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THE MARTYRS OF UGANDA

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death at Namugongo for their refusal to renounce Christianity. In the following months, many other Christians throughout the country were martyred. The martyrdoms totally changed the dynamic of Christian growth in Uganda. The example these martyrs, who walked to their death signing hymns and praying for their enemies, so inspired bystanders that many of them began to seek instruction from remaining Christians. Within a few years, converts had multiplied many times. The martyrs had left the indelible impression that Christianity was truly African, not simply a White man's religion. Most of the missionary work was carried out by Africans rather than by white missionaries. Despite renewed persecution by a Muslim military dictatorship in the 1970's, Uganda remains the most Christian nation in Africa.

O God, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience, even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

Jun 4-6, DEACON'S CONFERENCE, Camp Potosi Pines; 5:00 PM Thursday - Noon Saturday.

Jun 7, GRADUATION SUNDAY, St Paul's, Sparks.

Jun 7, SUKUMA AVERY, MAGIC FOR THE FAMILY, 7:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas.

Jun 8 - Jul 26, DIGGING UP DAMASCUS ROAD: READING PAUL, presented by Erica Martin, PhD. A CDSP course; 2 CEUs. Registration ends June 1. [To register](#)

Jun 13, TRINITY CHURCH, RENO WELCOMES YOU TO "SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop" presented by Bishop Dan. Coffee and tea will be provided (donations appreciated!). Luncheon options include: Bring your own (we will provide water and lemonade); Eat out within walking distance (names and addresses of eateries provided); Order out from a local deli (pay when you order on Saturday morning). There is really no fast food or grocery store within walking distance; they are about 10 minutes away by car. No need for reservations; but, if you have questions please call Holly at the Church Office (775) 329-4279.

Jun 13, PARISH FAMILY YARD SALE, ALL SAINTS', LAS VEGAS, 7:00 AM to....Find Treasures, or clear your garage. You are responsible for getting your items to the Church, marking, and selling. We ask that you make a 10% tithe of your proceeds to the parish.

Jun 13, AN ULTREYA TO PLAN FOR RENEWAL OF CURSILLOS FOR SOUTHERN NEVADA, Christ Church, Las Vegas, 10AM, presented by The Rev. Michael Annis. For information call Father Mike at 702-558-4454.

Jun 14, DANGEROUS CURVES, A TRIO OF FABULOUS WOMEN, 7:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas.

Jun 21, ROCK INTO SUMMER, ALL AGES ROCK CONCERT, CO-PRODUCED BY AILLOVE RECORDS, 7:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas

Jun 21-25, THE UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS (UBE), 41st Annual Meeting and Conference, Hilton Hotel, Silver Spring, Washington, D.C. [Online registration](#)

Jun 26, CHURCH PICNIC AT WHITAKER PARK following the 9:30 AM service, St. Stephen's, Reno.

Jun 27, CHURCH GARAGE SALE, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, St. Stephen's, Reno.

Jun 18-22, 2009 ASIAMERICAN MINISTRIES CONSULTATION, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, Florida. [For More Information](#)

Jul 14, A TOUR OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, HOSTED BY KATHLEEN HALLAMORE, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church, Church on the River, Reno. For information about this event and others that will be sponsored by the church during July's Artown events, call Meg Tarble (775) 827-2516

Jun 28, PHIL FLOWERS, VEGAS TOP MALE R&B ARTIST, 7:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas

Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan, St. Paul's Church, Elko. No Charge. [For Additional Information](#)

Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin. Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. [For Reservations](#)

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Lectio Divina



"...*lectio divina* has no other goal than that of being in the presence of God by praying the scriptures."

Contemplative Bible reading is one of the oldest methods of Bible study. Its traditional name is *lectio divina*, a Latin phrase that can be translated "divine reading," "spiritual reading," or "sacred reading." *Lectio divina* has been used for over 1500 years. Benedict, the Italian monk (c. 480-550), was one of the first Church leaders to use *lectio divina*. For Benedict, the process of *lectio* was one of "chewing" on the text. A monk would speak aloud the text and ruminate on the words he was hearing. In the twelfth century, Guigo II, a French Carthusian monk, spoke of *lectio* as a process, not just a step. He was the one who developed the four-step *lectio* exercise that is most commonly used today. This four-step process involves: 1) reading/listening; 2) meditating; 3) praying; and, 4) contemplating. This style of Bible reading can be used by both individuals and groups.

PRAYER OF ST. BENEDICT

Gracious and holy Father,
grant us the intellect to understand you,
reason to discern you, diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you.
May our ears hear you, may our eyes behold you,
and may our tongues proclaim you.
Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you,
that we may have the patience to wait for you
and the perseverance to look for you.
Grant us a perfect end - your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

News Briefs



Bishop Dan's Blog - Bishop Dan invites you to comment on his blog postings at <http://bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>

DIOCESAN CONVENTION, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.
Theme: I Love to Tell the Story. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin. When you book your room online there is NO FEE. [Online Booking](#)



A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email stmatts@embarqmail.com

St. Christopher's, Boulder City needs a new bell to announce services--- Please spread the word. If anyone has access to a new or gently used bell, please call Patty Jacobson at 702-293-7454.

St. Stephen's, Reno seeks an energetic part-time priest to provide oversight for parish development and mission outreach. For more details, or to send an application: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2400 West 7th St., Reno, NV 89503 - (775) 747-7727 (fax).

Episcopal Church Leaders give Webcast Preview of General Convention - [View the Webcast](#)

A Benedictine Experience - July 5-12, 2009 - Experience the quiet, discipline, and community of a contemplative retreat sponsored by the Friends of St. Benedict and the Episcopal Diocese of California. The retreat will take place at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, California, Sunday July 5-Sunday, July 12. For detailed information on registration call 202-363-8061, or 415-381-3235

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more [Contact](#).

"Hot Summerlin Nights" - A fundraiser for Artists and the Discretionary Fund. 7:00 PM, Sunday June 7, 14, 21,& 28. Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas.

The Beauty of God's Holiness: A Liturgical Art Exhibit at General Convention, Presented by the National Altar Guild. [For Further Information](#)

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