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Why the Mystics Matter Now

Parallel Struggles of a Disenchanted World

"Fritz Bauerschmidt's *Why the Mystics Matter Now* de-mystifies the mystics! The distinctive feature of this down-to-earth book is stated in the title. The book explains how each of seven Christian mystics offers practical help for facing the very life issues that confront us in these early years of the twenty-first century."

— Ed Henderson



If you've ever wondered about the Christian mystics but found their writing inaccessible, *Why the Mystics Matter Now* is for you. This guidebook for contemporary readers serves as an introduction to an area of Christian spirituality that is often viewed as unapproachable, but in fact is quite relevant to problems we face today. Frederick Bauerschmidt starts where we are: in a disenchanted world. Then, drawing words from those particular mystics whose struggles and questions closely parallel our own, he reveals the meaning of their words in clear, practical ways. With an engaging and often playful style, Bauerschmidt strips away the barriers, making the mystics less intimidating and more accessible.

Frederick Bauerschmidt is associate professor of theology at Loyola College in Maryland. He received a Ph.D. in theology and ethics in 1996 from Duke University and his M.A.R. in 1989 from Yale Divinity School. He and his wife Maureen are the parents of three children, Denis, Thomas and Sophia. His brother, The Rev. John Bauerschmidt, is the rector of Christ Church in Covington, Louisiana.

Join us May 13–15 for a weekend seminar with Dr. Bauerschmidt at the Center for Spiritual Formation. The program donation is \$35 for the Friday and Saturday sessions, or \$20 for either day. Dr. Bauerschmidt will also speak during the St. James Christian Education hour at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 15.

Friday, May 13, 2005

6:30 p.m. Registration, coffee, desserts

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Session I

Saturday, May 14, 2005

8:30 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. - noon Session II

Sunday, May 15, 2005

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation

Donations: \$35 for both sessions; \$20 for either. Sunday presentation free and open to the public.

Books are available for purchase in the CSF office for \$13.

Childcare available upon request. Please contact the church office by May 12. (387-5141)

Reminder: The Parish Picnic is Sunday, May 29

On Sunday, May 29, we will have a **special, combined 10:30 a.m. service** in lieu of the 8:45, 9:00 and 11:00 services, followed by a parish potluck picnic in Bishops Hall. The parish will provide our famous fried chicken. Please bring one of the following dishes to share with your family and about five other hungry people. If your last name begins with: A-D bring Potato Salad; E-F bring Bread; G-N bring Beans; O-Q bring Salads; R-Y bring Desserts; Z bring Potato Chips (duh!).

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to Jesus Christ, united in mission,
reaching out to seekers.
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace
and divine compassion in our lives.*

Christian Education Notes

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

- *The Rector's Book Study* meets in the rector's office on the second floor of the Ministries Center. They are currently studying *Seeds of Hope* by Henri Nouwen.
- *The New Testament* with Fr. Robert Odom will meet in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Ministries Center.
- Presentation by Dr. Frederick Bauersmidt on *Why the Mystics Matter Now* in the Center for Spiritual Formation Suite on the third floor of the Ministries Center.

Sunday Morning Classes for Younger People

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Program - All on the second floor of the Parish Hall:
Three to six year-olds meet in the Good Shepherd Atrium; six to nine-year-olds meet in the True Vine Atrium; and, nine to 12-year-olds are in History's Golden Thread Atrium.
- Standard Sunday School - All on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Look for the signs.

Ages 3 and 4, Pre-K and Kindergarten, and First and Second Grade groups meet in the First Grade classroom. Third - Fifth Grade meet in the Extended Care room.

- Junior and Senior High meet in the Youth Suites on the first floor of the Ministries Center.

Weekday Adult Christian Education Classes

- *Wholly Tuesdays* begins at noon in the Chapel and moves to the Parish Hall Parlor for lunch and Bible study with Fr. Robert Odom leading.
- Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. - Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer led by Nancy Penn meets in the library on the second floor of the Ministries Center.



"Super Heroes of the Old Testament" is VCS Theme



Vacation Church School is June 13-17; 9 a.m. to noon in Bishops Hall for children ages four through fifth grade.

