



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Week's Service Schedule

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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](#)

Wednesday, March 18

6 p.m. Shine a Light Interfaith Passover Seder in the Sanctuary

[RSVP](#) Required

Thursday, March 19

12 p.m. Midday Healing Eucharist in the Chapel

Saint Joseph

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Meeting the Most Rev. Sean Rowe

The Rev. Mother Nina Bacas

Last week, along with 850 other clergy and laity, I attended the Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) conference in Charlotte, NC. It was my first EPN conference, and I found it to be very enriching. My favorite meeting was a talk led by our new presiding bishop, with only rectors and cathedral deans in the room. While I didn't meet him personally, it was wonderful to be in a small setting of 150 church leaders where all could speak freely.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe was just installed last year, and this was my first opportunity to hear him speak live. I want you to know that I found him to be a clear-thinking realist. One who, I believe, has the courage to make hard decisions that will benefit our church. He also has a dry sense of humor and can be a very flip! Overall, I have great confidence in him and expect good things for our church during his nine-year tenure.

Later, we all attended a keynote conversation between the presiding bishop and author Jonathan Rauch. It was there that our presiding bishop now famously said that talk of the decline of the church is "a lie straight from the pit of Hell." He continued, "I believe that this is an opportunity for us to recalibrate, to rethink, to step back for a moment, to think about how we can strategically then step forward and make an impact on the world."

Someone at the conference pointed out that no one wants to buy tickets for the *Titanic*. But I'm all on board with our new presiding bishop. My sense is that his years will "move the needle" of health and vitality for our church, and this fills me with optimism.

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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16275 Pomerado Rd., Poway, CA
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Do you have an announcement

to add to this eNewsletter?

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS ITEM



Adult Forum

Family Reconciliation, Part 3

Sunday, March 15, 9 a.m., MPR

Join us this Sunday for the final meeting of our series on reconciliation. This will be a time to review and reflect on how we are called to be reconcilers in our families.



Newcomers Brunch

Sunday, March 15, 11:15 a.m., Church Office

Following the 10 a.m. service on March 15, Mother Nina will host a brunch for our newest and most recent returning members of St. Bart's. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask any questions you may have about St. Bart's and the Episcopal tradition. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to welcome@stbartschurch.org (be sure and notify us of any dietary restrictions) —we would love to get to know you better!

RSVP

INTERFAITH EVENT:

Shine a Light Interfaith Passover Seder

Wednesday, March 18, 6-7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Experience a meaningful evening of tradition, storytelling, and community at the Shine a Light Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by the



Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center and held in the St. Bart's sanctuary. Join us as we bridge traditions and come together in the spirit of unity and reflection. RSVP required.

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JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS

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YOU ARE INVITED
Shine a Light
InterFaith Passover Seder

March 18 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
16275 Pomerado Rd. Poway, CA 92064
RSVP Required [Click Here](#)

RSVP

Experience a meaningful evening of tradition, storytelling, and community at our Shine a Light Interfaith Passover Seder. Together, we'll celebrate freedom, faith, and shared values through meaningful rituals, delicious food, and engaging conversation. Join us as we bridge traditions and come together in the spirit of unity and reflection.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays @ 6 PM

All are welcome, no exceptions!

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No Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 18

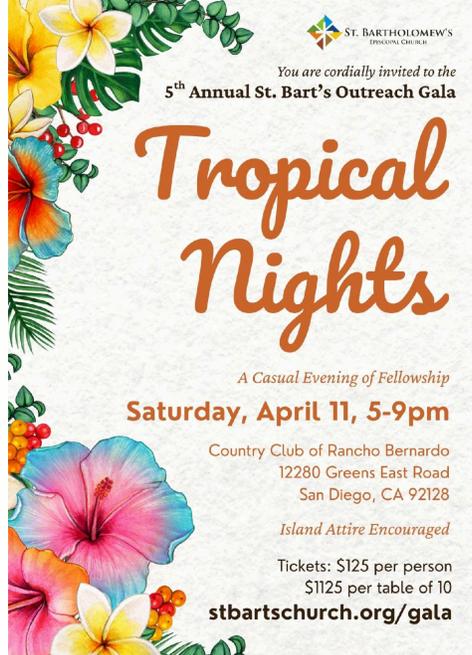
There will be no regular Wednesday Lenten gathering on March 18, as the Shine a Light Interfaith Passover Seder will be taking place in the sanctuary that evening. If you would like to attend the seder, please [RSVP](#).

