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The St James' Beacon

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March 2010

Fr. Jeff's Commentary:

Revelation

The Diocesan program for Lent, which we are using in part for our soup supper discussions, is based on the Bible reading process known as *Lectio Divina*, which we also use for our Tuesday Post-12-step Bible study. *Lectio Divina* is a Benedictine discipline in which a Bible passage is read through, followed by a period of silence. After that each person in the group says what word or image stood out for them in the text, without additional comment. The text is read through again, and again followed by a period of silence. Then each member of the group says how the passage relates to his or her life. The passage is read a third time, with a third period of silence, and the question following this is "what action does this passage call you to undertake?" It doesn't depend on interpretation, or scholarly contextualization. It doesn't even depend on what the author meant when the passage was written. Each revelation is new for you.

On Ash Wednesday the reflection read told of the need, rather than to "accomplish" things during Lent, giving things up or taking them on, we need to focus on letting go of the illusions that block us from seeing the hand of God all around us every day, let go of our control and turn our life over to God, who can care for us much better than we ever can ourselves.

One of the things I most appreciate about our Bishop is her deep faith based on just this kind of insight. Life, the

world, all is under God's love and creative power. We can be blind to it or open to it, but we can't really block it.

I believe that everything in and every moment of our lives is filled with revelation. Each place we stand, each person we meet is a gift from God unique and essential for the full purpose of our lives. Our job is to recognize it and gratefully respond.

Happy Lent!



Easter Schedule

March 3 - 10 - 17 - 24
6:00 PM - Lenten Soup Suppers.

March 31 - 6:00 PM Seder
Followed by Potluck Dinner

April 2 Good Friday 12:00
Noon Stations of the Cross
12:00 & 7:00 PM Eucharist

April 4 Easter Sunday

Worship

Sunday: 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist
10:00 AM Rite II Eucharist

Wednesday: 10:AM Rite I Healing Eucharist
Forth Sunday Rite II with celebration music

2009 Vestry

Senior Warden—
Carl Chan
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Ellie Clarkson
Rob Eaton
Lynn Paduck
Linda Kingsley
John Ruiz
Heidi Sullivan

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Williams
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Men's Breakfast:

The results of a survey of the men regarding frequency of men's breakfast gave indication from those responding, that holding them quarterly would be preferential. So that will be the program henceforth.

The next Men's breakfast will occur April 3rd at 8:00 AM in the McGowan house. A reminder notice will be sent out that week.

Larry

Women's Book Group:

The next meeting of the of the book reading group will be March 4th at Chris Schwanz' house, 289-BB San Benancio Rd.

The book they are currently reading, "Though an Army Besiege Me" by

Maria Spiillari, "The kidnapping of my 6 year-old Son and hi father in Guatemala". Those interested should contact Chris Schwanz.

Notice from Ingrid Lombardo:

Dear Readers,

There is new work up on www.ingridanders.com. The latest is my new poem, "Berlin," which just went up yesterday. You can be the first to offer a critique! Other relatively new work is my short story, "Ashes Ashes," and poem, "Sunrise." Enjoy, and do let me know what you think.

Yours, Ingrid

Haiti Clothing Drive

Thanks to all the St. James folks who donated clothes for Haiti relief!

Last week, Robin happened to bump into Betty Kasson, the Senior Warden at St. Dunstan's of Carmel Valley, and asked about their ongoing Haiti project. They got to talking and the end result was a last minute email to the folks of St. James asking for clothing for Haiti. These items will

be shipped by boat into Haiti and handled by Sirona Cares, a Bay Area based charity.

St. Dunstan's has set this up and has had a relationship with an Episcopal school in Haiti for years.



We managed to collect 6 very large bins full of clothes. The bins will be sent along with the clothing so that people there will have some storage during the rainy season.

Thanks again for showing your caring spirit!!
Robin

Quote from Angelus Silenius:

"God is the fire in me, and I, in Him, the shine."

Carl, Beverly & Robin in attendance at the Spiritual Leadership Conference that took place February 20 at St. Paul's Salinas.



English Church Signs:



Happy Birthday

March

Alex Patience – 8
Jonathan Schwanz – 18
Ellie Clarkson – 19
Martha Buck – 27