



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## This Week's Service Schedule

### Second Sunday of Easter

*The altar flowers are given by Karen Pearce  
in loving memory of her mother, Virginia Pearce, and in thanksgiving for her  
parents, Virginia and Norman Pearce*

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#### Saturday, April 26

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition in the Sanctuary

#### Sunday, April 27

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Sanctuary

*livestreamed*

#### Morning & Evening Prayer Services

8:40-9:10 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

in the Chapel or [via Zoom](#)

5-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

in the Sanctuary or [via Zoom](#)

#### Thursday, May 1

12 p.m. Midday Healing Eucharist in the Chapel

*St. Philip & St. James*

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## Who Can You Serve?

*Jacob Robling*

I have been working toward ordination in some way, shape, or form for almost six years now. The process has been exciting, enriching, and (at times) frustrating! All frustrations aside, however, I will treasure these times for the rest of my life. But at long last, I am going to be ordained this Saturday as a transitional deacon. I am very excited to begin this journey!

But many people have asked me—what is a transitional deacon? Weren't you going to become a priest? Well, in our diocese, a future priest has to first spend six months ordained as a deacon. In fact, it's a step required of all Episcopal priests (and priests of quite a few other denominations too). Why is this? Certainly many a disgruntled ordinand has thought this as they faced waiting at least six more months before they could be ordained as a priest!

A deacon's ministry, according to *The Book of Common Prayer*, is "to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments." In other words, the ministry of a deacon is one of dedicated service,

to the church and to the world. Those who seek to be ordained as priests spend time as deacons so they will never forget that they must continue to be dedicated to a life of service, especially to those who are suffering or in need. But this is not just the calling of priests or deacons—all Christians are called to serve, called to be Christ to the world around us.

In this Easter season, then, I hope you'll join me in asking a question we all should ask—who can you serve? Today, tomorrow, in the next weeks and months, who can you serve? Every one of us has gifts we can offer to the church and our communities. When we generously contribute our time, our talents, or our resources to others, we reflect Jesus to them. During Easter, we celebrate Christ's love, goodness, and mercy toward us. With whom can we share that love, goodness, and mercy? How can we be Jesus to the world?

In Christ,  
Jacob Robling

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### **Jacob's Ordination**

**Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.**

**St. Paul's Cathedral (2728 6th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103)**

Please join us for Jacob's ordination to the transitional diaconate this Saturday! For those who cannot attend in person, the service will be livestreamed.

[JOIN THE LIVESTREAM](#)

### **Want to add to the eNewsletter?**

Send your submission to [news@stbartschurch.org](mailto:news@stbartschurch.org).

**Baptism, Confirmation, Reception,  
Reaffirmation into TEC  
Bishop's Visit, Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.**

In just over three weeks, Bishop Susan will make her annual visitation to St. Bart's. In advance of her visit, Mother Nina and Jacob are ready to



Are you called?

# BAPTISM CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

Bishop's Visit  
May 18 · 10 a.m.

Preparation Classes  
April 29, May 6, May 13  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

prepare all adults who sense they may be called to baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation or reception into The Episcopal Church. Note the phrase “may be called,” because the adult’s final decision isn’t made until after preparation. A three-class preparation series will be held on the following Tuesdays: April 29, May 6, and May 13. Classes will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; dinner included. Email [Mother Nina](#) to sign up! Not sure which sacrament or sacramental rite fits you? Contact [Mother Nina](#) or [Jacob](#) to discuss.



Spring  
Forums

## Adult Forum

Legacy Giving & Tax-Advantaged Tithing

Part 1 of 2

Sunday, April 27, 9 a.m., MPR

In this season of Resurrection, join Joe Snodgrass and Pat Blair to learn steps to plan for gifts to the church upon your passing. They’ll also cover how to take required minimum distributions from IRAs as charitable gifts that are highly tax advantaged, as well as what to do if you still have money in a 401(k) account after retirement. Legacy giving and tithing are critical for sustaining St. Bart’s—come hear how to be a part of it.



LOST &  
FOUND

## Claim Your Lost Items!

April 26-27, May 3-4

Have you lost a favorite sweater, a water bottle, your sunglasses, etc.? Pick up your lost-and-found items at the Welcome Table on Sunday, April 27 or May 4, or in the chapel on Saturday, April 26 or May 3. Unclaimed items will be donated to the St. Bart’s Rummage Sale.