Our final Lenten soup supper will be on Wednesday, March 25—we'll enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Vestry, followed by devotional programming for adults, youth, and children. The evening will close with the meditative chanted service of Compline. Youth will then transition to the regular Youth CREW meeting.

Buy Your Outreach Gala Tickets Now!

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

Please buy your April 11 Outreach gala tickets now! We want to make this event as exciting, fun, and successful as possible, but we need YOU to attend to make it happen! As a bonus,



we will be celebrating Mother Nina's birthday that evening, too. It's easy to purchase your tickets on the [St. Bart's website](#).

[BUY GALA TICKETS](#)



Rite of Reconciliation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 447

This sacramental rite is always available to you, but we lift it up especially in the holy season of Lent. Contact [Mother Nina](#) or [Father Jacob](#) for a private meeting for confession, counsel, direction, comfort, and absolution. Father Jacob will also be hearing confessions after the 5 p.m. Evening Prayer services on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent.



March Outreach Challenge

Drive for Comunidad de Luz

This month's drive is for Comunidad de Luz (Community of Light), our diocese's shelter for migrant women and children in Tijuana. The shelter is in need of feminine hygiene items, children's learning toys, and healthy snacks. Thank you for your generosity!

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Community Gathering Sessions



Tuesdays, March 24 & April 14, 6 p.m., MPR

Ever feel like your knowledge of the fundamentals of our faith needs strengthening? Do you wonder where or how God is working in our world today? Every baptized Christian is called to ministry ... so what is yours? EfM provides an environment in which you can learn about our faith and discern where God is calling us in carrying out our ministry.

Join the St. Bart's EfM group for two open community gathering sessions discussing Sue Monk Kidd's memoir, *God's Joyful Surprise: Finding Yourself Loved*. In it, she "offers a conversational and engaging account of her transition from the hectic daily life of a Christian mother, wife, nurse, and volunteer to discovering what it truly means to abide in God."

For more info, contact one of eFM's group mentors, [Cynthia McCormick](#) or [Mark Patzman](#), or reach out to a St. Bart's group member (Sandy Morrison, Tim Storey, JD Cowart, Eric Van Oeveren, or Tom Rodriguez). Please RSVP so we can ensure adequate food for supper.



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.



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



Monthly Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 6:15 p.m.

Chicken Charlie's (12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92128)

Every second Saturday of the month, the Fellowship Committee hosts a dinner/fellowship event after the 5 p.m. service. You're welcome to come, even if you don't attend the service. It's a great way to get to know other parishioners and build community.

On March 14, we'll meet at Chicken Charlie's. To RSVP, text or call Mike Jewett at (619) 666-9663 by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13. (After the RSVP deadline, please check with Mike to see if there is still room.)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

St. Bart's at Feeding San Diego

Friday, March 20, 2-4 p.m.

Feeding San Diego HQ (9477 Waples St., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92121)

Many of you know that St. Bart's used to partner with Feeding San Diego to host a weekly food distribution on our campus. We hope to resume that good work in the near future, but in the meantime, we want to support our ministry partners in any way we can. So come and join your fellow parishioners on Friday, March 20, to help sort food at the Feeding San Diego headquarters in Mira Mesa. Sign up today!

[SIGN UP](#)

OUTREACH PARTNER EVENT:

RefugeeNet Fundraiser

Saturday, March 21, 4-7 p.m.



RefugeeNet *Story Fest*



Our annual fundraiser, reimagined!

