REFLECTION

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

March 22, 2015

The New Covenant

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays – 3/27 – Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.
Fridays – 3/27 – Stations of the Cross led by our school children at 2:00 p.m.

Adoration (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Chapel) – Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Church)

Daily Scripture Readings (Read Prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit.)


RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

St. Clement – Tuesday, March 24th – 7:00 p.m. (English/Spanish)
St. Bede – Monday, March 30th – 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
St. Bede – Wednesday, April 1st – 7:00 p.m. (English)

NEWS UPDATE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – Recently your SVDP Conference was recognized by the Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities of the East Bay for “tirelessly serving your neighborhood by addressing the immediate needs of families and individuals.” We are grateful for this recognition. We are also most thankful for the support demonstrated through the love, kindness, and generosity of the St. Bede Parishioners. Together we are neighbors helping neighbors. Blessing, prayer, and love, Your SVDP

THOUGHT FOR TODAY – RISKS – Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn. – Anonymous

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