



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## This Week's Service Schedule

Last Sunday After Pentecost

Christ the King

*The altar flowers are given by Emily Gomes  
in memory of Hudson Frank Gomes*

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**Saturday, November 22**

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

**Sunday, November 23**

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  
in the Chapel or [via Zoom](#)

5-5:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday  
in the Chapel or [via Zoom](#)

**Wednesday, November 26**

6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eucharist & Meal in the Sanctuary

**BULLETINS**

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## Why God Gives

*The Rev. Jacob Robling*

Next week, we will celebrate Thanksgiving, a season in which we take extra time to think about what it is we are grateful for. And as Christians, we especially acknowledge that everything we have—our families, our friends, the food we eat, the houses we live in—is a gift from God, our generous and bountiful Creator. And so we practice gratitude.

One thing I have always found paradoxical about gratitude, however, is how it points us toward generosity. When we recognize that everything is a gift, it inclines us to give freely. There is a line that I love in the prayer appointed for Thanksgiving: “Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need” (1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 246). Why does God give to us? He does this not only to provide the things we need, but to empower us to give to those in need. Indeed, when we are generous, we get to experience God in a unique and powerful way. Jesus tells us that when we help those in need, we help him. So God, in giving us the resources to help others, gives us a path to experience Jesus. In a very real sense, we can give back to God!

On Thanksgiving, especially as we head into the season of Advent, I can think of no better spiritual practice than to respond to God’s generosity to us by being generous to others. The world tempts us to consume more and more on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. But what would the world be like if

Christians committed to giving to those in need?

This coming week, as you reflect on how generous God has been to you, I would encourage you to consider what it might look like for you to be generous to others. And remember—there are as many ways to be generous as there are things to be grateful for! Whether it's giving money to someone who has none, giving time at a soup kitchen, inviting someone to a Thanksgiving meal who doesn't have one to go to, or anything else. God has given much—so let's freely give!

Blessings,  
Father Jacob+

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

**SUBMIT YOUR NEWS ITEM**



## **No Adult Forum This Sunday**

There will be no Adult Forum this week, as the MPR will be in use as a collection area for our Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Please join us again next week!

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## **Thanksgiving Basket Drive**

**Drop off baskets this Sunday, November 23, 8-10 a.m., MPR**

If you are participating in our annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive, please drop off your filled basket in the multipurpose room this Sunday between 8 and 10 a.m. Thank you for

## Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Help us provide 100 families with a Thanksgiving dinner!

Pick up baskets Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16  
Return baskets Nov. 23



helping us reach our goal to provide 100 families with a Thanksgiving dinner!

**Volunteers needed:** If you can help with deliveries, please text Christine Villasenor at (858) 382-9405.



## Giving Campaign Ingathering Weekend

November 22-23, All Services

As we approach our highly anticipated 2026 Giving Campaign Ingathering Weekend, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and excitement for the incredible spirit of our St. Bart's community. It has been genuinely inspiring to witness the profound commitment and vibrant engagement shown by each of you.

Already we have received a remarkable 170 pledges, amounting to an outstanding \$733,350. Each of these pledges represents a promise—an offering of your invaluable time, unique talents, and essential financial support—which will fuel the life-giving work and vital ministries of St. Bart's in the year ahead.

The pledges received so far account for 60% of member households. Our ambitious goal this year is to achieve 100%. This isn't just about reaching a financial target; it's about every member of our faith family standing together in support of our transformative mission. No matter the amount, *your* pledge is a meaningful gift that signifies your personal connection to this wonderful community and your commitment to sustaining our programs, strengthening our

spiritual foundations, and extending our compassionate reach.

This weekend, we invite everyone to join in a special moment of collective celebration and blessing for these sacred commitments. As you enter the service, each household will receive a pledge card.

- **If you have already submitted your pledge:** We extend our deepest thanks! Please bring the blank card forward during the service as a beautiful affirmation of your participation and ongoing dedication, and to receive a communal blessing of your generous promise.
- **If you have not yet had the opportunity to pledge:** This weekend offers the perfect moment to do so. You may complete the pledge information on the card provided and bring it forward.

We eagerly anticipate celebrating this spirit of shared mission with you all.