## Lenten Donation Drive



Saturday, April 26	3-4:30 p.m.	Upper parking lot
Sunday, April 27	9 a.m.-noon	Lower parking lot
Sunday, May 4	9 a.m.-noon	Lower parking lot

Saturday, April 26, 3-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 9 a.m.-noon

Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m.-noon

The Rummage Sale team will be onsite to receive your Lenten donations on April 26, April 27, and May 4; for hours and dropoff locations, visit our [Rummage Sale web page](#). Thank you for your generous support as we get ready for our sale in October. Your donations will help raise needed funds for our Outreach programs. Questions? Contact [Paula Kriner](#), [Widney Hawthorne](#), or [Connie Cross](#).

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

## Sandwich Sunday

Sunday, April 27, after 10 a.m. service

On the last Sunday of every month, St. Barts makes sandwiches to be taken to Interfaith Community Services, one of our Outreach partners. Please join us this Sunday after the 10 a.m. service to assemble meals for those in need!

## St. Bart's Outreach Gala

Saturday, May 3, 5:30-9 p.m.

Country Club of Rancho Bernardo

Our 2025 Outreach Gala Auction Catalog is [here!](#)

SEE THE CATALOG

If you are attending the Gala, use this catalog to review the silent and live auction packages and plan your bids in advance. The registration table



opens at 5 p.m., so come early to check out all the auction items!

If you don't yet have your tickets, this is your last chance—visit the [Gala web page](#) to purchase tickets today, and join us for an incredible evening of fellowship and charity!

We still need additional bottles for the wine/spirits drawing, so a drop-off table will be set up on the patio before/after this Sunday's services. Thanks to all of our generous donors!

[GET YOUR TICKETS](#)



COMMUNITY EVENT:

**An Introduction to Centering Prayer**  
Saturday, April 26, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., MPR

Do you feel pulled in all directions? Do you seek a closer relationship with God? Centering prayer may be for you! We will draw from classical Christian wisdom teachings to learn how to gently step into a silent, receptive prayer of “resting in God.” This program is open to all, whether you have a longtime centering prayer practice or have never tried this form of prayer. Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, email [Contemplative Outreach of North San Diego](mailto:consinfo@gmail.com).

[REGISTER](#)

**Chess, the Musical**

Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, June 1, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

Tickets \$25 (\$10 for students)

Tickets are now available for *Chess*, the musical!



Written by ABBA songwriters Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, and Tim Rice, *Chess* tells a story of love and intrigue during the Cold War era, as superpowers attempt to manipulate an international chess championship for political ends. Battling for the title are two of the world's greatest chess masters, one American, one Russian. In the midst of their rivalry, the two become involved with a refugee, a remarkable Hungarian woman, and the resulting emotional triangle mirrors the heightened passions of the political struggles that threaten to destroy lives and loves. Includes the international hit singles "I Know Him So Well," "One Night in Bangkok," "Anthem," "Someone Else's Story," "Heaven Help My Heart," and "Pity the Child."

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## Newcomer Dinner

Wednesday, May 14, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

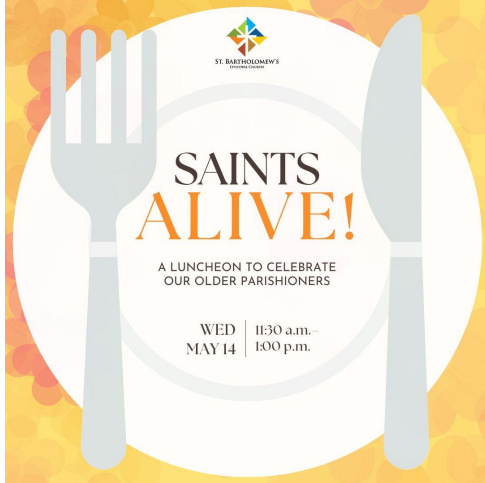
All newcomers to St. Bart's (since October 2024) are invited to the newcomer dinner on Wednesday, May 14. Come and enjoy a meal, and learn more about St. Bart's and the Episcopal tradition. We can't wait to see you! RSVP to [welcome@stbartschurch.org](mailto:welcome@stbartschurch.org).

