



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## This Week's Service Schedule

### Palm Sunday

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#### Saturday, March 28

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

#### Sunday, March 29

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Sanctuary

*livestreamed*

#### Monday, March 30

7 p.m. Compline Service in the Sanctuary

#### 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](#)

#### Tuesday, March 31

7 p.m. Compline Service in the Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, April 1

7 p.m. Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

#### Maundy Thursday, April 2

12 p.m. Midday Healing Eucharist in the Chapel

6 p.m. Agape Meal & Service in the Sanctuary

#### Good Friday, April 3

12 p.m. Good Friday Service & Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

7 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

*livestreamed*

### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter in the Sanctuary

Bring your bells!

*livestreamed*

**BULLETINS**

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**JOIN THE DAILY OFFICE ZOOM**



## **Living Resurrection**

***The Rev. Mother Nina Bacas***

This past Sunday, Father Isaiah brought the Jol Wo Lieec gathering to St. Bart's for a joyful dance in the sanctuary. You may know by now that this is a fellowship of South Sudanese young adults in the United States. The group itself is global, but they gathered for the first time in the US at St. Luke's last weekend!

After the dance, an usher turned to me and said, "It's alive!" I was later able to confirm with him that he was referring to the sanctuary, the service, the congregation, our guests—all of us. The Holy Spirit was so clearly present in our guests' high-energy dance. Why are they so joyful? I think it's because they are living the Resurrection. For many of these immigrants and refugees, it's Easter morning every day.

You see, if you think of Holy Week, you can find a direct rhythm with the history of South Sudan. In 2011, South Sudan gained independence from Sudan and became the world's youngest country. So much to celebrate, as on the joyful morning of Palm Sunday. But then things turned, as they did in Holy Week for Jesus. Political instability led to a civil war, and of a population of around 12 million, over 400,000 people have died. The country is in a deep humanitarian crisis, with over 80% of the population below the poverty line. Google will tell you that South Sudan has the highest misery index in the world right now. (And we all know it has some serious competition.) This is Good Friday.

But, like Christ on Easter morning, the diaspora rises—although in a different place than on Good Friday. Here in the United States, and in other Western countries, groups like Jol Wo Lieec rejoice that they are alive. They are thriving as they celebrate their culture, language, and faith, all while writing a new story in this world. A story “Rooted in Christ, Growing in Grace” (the words emblazoned on their uniforms).

Alleluia, he is risen—again! What a gift for us to witness in our own sanctuary here in Poway. “It’s alive!” Indeed.

Blessings,  
Mother Nina+



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# Holy Week and Easter

at St. Bart's, Poway

## SUN

Mar. 29

## MON

Mar. 30

## TUES

Mar. 31

## WED

Apr. 1

## THURS

Apr. 2

## FRI

Apr. 3

## SAT

Apr. 4

## SUN

Apr. 5

## PALM SUNDAY

**8:00 & 10:00 a.m.** Services

*Donkey rides for kids!*

**4:00 p.m.** Passion Concert

**7:00 p.m.** Compline Service, by candlelight

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**7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service, led by the choir

## THE HOLY TRIDUUM

**6:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service

**12:00 noon** Good Friday Service and Stations of the Cross

**7:00 p.m.** Good Friday Service with choir

**7:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil, with great Fire of Easter

## EASTER SUNDAY

**6:00 a.m.** Sunrise Service

**8:00 & 10:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Services, with egg hunt for kids!

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[stbartschurch.org](http://stbartschurch.org)



**Do you have an announcement**

to add to this eNewsletter?

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## No Adult Forum This Sunday

The Adult Forums will be on hiatus for the next few weeks. Please join us when the forums resume on Sunday, April 26.



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

## Sandwich Sunday

**Sunday, March 29, After 10 a.m. Service, Patio**


On the last Sunday of every month, St. Bart's 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!

### MASTERWORK SERIES:

## Stainer's *The Crucifixion*

**Sunday, March 29, 4 p.m., Sanctuary**

Hear Sir John Stainer's beloved Passion oratorio on Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week. Featuring choir, soloists Sean McCormac and Tim McLellan, and organ, this moving masterwork traces Christ's journey to the Cross in music of profound beauty and devotion. Free admission.



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John Stainer

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"Could you not watch with me one hour?"



## JOIN THE WATCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - 8 PM-MIDNIGHT

## Join the Watch on Maundy Thursday!

**Thursday, April 2, 8 p.m.–Midnight, Sanctuary**

Based on Jesus' statement to his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" many churches host a "watch" on the night of Maundy Thursday, when parishioners dedicate one hour to keep watch and pray with Jesus at the "Altar of Repose." This year, St. Bart's will have a watch in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, April 2, from 8 p.m. to midnight. If you would like to sign up for an hour, please use the link below.

[JOIN THE WATCH](#)

## St. Bart's Outreach Gala

**Luxury, Adventure & Once-in-a-Lifetime  
Moments!**

**Saturday, April 11, 5-9 p.m., Country Club of  
Rancho Bernardo**

Coming to the Outreach Gala on April 11? Here are just a few of the incredible packages that will be available for bidding!