We invite you to encounter the riches of the refugee experience in San Diego with craft food, music, global art and stories of resilience. Come celebrate with us!

Saturday, March 21, 2026 4-7pm
St. Luke's, 3725 30th St, San Diego 92104

RSVP HERE! 

REFUGEE-NET.ORG

St. Luke's (3725 30th St., San Diego, CA 92104)

Join RefugeeNet for its reimagined annual fundraiser full of the people, cultures, food, song, and dance of the people it serves. Story Fest will center the stories of the families that RefugeeNet has helped to resettle over the past year, inviting them to share what the first 12 months of life in San Diego have been like. Let's celebrate the resilience of the human spirit together! Childcare available. Questions? Contact the [Rev. Colin Mathewson](#).

GET TICKETS



John Stainer

THE CRUCIFIXION

**Sunday, March 29
4:00 p.m.**

Free Admission

Hear Sir John Stainer's beloved Passion oratorio on Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week.

Featuring choir, soloists, and organ, this moving masterwork traces Christ's journey to the Cross in music of profound beauty and devotion.

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stbartsmusic.org



MASTERWORK SERIES:

Stainer's *The Crucifixion*

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

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ST. BART'S PODCAST:

The Fig Tree

Episode 23: Jeremiah: Justice & Faithfulness

The latest episode of The Fig Tree Podcast has dropped! Listen in as Mother Nina, Father Jacob, and Mike Jewett discuss the book of Jeremiah—how it teaches us to follow God's call for our lives, teaches us about God's justice, and shows (even in the midst of difficult times) God's

constant and enduring covenant love for the people of God.

LISTEN



Claim Your Lost Items

Are you missing a sweater, a water bottle, a piece of jewelry, or a toy? Items that have been left at the church will be at the Welcome Table on Sundays before and after the 10 a.m. service—stop by and see if your missing item is there. Unclaimed items will be donated to the St. Bart's Rummage Sale.



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.

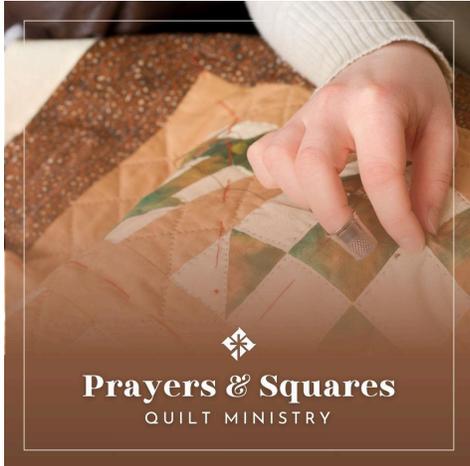
Questions? Contact [Widney Hawthorne](#).

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



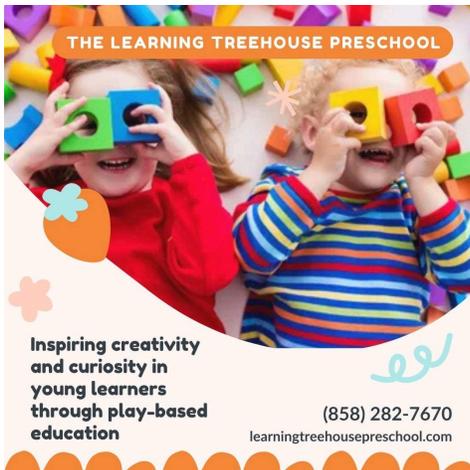
person or event you are commemorating on the back of your envelope, and drop off the envelope in the offering plate or the church office. You may also [donate online](#)—select the “Flowers” fund and be sure to add a note to let us know what you’re celebrating. Thank you for your generosity at Easter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



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

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: The clergy and people of Good Shepherd, Hemet.

In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center San Diego.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for: The Anglican Church of Kenya; the Diocese of Udi – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of Northern Uganda – the Church of the Province of Uganda; the Diocese of Ughelli – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of Ukwa – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of Umuahia – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika – the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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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

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](#)

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