RSVP

## Saints Alive! Luncheon

Wednesday, May 14, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Sanctuary

Please join us on May 14 for a luncheon to celebrate our older parishioners and honor those who are mothers and fathers. Caregivers and



family members who provide assistance to our elderly members are also welcome. RSVP to [Nancy Peterson](#), (858) 705-3889.

RSVP



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

## Volunteers Needed to Cook/Serve Meals at ICS Shelters

Would you like to be more involved in community outreach? We need volunteers to help cook and serve food at three Interfaith Community Services shelters in Escondido:

- **Turk Center:** 4th & 5th Sundays, 4:15-5:30 p.m. (children over 10 years welcome if accompanied by an adult)
- **Recovery Center and Detox Center:** 1st, 4th & 5th Sundays, 3-6 p.m.

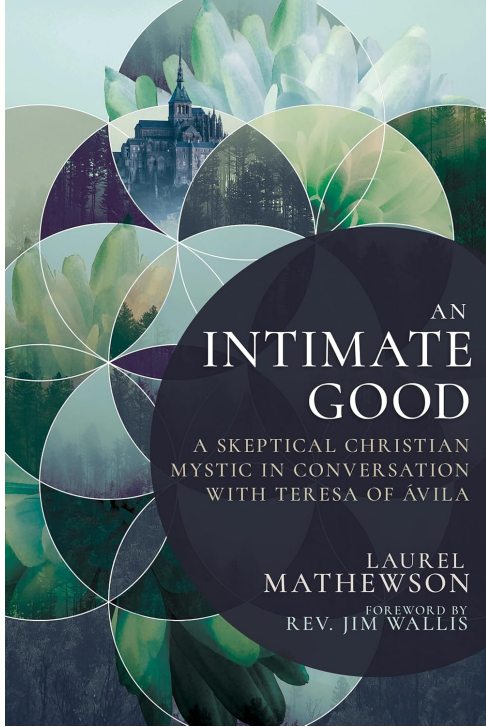
Please consider helping out with this ministry—even signing up once every three months helps us fill our spots, and you'll be serving those in need in our community. To be added to the Turk Center volunteer list, contact [Marjorie Polishuk](#); for the Recovery Center and Detox Center list, contact [Jill Henderson](#).

BOOK STUDY:

## *An Intimate Good*

Wednesdays, April 23–June 4, 6 p.m., Church Office or Zoom





The **Wednesday Women's Bible Study's** spring session has begun! We are reading [\*An Intimate Good: A Skeptical Christian Mystic in Conversation with Teresa of Avila\*](#), by Laurel Mathewson. This beautifully written and moving memoir illustrates an ancient reality still very much alive today: the love and closeness of a good God, as known through Jesus Christ, who seeks to move out into the world, into our very bodies and lives. Questions? Contact [Anne Snyder](#), (858) 485-0562.

[PURCHASE THE BOOK](#)



## Easter Flower Offerings

Thank you to everyone who donated for Easter flowers this year! Your generosity enabled the Flower Guild to beautify the sanctuary with lilies and other flowers for our Easter services. To see the complete updated list of flower donors, click the button below.

There are still dates left on our annual calendar to sponsor flowers one weekend in honor of a special someone or event in your life. For more information, contact one of our Flower Guild cochairs, [Bobbie Davis](#) or [Sharon Ross](#).

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## April Outreach Challenge

### Donate to St. Mark's Food Pantry

Our April outreach challenge is a drive for St. Mark's food pantry. All month, we will be collecting canned protein with pull-tab tops; the following items are needed:

# April Outreach Challenge

Donate to St. Mark's Food Pantry

April 1-30



- Chicken
- Vienna sausages
- Tuna, salmon (can be single-serving packages)
- Potted meat

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

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## Coffee Hour Hosts for This Month

If your last name begins with:

# Q-Z

Please bring in a sweet or savory nibble to share!

Questions? Contact Widney at [coffeehour@stbartschurch.org](mailto:coffeehour@stbartschurch.org)

## April Coffee Hour Hosts

### Last Names Q-Z

Coffee hour at St. Bart's is about more than just a kind treat—it's a way for us to embody our hospitality. This month, if your last name starts with Q-Z, it's your turn to host! Bring whatever sweet or savory nibble the Spirit moves you to share (cut into serving-sized pieces, please).

