



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Week's Service Schedule

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

*The altar flowers are given by Terry McCune
in loving memory of her father, Robert Togie,
and in thanksgiving for loving parents,
and by the Johnston girls
in loving memory of Johnny, husband and father*

Saturday, November 8

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

Sunday, November 9

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 Chapel or [via Zoom](#)

Thursday, November 13

12 p.m. Midday Healing Eucharist in the Chapel
William Temple

BULLETINS

JOIN THE SUNDAY 10 AM LIVESTREAM



Promises

The Rev. Mother Nina Bacas

I am writing this rector's note to you while taking a break from writing pledge thank-you notes! Whether by hand or by keyboard, it's always a joy to write to you.

As I compose these thank yous, the word that keeps popping up in my mind is *promises*. Our promises to God and to each other in our baptismal covenant. The promises of sustainability for St. Bart's that we make to every year through our pledges. How all these promises, added together, bring so much hope for 2026, for our church and for all those lives we touch. It is beautiful to witness.

Our pledging has just begun, and already we are 50% toward our giving goal for 2026. Interestingly, though, just 31% of our households have pledged.

Imagine the hope and promise of 100% participation!

As I said in my pledge letter, the dollar amounts aren't as important to me as the participation level. From a practical standpoint, we do need the current 50% of our giving goal to reach 100%, but as your rector I'm more focused on your participation. I want the 31% of households that have pledged to become 100% because I want everyone to feel they are a part of St. Bart's—and that means giving back to God part of what has been given to us. Know that you don't have to commit to a budget-breaking amount to say "I'm a part of St. Bart's, and I'm in on the promise for God's church." I know some of you may be waiting until year-end to decide on your pledge levels, and that is completely understandable. But if you are not waiting for any particular reason, I ask you to return your pledge cards soon.

I'm thrilled to be your priest and the leader of your church—I find hope and promise in your participation as I watch the percentages rise weekly. And as I write the many thank-you notes, I'm grateful that you are part of St. Bart's story. Indeed, you are a blessing.

Blessings,
Mother Nina+

**Do you have an announcement
to add to this eNewsletter?**

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS ITEM



Adult Forum

Sunday, November 9, 9 a.m., MPR

Our special guest this Sunday is Beth Beall, executive director of Vida Joven, who will update us on the orphanages we help support in Tijuana and Baja California. Please join us!



How Is St. Bart's Helping Others During the Government Shutdown?

St. Bart's is working with our partner Interfaith Community Services to support those impacted by the government shutdown. In November, we are collecting Thanksgiving baskets. And in December, we will collect nonperishable food items by way of a reverse Advent calendar. The children and youth engaged in this practice in 2023, and next month they will ask the entire congregation to join them in doing it again!

If you are among those affected by the shutdown and need assistance—even just a dinner—please contact [Father Jacob](#).



ST. BART'S PODCAST:

The Fig Tree

Bonus Episode: Singing the Book of Psalms

In the latest episode of The Fig Tree Podcast, Mother Nina, Deacon Jacob sit down with our own Dr. John-Luke Addison, director of music and liturgy at St. Bart's, to discuss the history of psalms being sung, and how singing the psalms is important for our own spiritual lives and church gatherings today.

Learn more about John-Luke and the New American Psalter at jladdison.com.

[LISTEN](#)

St. Bart's Annual Giving Campaign Is [LIVE NOW!](#)

Our 2026 "Tell Out My Soul" Giving Campaign is



well underway. As of Tuesday, we have received 92 pledges totaling 50% of our \$980,000 goal. About 10% of those are from new parishioners, and about 60% are an increase over 2025 (totaling almost \$33,000 additional year-over-year dollars). This is all good news, and your generosity is very much appreciated!

There are only two weeks left until In-Gathering Giving Weekend, November 22-23, when we bless all pledges received to support the work of the church in 2026. If you haven't already done so, please get your pledge in as soon as possible, via offertory basket, mail, or [online](#). If you need assistance or have questions, contact [Terry McCune](#).

Now, let's hear from parishioner [Neenie Castner](#) on why she gives!