Registration Forms can be found in the Narthex, Parish Hall Foyer and Parlor and the Ministries Center. Please register by June 6 with Fr. Stephen Hood.

Vacation Church School Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, May 14 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Ministries Center. (No meeting on Wednesday, May 11.)

Readings for Sunday, May 15 — The Day of Pentecost

Wear Your Red for Pentecost!

Acts 2:1-11; The Psalm 104:25-37; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; John 20:19-23

Prayer List

Our Family contact: Madelyne Peak - 338-1769

For the dear departed: Lorraine Ott, mother of Jimmy Ott; Odelia Bicket, Fr. Hood's grandmother; The Rev. James E. Savoy; C.R. "Bob" Hubbard, grandfather of Holly Heine

For those with special needs or concerns: O.B. Romero, Colleen Aymond, Estelle Copes, John Copes IV, Mary Heroman, The men and women of our Armed Forces at home and abroad, Janet Hines, Catherine Prince, The Rt. Rev. Robert Jefferson Hargrove, Mabel Jennings, Michael Matassarin, Mary Lane, Thomas, Charlotte Keating, Betty Miller, Helen Leininger, Marguerite Matassarin, Jeff Moore, Cyril Ann McBride, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Emily Phillips, Charlene Ebinger, Pat Hoffman, Valerie Gastinel, Lauren Rivet, Tom Henderson, Lois, PFC Grant Athey, Robert E. Daniel Jr., Norman Saurage, Jimmy Benton, John Miller, Kathy Hill, John Copes III, Margaret Blades, Rosemarie Gaeke, Marion LeBlanc, David Libbers, Banks, Parker, Noto Family, John Meek, Lance Corporal Sean Basile, Mary Wilton, Nancy, Stacy Beardslee, Robert Tassin, Gail, Walter Frazer, Becky, Barry, The Strain Family, Clarke Dunlap, Clare Green, Stiles Kennedy, Jenny Nordyke, Ken Byrd, Mike Hebert, Lance Corporal Blake Johnson, Lyle, Jack Sentell, Janet Searcy, Bradley, Vernon, Loraine Dumestre, Ann Parnell

Youth Canoe/Beach Trip

The youth group is taking a canoe/beach trip to Okatoma Creek and Ship Island, Mississippi. The dates for this trip are June 1-3. We will leave mid morning on the 1st, canoe on the 2nd, and go to the beach the 3rd before returning home that same day. Please sign up by May 20. You can either look for a sign up sheet in the parlor during the ten o'clock hour on Sundays, or contact Le Pickett: 225-387-5141 ext. 209, or via email at lpickett@stjamesbr.org.

JOIN THE ROYALTY and WELCOME THE QUEENS

Be a part of our new ministry to welcome the "Boat People" from the Queens — Delta, Mississippi, and Americana. We now have Thursdays filled, and need docents on other days. The boats come nearly every day but Monday. Call or email Frances Garland or Helen Campbell at the church office: 387-5141.

Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers ministry is always looking for additional volunteers to help in the ministry. The members of the Caregivers work in teams and visit parishioners who may be isolated or have difficulty in getting out regularly. The team members are available to provide escort or transport to doctors or assistance in shopping. If you are interested in hearing more about this very important ministry please contact Alice and Al Irvine, 752-9165.

Chapter Meeting

St. Monica's Chapter will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17 at the home of Mary Kidd.

Blood Drive Results



Congratulations St. James! The Associate Vestry is delighted to announce that the May 1 blood drive was a tremendous success. Twenty-one brave parishioners were able to donate. This number represents a fifty percent increase over the last two drives. So unexpected was the surge in response that the blood bus staff had to call for extra help to tend to the flood of donors. The OLOL Blood Bank is most grateful for our support.

We Care Ministry

Thanks for your support of this ministry for the homeless and transients. Our needs have risen from 20-25 bags to 60-70 bags per week during the winter. Please continue to pick up these *small* items: pop-top vienna sausage, beanie-weenies, diced or gel fruit cans or cups, snack puddings, packaged drinks, eight oz. water, breakfast bars, or other small, pre-packaged snack items (peanuts, cookies, raisins, etc.). We can *always* use help filling the bags, too! Items can be dropped off at the Ministries Center, or call us, Boots and Warren Green, at 272-0628. Thank you!



