is observed on the eighth day or "octave" of Jesus' birth, when, in Jewish tradition, infant boys are circumcised and named, in accordance with the Law of Moses (Leviticus 12:3).

"After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (Luke 2:21).

The name "Jesus" comes from *Joshua* or *Yehoshuah*, the Hebrew word for "savior" or "deliverer." Devotion to the Holy Name can be traced back to Paul's Letter to the Philippians, which says God highly exalted Jesus "and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:9-11).

According to Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum in "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians" (Church Publishing, 2000), the observance of the Circumcision on the first day of January was originally designated as a fast day in A.D. 567, to counter pagan festivals that occurred at the beginning of each new year. Eventually it evolved into a feast day, celebrating the naming of Jesus and his circumcision; in Jewish tradition circumcisions are often a festive occasions, when family and friends gather to witness the naming of the child.

Collect for the Holy Name

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 213)



"The Holy Family" by Palma Vecchio, circa 1515, oil on panel, 17.5 x 24 in