PLEDGE NOW



Consider Running for Vestry!

The vestry serves as the church's board of directors and governs the business of the parish. Led by the rector and wardens, the vestry represents the congregation in every area of decision-making and welcomes ideas and feedback at any time.

Vestry membership includes 12 adult lay leaders, one youth representative, the rector, and parish officers. Members are elected to three-year terms at the parish annual meeting in January; the nonvoting youth representative serves for one year. Candidates must be confirmed, provide financial support to the parish with an annual pledge, and have been members of the parish for a minimum of six months.

To learn more, contact [Mother Nina](#) or Senior Warden [Jerry Gray](#).



Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Baskets available for pickup November 8-9 & November 15-16

Join St. Bart's for our 26th annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive! Since 1999, we've provided 2,200 Thanksgiving dinners to families in transitional housing with Interfaith Community Services in North County. Help us reach our goal to provide 100 families with a Thanksgiving dinner!

Here's how you can participate:

- **Shop:** Pick up an empty basket and a shopping list on the church patio over the next two weekends. Purchase groceries (approx. \$70) and bring the filled basket back to St. Bart's on Sunday, November 23, before the 10 a.m. service.
- **Donate:** Make a cash donation and we will do the shopping for you.
- **Deliver:** Drivers are needed to help with deliveries; text Christine Villasenor at (858) 382-9405.

November Coffee Hour Hosts

Last Names M-P

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 M-P, 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

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Coffee Hour Hosts for This Month

If your last name begins with:

M-P

Please bring in a sweet or savory nibble to share!

Questions? Contact Widney at coffeehour@stbartschurch.org

retrieving your own plate later.

Questions? Contact [Widney Hawthorne](#).



Featuring International Award-Winning Youth Orchestra & Musicians

**NOV. 8TH
(SATURDAY)
4:00 PM
RECEPTION
4:30 - 5:30 PM
CONCERT**

GOOD SAMARITAN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4321 Eastgate Mall
San Diego, CA 92121
(Free parking on church lot)

**2ND ANNUAL
BENEFIT
CONCERT**

PRESENTED BY: **RefugeeNet** | **ROOTS** (Refugee Children's Organization of Tech & Science) | **North County String Ensemble**

ADMISSION RESERVATION: 

DONATION LINK: 

TO SPONSOR AND DONATE: WWW.REFUGEE-NET.ORG
Contact: rootsclubSD@gmail.com

OUTREACH PARTNER EVENT:

RefugeeNet Benefit Concert

Saturday, November 8, 4:30 p.m. (preconcert reception at 4 p.m.)

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church (4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121)

Join [RefugeeNet](#) for a night of music and celebration! Presented in partnership with ROOTS (Refugee Children's Organization of Technology and Science) and the North County String Ensemble, this benefit concert will feature an international award-winning youth orchestra. All funds raised will directly benefit the work and programs of RefugeeNet.

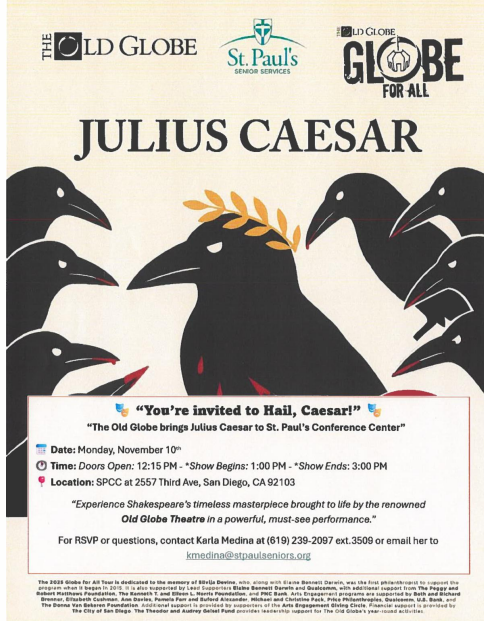
[GET TICKETS](#)

DIOCESAN EVENT:

Julius Caesar

Monday, November 10, 1 p.m.