## GALA AUCTION PACKAGES

Watch for a catalog of silent auction packages in the April 2 eNews.

And there's still time to get your tickets!

## BUY GALA TICKETS



## Good Friday Offering in Support of Holy Land Ministries

For more than a century, Episcopalians have supported the Good Friday Offering, sustaining ministries in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year especially, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe calls us to respond with generosity. Amid ongoing conflict, the need is urgent. Your gift supports hospitals, clinics, and churches serving all people. Join us in offering hope and healing.

## BISHOP ROWE'S LETTER

## MAKE YOUR GIFT



## Easter Flower Offerings

A donation to the Flower Guild for Easter lilies and flowers is a wonderful way to remember a special occasion or person, or to give thanks for family, friends, good health, or good fortune. Easter flower envelopes will be available in the sanctuary and chapel during Lent. List the person or event you are commemorating on the back of your envelope, and drop off the envelope

in the offering plate or the church office. You may also [donate online](#)—select the “Flowers” fund and be sure to add a note to let us know what you’re celebrating. Thank you for your generosity at Easter and all year round! For more information, contact [Bobbie Davis](#).



## You're Invited to Easter Brunch! Sunday, April 5, After Services

St. Bart's is preparing for joyous worship and fellowship on Easter Sunday! Our sunrise service will be followed by warm croissants, coffee, juice, and coffee in the multipurpose room (MPR). After our 8 a.m. service, croissants, juice, and coffee will be served on the patio. And after our 10 a.m. service, we'll enjoy three breakfast casserole options with fruit, salad, and muffins, served on the patio. Thank you to everyone who took Easter casserole pans and recipes!



## April Outreach Challenge Drive for St. Mark's Food Pantry

Next month's drive is for St. Mark's City Height's food pantry, which is open to anyone in need. The pantry is requesting donations of canned and pouched proteins. Thank you for your generosity!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

## Bishop's Visitation Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

It's almost time for our annual visitation from our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Brown Snook. The bishop will celebrate and preach at the 10



a.m. service, as well as baptize, confirm, and receive several of our parishioners.

**Note: There will be no other services on visitation weekend.**



## Father Isaiah's Final Hearing

Father Isaiah's final asylum hearing has been moved from April 6 to July 10. Please continue to pray for him.



## St. Bart's Scholarships Available Applications due Thursday, April 23

It's scholarship season at St. Bart's! Every year, the church awards scholarships to members who are pursuing a college education or accredited vocational or technical training. Three scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors, as well as one for women 25 years and older. For more details and application forms, visit the [St. Bart's Scholarships page](#) on our website. Contact [Anne Snyder](#) with questions.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Support the 2026 Rummage Sale**  
**Spring Donation Collection Dates:**



**Saturdays, April 18 & 25, May 3, 3-4:30 p.m.**  
**Sundays, April 26, May 3, 9 a.m.-Noon**

Planning is underway for the 2026 Rummage Sale scheduled for September 24-26. Proceeds from the annual sale, now in its fourth year, support outreach work in the community and abroad. This year there will be two donation collections: the “Spring Fling and Clean” drive in April and May, and a summer drive. Donations must be in **excellent condition**, new or gently used; to see the list of accepted donation items, click the button below. Thank you for ensuring your donations meet these criteria.

**Please note:** We will not be accepting larger items during the spring drive; these will be accepted during the summer collection.

[ACCEPTED DONATIONS LIST](#)

### **Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed**

It takes many hands to put on a successful sale! If you can help, please fill out the [Rummage Sale Volunteer Form](#).

[VOLUNTEER](#)



### **Angel Tree Coordinator Needed**

St. Bart's has long been involved with the Angel Tree program, an integral part of Prison Fellowship. Rosalind Duddy, who has coordinated this ministry for many years, would like to turn over the reins to a new chair. Please pray about this opportunity to serve, and if interested, [contact Rosalind](#), (858) 485-1770, ASAP—it's already time to register for Angel Tree Christmas 2026! Rosalind will guide our new coordinator through the registration process.



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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](mailto:coffeehour@stbartschurch.org)

## March 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 retrieving your own plate later.

Questions? Contact [Widney Hawthorne](#).



**Prayers & Squares**  
QUILT MINISTRY

## 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](#).



THE LEARNING TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL

Inspiring creativity and curiosity in young learners through play-based education

(858) 282-7670  
[learningtreehousepreschool.com](http://learningtreehousepreschool.com)

## The Learning Treehouse Preschool

The [Learning Treehouse Preschool](#), located on the St. Bart's campus, offers play-based education for children 18 months to 6 years old, with a maximum of 12 children per classroom. It's a loving, nurturing environment where children can grow socially, emotionally, and academically, all while having a blast! Call the school at (858) 282-7670 to find out more about its programs or to schedule a tour.

# Prayer Cycle

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** Members of religious orders, especially the Society of St. Paul.

**In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** US Navy Chiefs on its 133rd Birthday.

**In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia; the Diocese of Venezuela – The Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Vermont – The Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – the Anglican Church of Tanzania; the Diocese of the Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Virginia – The Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church.

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## 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](mailto: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](#)
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Parish Choir - 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 - Ed Building, DOK Room (basement) - 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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