



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Week's Service Schedule

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

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 25

6 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 26

12 p.m. Midday Healing Eucharist in the Chapel
Harriet Monsell, Richard Allen

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God Look Back at Us

The Rev. Mother Nina Bacas

In Dinka, “God Look Back at Us” is “Jol Wo Lieec.” It is the name of a young adult ministry founded over 30 years ago by Bishop Nathaniel Garang Anyieth of South Sudan. The goal is to strengthen young adults in discipleship and fellowship as they face the challenges of life. The Jol Wo Lieec ministry has expanded around the world as the South Sudanese diaspora has spread globally.

Bishop Nathaniel died last month at the age of 85. But on the eve of his death, he received the message that Jol Wo Lieec will have its first US gathering this month. Our own Father Isaiah is one of the main organizers of this gathering at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church this weekend. He is so excited! We are also playing a part, as some donors from St. Bart’s have helped underwrite the T-shirts and lodging for these young adults.

The photo above shows some new members of Jol Wo Lieec, which includes Father Colin of St. Luke’s and six others. Members of the group are coming to St. Bart’s this Sunday! Their legal advisor, John Abit, will lead the Adult Forum at 9 a.m. And at the 10 a.m. Eucharist, Jol Wo Lieec will begin our service with a short dance performance.

Ours is a congregational faith. We are called to walk with one another. What a joy it is to watch God’s movements in this young adult diaspora gathering

here from across the country. May each be a blessing to the others, and to us
as we witness with them.

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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candlelight

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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Adult Forum

Jol Wo Lieec Ministry

Sunday, March 22, 9 a.m., MPR

Join us this Sunday to learn about the work of Jol Wo Lieec, a young adult ministry that strengthens young adults in discipleship and fellowship as they face the challenges of life. Founded more than 30 years ago in South Sudan by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Nathaniel Garang Anyieth, the ministry has expanded around the world as the South Sudanese diaspora has spread globally, and will hold its first US gathering this month at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.



Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

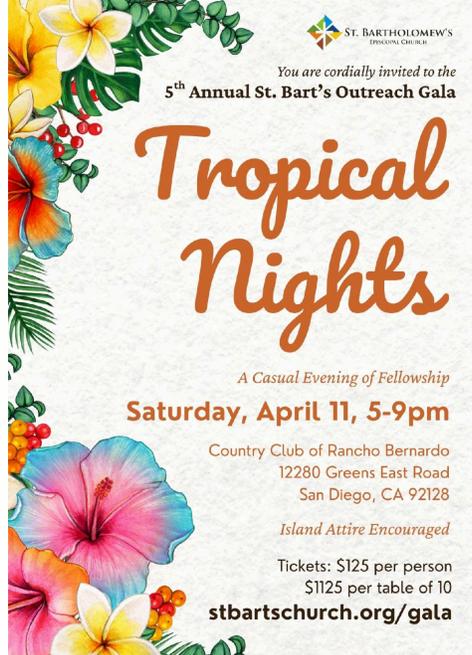
Our final Lenten soup supper will be this Wednesday—we'll enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Vestry, followed by devotional programming for adults, youth, and children. The evening will close with the meditative chanted service of Compline. Youth will then transition to the regular Youth CREW meeting.

Buy Your Outreach Gala Tickets

Now!

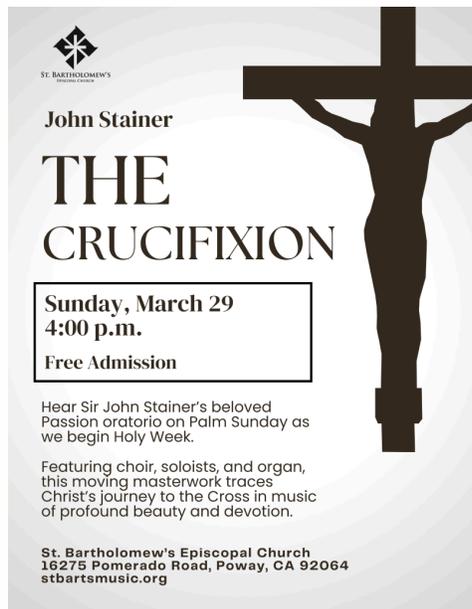
Saturday, April 11, 5-9 p.m., Country Club of Rancho Bernardo

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](https://stbartschurch.org/gala).

BUY GALA TICKETS



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.



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.



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](#).