St. Paul's Conference Center (2557 Third Ave., San Diego, CA 92103)



Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* is coming to St. Paul's Conference Center! Experience this timeless masterpiece brought to life by the renowned Old Globe Theatre in a powerful, must-see performance. For questions or to RSVP, contact [Karla Medina](#), (619) 239-2097, ext. 3509.



Volunteers Needed for ECS Recovery Lunch

Wednesday, November 12, 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 13, 11:30-3 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church (4227 Fairmount Ave., San Diego, CA 92105)

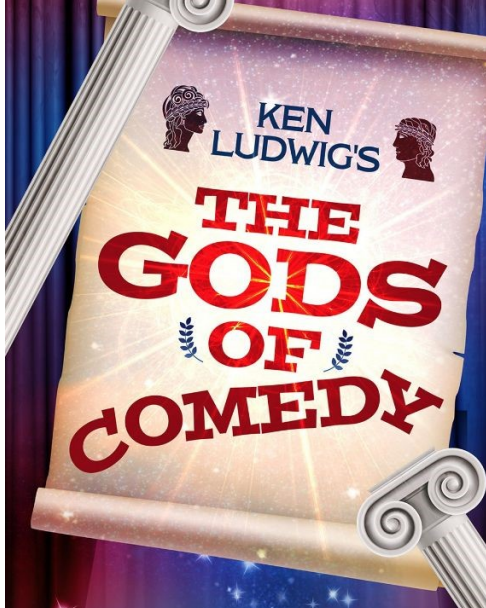
Episcopal Community Services (ECS) is looking for helpers for its annual Thanksgiving Recovery Lunch, a festive event that celebrates the achievements of ECS clients in recovery. The following volunteer roles are available:

- **Setup Crew (Wednesday, November 12):**
Help get St. Mark's ready the day before the event.
- **Day-Of Crew (Thursday, November 13):**
Provide a dessert, or help serve the main meal.

Please sign up using the link below.

[VOLUNTEER](#)

Sojourners Dinner & Theatre Event
Friday, November 14



Happy Hour / Dinner at 5:15 p.m., Mainstream Grill, Poway
Play starts at 7:30 p.m., PowPAC Theatre, Poway

Join St. Bart's Sojourners group on November 14 for dinner and a play! Discounted group tickets for Ken Ludwig's [*The Gods of Comedy*](#) are \$25.50; dinner at the Mainstream Grill is on your own. Seating is limited, so please contact [Jill Henderson](#) by Tuesday, November 4, to reserve your spot.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 18, 7-8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

St. Bart's and the Poway Interfaith Team are holding an interfaith Thanksgiving service on November 18, with refreshments to follow—all are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned, nonperishable food and travel-size hygiene items for Interfaith Community Services (ICS), and the offering will also go to ICS.



Pre-Holiday Stress Buster

Free Guided Meditation Classes

Wednesday, November 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Both sessions in MPR

Lisa Marie Oakes, a Certified iRest Yoga Nidra Meditation Teacher and Yoga Instructor 500 RYT, is offering Pre-Holiday Stress Buster Guided Meditation Classes this month! Come as you are to one or both of these free, all-seated, 45-minute sessions—no registration required, all are welcome to participate in this time to rest and

restore. We'll learn skills to lower stress levels, sleep better, and create space for JOY for the holiday season ahead. Questions? Email [Lisa](#) or call her at (858) 472-0959.

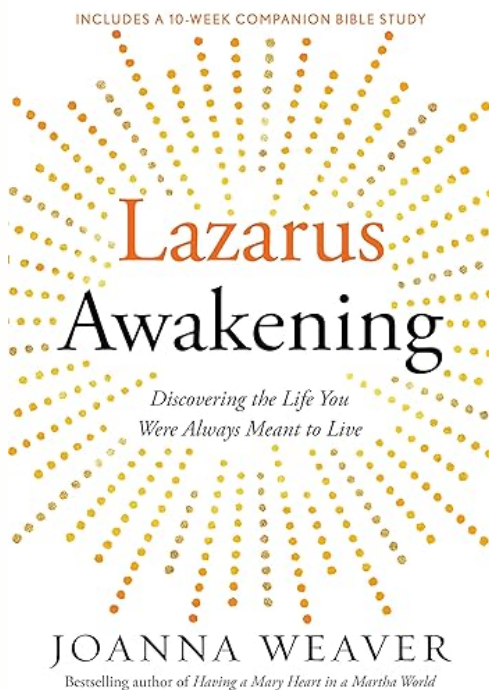


Shine a Light Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 21, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