With heartfelt thanks,

*St. Bart's Giving Campaign Team*

Anne Hand, Costa Dillon, Jerry Gray (Senior Warden), Joe Snodgrass (Junior Warden), Annalisa Parker (Treasurer), Terry McCune (Assistant Treasurer), Mother Nina Bacas (St. Bart's Rector), Judy Macemon (Campaign Chair)

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## Thanksgiving Service & Meal

**Wednesday, November 26, 6 p.m., Sanctuary**

Come for a special Eucharist service of Thanksgiving in our beautiful sanctuary, followed by a traditional meal of turkey, side dishes, and dessert, provided by the music ministry. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available.



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## Angel Tree Program

For over 26 years now, St. Bart's has been sharing God's love through the Prison Fellowship Ministries' Angel Tree program. As Christmas approaches, we are once again participating in this program, which affords our community the opportunity to reach out to the children of incarcerated parents.

This year, we have 18 families and 37 kids. We will be collecting *gift cards only* to either Target or Walmart—each child will receive two \$25 gift cards, one for a “fun” gift and one for a clothing gift. Our Angel Tree Coordinator, Rosalind Duddy, will be collecting gift cards before and after services this weekend, or you may drop them off in the church office.

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## Revised 2026 Pricing for Columbarium Plots/Niches

Effective January 1, 2026, prices for St. Bart's columbarium garden plots and wall niches will be increasing. This increase, the first in many years, is necessary to address the rising costs of



maintaining the columbarium. If you would like to reserve a plot or niche under [2025 pricing](#), please contact the church office at (858) 487-2159.



## 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](#).

## 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 retrieving your own plate later.

Questions? Contact [Widney Hawthorne](#).



## Pre-Holiday Stress Buster

### Free Guided Meditation Classes

Thursday, November 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m., MPR

Join Lisa Marie Oakes, a Certified iRest Yoga Nidra Meditation Teacher and Yoga Instructor 500 RYT, for a free Pre-Holiday Stress Buster Guided Meditation Class! Come as you are to this free, all-seated, 45-minute session—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.

## No Chair Yoga on November 25

There will be NO chair yoga on Tuesday, November 25. Please join us again on December 2. The first class is free, so drop in and try it out! Questions? Contact [Lisa Oakes](#), (858) 472-0959.

# NO CHAIR YOGA

Tuesday, November 25



Please join us again on Tuesday, December 2

**CHAIR YOGA  
FOR EVERY BODY**  
All Seated

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
St. Bart's Multipurpose Room

Questions? Contact Lisa Oakes:  
oakeshealingarts@gmail.com  
(858) 472-0859

First class is FREE, so drop in  
and try it out!



## Advent Study & Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 6 p.m.,  
Sanctuary

Each Wednesday during Advent, we'll be gathering for our "Walking with Mary" series and potluck soup supper. This three-week study will offer us the opportunity to pause and breathe, and to walk with Mary as she prepares to bear God. Through her words, her silence, her courage, and her song, she shows us what it means to believe that God is doing something new, even when we cannot yet see it. With each step of her journey, from angel's greeting to the stable's stillness, from wonder to worship, she reveals God's revolutionary love. We'll end each evening with a Compline service.

## Handel's Messiah Sing-Along

Friday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m.

Sanctuary

Share in the joy of the season! Join us for our annual Messiah Sing-Along in collaboration with the Greater San Diego Music Coterie, with choir, orchestra, and soloists, including St. Bart's own Sean McCormac and Danielle Evans. Bring your own score or rent one (\$5) at the door. Free admission (suggested donation \$20, \$10 for



students).



## Advent & Christmas at St. Bart's

There will be three Christmas Eve services this year: a Holy Eucharist at 1 p.m., a Holy Eucharist with Pageant at 4 p.m., and a Candlelight Choral Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

For a full schedule of Advent and Christmas offerings at St. Bart's, including special services and music events, soup suppers, and forums, click the button below.

[SEE SCHEDULE](#)



## PARISHIONER NEWS:

### Celebration of Life for Lorraine Brown Wednesday, December 10, 2:30 p.m., Patio

Join us on the patio as we celebrate the life of long-time member Lorraine Brown. She was in the first Cursillo class at St. Bart's! Lorraine requested that all wear bright colors to her service.



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.

LISTEN



## 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](#).

## Prayer Cycle

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** The leadership and people of Resurrection, Ocean Beach. Let us give thanks this week for the blessings we have received.

**In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** The US Navy Chaplain Corps on its 250th birthday.

**In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; the Diocese of Riverina – the Anglican Church of Australia; the Diocese of Rochester (England) –

the Church of England; the Diocese of Rochester (USA) – The Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Rockhampton – the Anglican Church of Australia; the Diocese of Rokon – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; the Diocese of Rorya – the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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](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](#)
- 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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