Red Cross Preparedness Training

"just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40)

In times of disaster, we all want to provide meaningful assistance. One of the greatest services that a person can provide to their community is helping staff a safe and secure American Red Cross Shelter. This became very apparent to us during hurricane season last year. St. James and your American Red Cross are committed to providing the availability of shelter teams to staff shelters when people in our community have to leave their homes in times of disaster. Teams are being formed now for training preparedness. Please prayerfully consider this as an opportunity for you to minister to others in need. Let Holly Heine know if you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry by calling 336-0191 or emailing heines4@cox.net.



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- Why St. James Place is truly the best retirement community in Baton Rouge.

*THEY'LL BE IN BISHOPS HALL AT
10:00 a.m., SUNDAY, MAY 22*

*Informational Flyers can be found in
the narthex, Parlor, Parish Hall Foyer
and Ministries Center Foyer.*

CPC Sunday is May 22

Look for the offering envelopes in the Sunday service leaflets. These funds are used to help support seminarians purchase books and supplies.

Remember it now . . .

Fred Frey has generously offered to take a picture to accompany each interview given for our history project. Please call him at 925-2005 to make your appointment. Appointments should be scheduled by June 1. We have 73 wonderful stories completed as of April 29, and a few more will be coming in. Many thanks to those of you who shared your memories and also to those parishioners who have done the interviewing and typing for this project.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall Foyer is by Dixon Smith.

We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

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Calendar of Events for the Week

Friday, May 13, 2005

- 7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Scout Retreat Meeting - Youth Activities Room
- 3:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts Bridging Ceremony in Bishops Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. CSF: Why the Mystics Matter Now

Saturday, May 14, 2005

- 9:00 a.m. CSF: Why the Mystics Matter Now
- 9:00 a.m. VCS Volunteer Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, May 15, 2005 — The Day of Pentecost

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Pentecost Celebration
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* & Baptism
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Center

Monday, May 16, 2005

- 7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
- 5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

- 7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Noon Holy Eucharist
- 5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer Group
- 7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Parents in Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
- 5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19, 2005

- 7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
- Noon EFM
- 5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. EFM

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, May 15, 2005

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| | 7:30 a.m. Charles Keigley, Stiles Kennedy |
| <i>Ushers</i> | 8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader |
| | 9:00 a.m. Bob Bowsher, Tom Wade, Randy Lamont, Bill Hines, Chris McCanless |
| | 11:00 a.m. Huntington Odom, Fred Frey, Charles Coates Jr., Tommy Frazer |
| | 7:30 a.m. John Ozier |
| <i>Acolytes</i> | 9:00 a.m. Brandon Woolf, Bryson Agnew, Drayton Agnew |
| | 11:00 a.m. Hallie Green |
| | 5:00 p.m. Jon Kubera |
| | 7:30 a.m. John Ozier |
| <i>Chalice Bearers</i> | 8:45 a.m. Lazette Phillips, B Phillips |
| | 9:00 a.m. Margaret Culbertson, John Ozier |
| | 11:00 a.m. Rodger Green, Jane Woods |
| | 5:00 p.m. Pat Harrop |
| <i>Vergers</i> | 9:00 a.m. John Ozier |
| | 11:00 a.m. David Warrington |
| | 7:30 a.m. John Ozier |
| <i>Lectors</i> | 8:45 a.m. B Phillips, Hays Town III (P), B.B. Stirling |
| | 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Bob Bowsher |
| | 11:00 a.m. Mary Jane Kahao, Wendell Holmes |
| | 7:30 a.m. John Ozier |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | 8:45 a.m. Claudia Black |
| | 9:00 a.m. Courtney Wolffe |
| | 11:00 a.m. Ann Holmes |
| <i>Welcome Committee</i> | 9:00 a.m. Margaret & Pat Culbertson, Manette Sammons, Susie & Buzzy Heroman |
| | 11:00 a.m. Mary Jane McMillan, Memrie & Mike McDonald |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | 7:30 a.m. Dodie & Raymie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor |
| | 8:45 a.m. Linda Abraham |
| | 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Caroline Ross |
| | 11:00 a.m. Debbie Hudson, Melinda Hudson, Susan Rolfs |