**Note:** You can borrow a plate or platter from the MPR kitchen so you don't have to worry about retrieving your own plate later.

Questions? Contact [Widney Hawthorne](#).



### INTERFAITH EVENT:

## The Essence of Prayer

Insights Through Interfaith

Sunday, May 4, 3-5 p.m., Sanctuary

The Poway Interfaith Team (POINT) invites you to attend its May 4 gathering for prayer and peace. Representatives from diverse faith traditions will share their modes of prayer, and the program will close with a prayer for world peace.

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## St. Bart's Trivia Night!

Friday, May 9, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Support the Music Ministry at St. Bart's by attending our annual trivia night fundraiser! Enjoy a fun, educational evening as we test your knowledge, including a live music round. Come individually or put together a table of 8. Just \$10 per person, including trivia, drinks, and snacks—tickets are available now!

GET YOUR TICKETS



## Tijuana House Build #6

Saturday, May 10

On May 10, St. Bart's will once again team up with Incarnation Lutheran to build a house for a much-deserving family east of Tijuana. Please mark your calendars and contact [JD Cowart](#) if you're interested in joining or would like more information.

## Prayer Cycle

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** The clergy and people of St. Andrew's by-the-Lake, Lake Elsinore; the participants and leaders of LARK and Knowing Yourself.

**In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, MCAS Miramar.

**In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; the Diocese of Meridional – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; the Diocese of Meru – the Anglican Church of Kenya; the Diocese of México – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; the Diocese of Del

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## Weekly Ministries

### Mondays

- 6 p.m. Scouts - Sanctuary - Contact [Mike Jewett](#)
- 6-8 p.m. CAT (Cats, Art & Tea) - 1st Monday of the month is Family Night; last Monday of the month is cat-free - MPR - Contact [Gaby Waldorf](#)
- 7 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Ed Building, Music Room - Contact [Anna Lettang](#)

### Tuesdays

- 7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Book Review - Starbucks (12469 Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92128) - Contact [Jerry Blanton](#)
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga & Meditation - MPR - First class free - Contact [Lisa Oakes](#) for pricing
- Noon. Wisdom Circle - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month - MPR - Contact [Shirley Bunch](#)
- 12:15-1 p.m. (approx.) Wisdom Circle Makes Lunches for Interfaith - 3rd Tuesday of the month - MPR - Contact [Shirley Bunch](#)
- 1-3 p.m. Quilting Ministry - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month - Ed Building, Quilt Room - Contact [Holly Gray](#)
- 5 p.m. Centering Prayer - Zoom - Contact [Parth Domke](#)
- 6-7:30 p.m. Fiber Arts Group - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month - Sanctuary - Contact [fiberarts@stbartschurch.org](mailto:fiberarts@stbartschurch.org)

### Wednesdays

- 10 a.m.-noon Bible Study (on break) - Zoom - Contact [Bob Capettini](#)
- 5 p.m. Schola Cantorum - Ed Building, Music Room - Contact [John-Luke Addison](#)
- 6-8 p.m. Youth Crew, 6th-12th grade - Youth Room or MPR - Contact [Jacob Robling](#)
- 6-7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Church Office & Zoom - Contact [Anne Snyder](#)

### Thursdays

- 8-10 a.m. Food Bank Delivery to St. Luke's - Contact [Jerry Blanton](#)

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Children's Choir School - Ed Building, Music Room - Contact [Tim McLellan](#)
- 7-9 p.m. Parish Choir for Adults and Teens - Ed Building, Music Room - Contact [John-Luke Addison](#)

### Fridays

- 7:45-9 a.m. Men's Ministry - Location TBA each week - Contact [Andrew Horne](#) or [Mike Jewett](#)
- 12:30-2:30 p.m. Daughters of the King - 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month - MPR - Contact [Sandy Morrison](#)

### Sundays

- 9-9:45 a.m. Adult Forum - MPR - Led by various ministries and guests
- 1 p.m. Eucharist Service - 1st Sunday of the month - Casa de las Campanas, Assisted Living Activities Room - Contact [Nancy Peterson](#)

## Quick Links

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