Embrace the tradition of renewal! Every Friday night, households worldwide welcome the serenity of Shabbat, a time to reset and connect with loved ones. We extend a warm invitation to join us for a special Shabbat dinner and celebration at St. Bart's, hosted by the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center and representatives of the San Diego Jewish community. Let's come together to illuminate our worlds with light, warmth, and friendship. This event is free and appropriate for people of all ages. For more information, contact [Simone Abelson](#). Please RSVP by Monday, November 17.

REGISTER



BOOK STUDY:

Lazarus Awakening

Wednesdays, September 17–November 12, 6 p.m., Church Office or Zoom

The fall session of the **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** is underway! We are reading [*Lazarus Awakening: Discovering the Life You Were Always Meant to Live*](#), by Joanna Weaver. In this book, the third in the Bethany Trilogy, the author invites you to experience a divine shift in how you view your relationship with God—one that moves the truth of God's love from your head to your heart and helps you step into the

fullness of life that Jesus came to bring.
Questions? Contact [Anne Snyder](#), (858) 485-0562.

BUY THE BOOK



Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry

The Prayers & Squares ministry offers prayer quilts to all people who are in crisis and need prayer. Before requesting a quilt, **please check with the recipient to see if they will accept a prayer quilt, and ask them for the specific words of prayer they would like prayed over the quilt.**

To request a prayer quilt, call the church office, (858) 487-2159, or email [Holly Gray](#).



SUPPORT OUR MILITARY
PROGRAMS BY
PURCHASING BEAUTIFUL
POINSETTIAS THIS
FESTIVE SEASON!

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER:

Poinsettias for a Purpose

The Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo is holding a poinsettia sale this holiday season, with proceeds to benefit MCAS Miramar military programs. For instructions on ordering your poinsettias, click the button below. Plants will be available for pickup on Saturday, December 6, at the Heights Country Club.

Poinsettias for a Purpose

8 Beautiful 14" to 16" bright red,
multi-bloom plants per box in 6.5"
pots with gold sleeve.

DONATION: \$120 PER BOX (8 PLANTS)



PICK UP PLANTS ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 6, 2025 FROM 8 TO 9 AM AT
THE HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB
16066 BERNARDO HEIGHTS PKWY,
SAN DIEGO, CA

**ORDERING
INSTRUCTIONS ON THE
BACK OF THIS FLYER**

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP
OUR MARINES AND SAILORS
ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR
STATION MIRAMAR

ORDER

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Chaplains and ministries of the armed forces; for all veterans of the armed services.

In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The United States Marine Corps on its 250th birthday.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Church in the Province of the West Indies; the Diocese of Qu'Appelle – the Anglican Church of Canada; the Diocese of Quebec – the Anglican Church of Canada; the Diocese of North Queensland – the Anglican Church of Australia; the Diocese of Raiwind – the Church of Pakistan (United); the Diocese of Rajasthan – the Church of North India (United); the Diocese of Rayalaseema – the Church of South India (United).

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

Weekly Ministries

Mondays

- 6 p.m. Scouts - Sanctuary - Contact [Mike Jewett](#)
- 6-8 p.m. CAT (Cats, Art & Tea): Multigenerational art event to benefit rescue kitties! - All individuals 10+ years welcome; if younger than 16, must be accompanied by an adult - MPR - Contact [Gaby Waldorf](#)
- 7-8 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 Tuesday of the month - Sanctuary - Contact fiberarts@stbartschurch.org

Wednesdays

- 10 a.m.-noon Bible Study (on break) - Zoom - Contact [Bob Capettini](#)

- 5-6 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](#)

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