ST. BEDE CHURCH

REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father’s initial grief over his young son’s avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son’s grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father. We understand the eldest son’s bewilderment over his father’s generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found. This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It’s time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

March 6, 2016
A Sunday for Rejoicing

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Fridays – 3/11, 3/18 - Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
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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. in the church.

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

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER
All Saints – Tuesday, March 15 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
Our Lady of the Rosary – All Fridays of Lent from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. Anne – Thursday, March 10 – 7:00 p.m. (English)
St. Bede – Monday, March 21 – 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
St. Bede – Wednesday, March 23 – 7:00 p.m. (English)
St. Clement – Thursday, March 17 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
St. Joachim – Wednesday, March 9 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
St. John – Wednesday, March 15 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

NEWS UPDATE
GRIEF WORKSHOP – GONE FOREVER.............and my heart still beats, aches and hurts. We invited you to join us for a monthly Grief Workshop at Sorensen Chapel, 110 B. St., Hayward. Next workshop is Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 510-581-1234. A safe, faith-filled space for you to come and share your grief with persons who truly understand what you are going through. We only grieve over those we love. Thank you for all you do to help out people who would like to deal with their grief. – Tom Luzod

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016
Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17