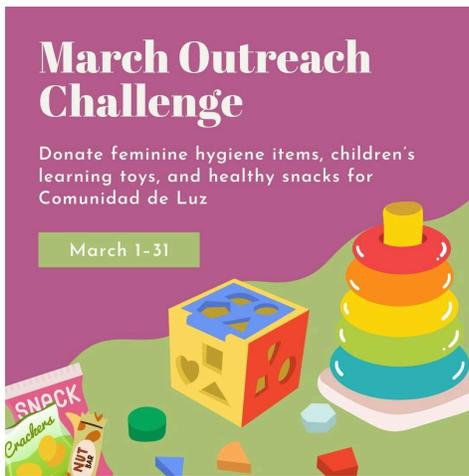
You're Invited to Easter Brunch!

Sunday, April 5, after services

Let's celebrate the joy of Easter together with a special brunch immediately following each Easter morning service! Join us on the patio after the 6 a.m. Sunrise Service and the 8 a.m. Eucharist for warm croissants, coffee, and orange juice, and after the 10 a.m. Eucharist for breakfast casseroles and mixed fruit.

You're also invited to bring an Easter casserole! Pick up your baking pans and breakfast casserole recipes on the patio this Sunday.

Bring your appetite and your joyful spirit, and be ready for delicious food and warm fellowship. All are welcome—invite a friend to church and enjoy brunch together!



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!



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](#)



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.

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.



Scholarship Program

For high school seniors:

- ✓ St. Bartholomew's Scholarship
- ✓ Brittany K. Stark Memorial Scholarship
- ✓ Lucille C. Heide Memorial Scholarship

For women 25 years & older:

- ✓ Evelyn Wyatt Memorial Scholarship

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 23

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](#)

RUMMAGE SALE

SPRING DONATION DRIVE

Sat, April 18 & 25, May 2	3-4:30 p.m.	Upper parking lot
Sun, April 26, May 3	9 a.m.-noon	Lower parking lot

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 has enjoyed coordinating this ministry for many years; however, she would now 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 support and guide our new coordinator through the registration process so St. Bart's can continue to love and serve the Lord "with gladness and singleness of heart" through this important ministry.

Did You Know?

You may know that Angel Tree brings gifts and the Gospel to the children of incarcerated men and women. But did you know that this transformational program began with one woman who was once on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list? Mary Kay Beard started Angel Tree when she was released from prison in 1982. In its first

year, Angel Tree served 556 children in Alabama. The program is now global—can you imagine the number of children who will be served in 2026? This incredible woman passed on April 17, 2016, and is remembered worldwide for this ministry.



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](#)

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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

March Coffee Hour Hosts

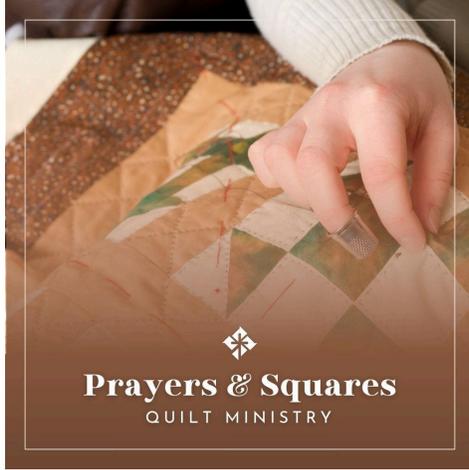
Last Names M-P

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.

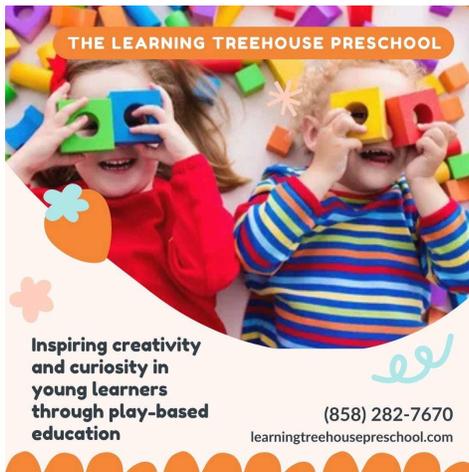
Questions? Contact [Widney Hawthorne](#).

Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry



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](mailto:Holly.Gray).



The Learning Treehouse Preschool

The [Learning Treehouse Preschool](http://learningtreehousepreschool.com), 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 youth and leadership of Nightwatch waking up at St. Bartholomew's, Poway, on Sunday morning.

In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267, Camp Pendleton.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for: The Anglican Church of Korea; the Diocese of Uruguay – the Anglican Church of South America; the Diocese of Utah – The Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Uyo – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of Valparaiso – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; the Diocese of Vanuatu – the Anglican Church of Melanesia; the Diocese of Vellore – the Church of South India (United).

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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