

## **Announcements for May 17, 2026**

### **Parish Picnic today!**

Join us TODAY in the lower yard after the second service for our Annual Parish Picnic. There will be no coffee hour service or SoulWork today.

### **Resources for Our Immigrant Neighbors**

While immigrant raids may have faded from the national news in recent weeks, they are still a very real threat to our immigrant neighbors. We are making available at St. Bede's a supply of simple information kits that can be shared with those who may need them. Each kit includes "Know Your Constitutional Rights" cards, sample documents for warrants and subpoenas, instructions on how to respond if given a warrant, a whistle and instructions for sending community resistance whistle alerts. All information is available in English and Spanish. Kits are available in the south (parking lot) narthex. Please take a kit to share with a friend or neighbor.

### **Community Resources in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties**

There are a number of resources in our community for those who need help, including food programs, housing assistance, health care and legal services. San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties each publish a comprehensive guide to these and other community services in their respective counties. We have stocked the brochure racks in each narthex and Lehman Hall with copies of these county resource guides so that they're available when someone comes to St. Bede's needing help. Should you know someone needing help, please pick up one of these resource guides to share with them.

— Anne Vitullo for the Community Outreach Steering Committee

### **Sign up to Serve Dinner at LifeMoves!**

Please help us to prepare and serve a healthy meal to clients at the LifeMoves Navigation Center in Redwood City. We'll be doing food prep and cooking in our Lehman Hall kitchen on

**Sunday, June 7th** following coffee hour. Later in the afternoon, we will transport our food to the Navigation Center, set the buffet tables and serve dinner to the clients. If you'd like to contribute from your home kitchen, you may drop off your favorite muffins or cornbread on Sunday morning. Use the signup link in the eNews or on the St. Bede's website, under "Announcements".

### **Pizza Theology**

Join us on **Thursday, May 21st** for a Pizza Theology session, the final session until September. New discussion topics at every meeting! Come enjoy the fellowship and the pepperoni, with vegetarian options available. Bring a friend, bring a side dish, and bring yourself!

### **Can you Share a Can a Week?**

Rising food prices are most affecting those in our community who can afford it the least. Local nonprofits like Ecumenical Hunger Program see this first-hand as demand for their services increases dramatically. Please help by donating nonperishable food items to our ongoing food drive for EHP. You can pick up a copy of our suggested shopping list in the church narthex, and gifts can be left in the

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adjacent donation baskets any Sunday. Consider making this a regular gift to EHP by bringing a can a week. Together we can help stock the pantry for someone in need.

### Easter Lilies in Jarrow Garden

After Easter each year, the Easter lilies that grace the sanctuary during our Easter services are planted in Jarrow Garden. While this year's lilies will not bloom again until next year, there are several clusters of Easter lilies that we've planted in past years now popping up again in Jarrow. Look for them to bloom later this spring, bringing with them their gentle message of resurrection.

— Anne Vitullo for the Altar Guild Flower team

### Volunteer for Worship in May and June

Scan the QR code to volunteer for worship weekends in May and June. We are in need of readers, ushers, and intercessors to help at services. We appreciate any kind offer of your time. If you are interested in serving as an acolyte, please contact Rev. Dan. Please add your name and input your availability! This link is also available online.



### Soulwork

SoulWork meets on **Sunday between our services at 9:10 a.m.** Discussions at present focus on "The Promises Made at Baptism", where we will discuss the 5 promises made when we reaffirm our faith in the Baptismal Covenant.

### Nursery and Godly Play

Our Sunday children's programs meet in Wyatt Hall (the building to the left as you go through the north exit of the Sanctuary). Children ages 3 and up are welcome to **join us at 10:00 a.m.** for Sunday school in our beautifully equipped Godly Play room.

### Bloom and Grow!

We are always looking for new sponsors for floral arrangements in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in honoring a loved one, or sharing your deep-rooted love of flowers with the parish, please follow the steps below:

1. Plant your name on the poster in the courtyard narthex. Sign-ups are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up to-daisy! *We accept one sponsorship per week, except at Christmas and Easter when we accept multiple donors and dedications.*
2. Pick up a donation envelope from the basket near the sign-up poster for your gift (cash or checks accepted). *On the envelope please indicate if your flowers are in celebration of a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or in memory of someone who is Deceased.*
3. "Leaf" your donation envelope in the offertory plate on Sunday or in the Parish Admin folder in the office during the week. We request a donation of \$60 to underwrite the cost of one week's floral arrangements. *Donations will be noted in the bulletin unless made anonymously. Any donations*

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*gathered during Lent are used for Easter flowers, while those reaped during Advent are used for Christmas flowers and greens.*

4. If making an online or check donation, please include "For St. Bede's flowers" and your requested date in the memo.

We can't wait to thank the "scent"-sational donors who rose to the occasion.