



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our Baptismal Promises: A Journey not a Destination

During the 9am Forum all through Lent we have been studying the five promises within our Baptismal Covenant. Going through this series as both participant and facilitator has been an eye-opening experience. I have been reminded just how much of a journey - as opposed to a destination - our Baptism really is. Each one of the promises, if taken seriously, really does challenge us to take on a 'new life.' Of course, this shouldn't be a surprise as they articulate nothing less than what life looks like when you follow Jesus. Nevertheless, it was a reminder to me, how even something as radical as the path of Jesus, can become rote when it is recited too often and not reflected upon enough.

Take the very first promise for example, "Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and

fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?" We might be tempted to read this as a pretty straightforward to-do list: Keep coming to church, pop into the forum for some teaching, stay for some fellowship at coffee hour and don't leave without receiving communion. There you have

it, on a single Sunday, you can fulfill the entire first promise! Ah but not so fast. When you look at the deeper implications of these promises, we really do have our work cut out for us!

Take for example just the "breaking of the bread" portion of that first promise. To begin with, the promise is not about

any requirement to receive communion a certain number of times a year or even about receiving God's forgiveness. In fact, it's not about receiving at all. At its core, the Eucharist is about participation - that is our participation in God's story of self-giving love which is embodied in the life of Jesus. Thus, the Eucharist

- the central act of Christian worship - is our communal expression of that story. In a way, you might think of it as a drama which we come together each Sunday to act out God's story of salvation. Have you noticed how you all have a speaking part in our liturgy? We are all given roles in this drama so that we will be shaped and transformed into a people that continue that same self-giving love after the performance is over and we re-enter our daily lives.



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And what do we learn from the 'breaking of the break?' For starters, we learn that we are loved so much, that God will stop at nothing to find us no matter how lost we can get or blind we might become. So, deep is God's longing for us, that God would give his own son to live, suffer and die as one of us, so that we might be found. We take our place at God's table, to experience the reality that God's love knows no limits and thus our self-worth, no conditions. When we kneel at the altar rail, shoulder to shoulder, we are reminded that our worthiness to be loved has nothing to do with our status, our wealth, our education, our privilege or any other part of us. We experience what it's like to be equal and equally loved for who we are, not who we pretend to be or who we are told we should be.

Someone once said they caught a glimpse of Heaven one Sunday when gathered at the altar rail was a homeless person, next to a gay man, who was next to the quarterback of the San Diego Chargers, each gathered at God's table, and for a brief moment, the cultural barriers, internalized discrimination and social hierarchies that might have otherwise separated them, disappeared. I agree! By participating in the Eucharist, we find strength and confidence to do the radical work that we have been given to: Reconciling the world to one another and to God,

without fear from domination systems and social conventions – not to mention our own self-doubts – that hold us back. It is a message so powerful, so countercultural, that we overflow with the need to give it away to anyone who has not yet experienced it.

As you prepare for Easter and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises, I invite you to re-read each of them prayerfully. (You can find them on page 304 of the Book of Common Prayer.) Meditate and reflect on them. Try to imagine the most radical implications your imagination can muster -- and then push them out even further. As you do that, I hope you will see that living into the Baptismal Promises could never be a destination. There was never going to be an arrival. Our call is to continually renew our commitment the journey. So, pack your bags and we'll see you at the Great Vigil of Easter as together we prepare to embark once more!

~The Rev. Chris Harris

'Ecole Epiphanie on the Rise

Join our latest mission team in the Conference Room on Sunday, April 9 following the 10:15 a.m. service to learn about the amazing adventure they had in February when they visited the school St. Bart's is helping to build in Loranette. Through an engaging presentation, hear about the ongoing project, the humble Haitian way of life, and meet a few of the characters from this warm and loving people that made the trip memorable. Could a trip in August to see the grand opening of the school be in your future? It just might be!



Get the St. Bart's App

We've created a great new tool for our St. Bartholomew's community. There are so many ways to use this app - view Holy Week and Easter service times, read St. Bart's Blog articles, listen to Sermons, pray for someone on the Prayers of the People list, get ready for Sunday with Lessons & Readings, and watch the gam Forum from last week (in case you missed it or want to re-experience it).



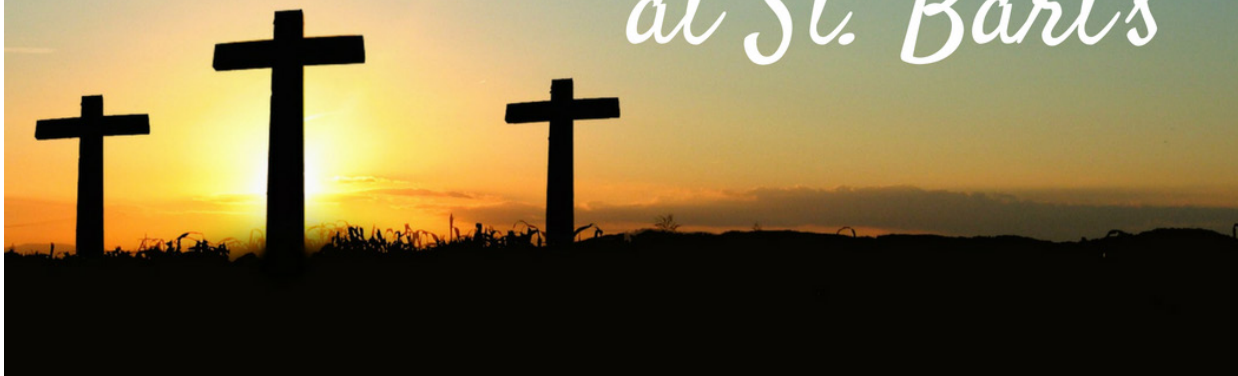
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Holy Week

at St. Bart's



April 9 Palm Sunday

5 p.m. (Saturday) Holy Eucharist
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 10 Holy Monday

7:30 p.m. Compline/Meditation

April 11 Holy Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

April 12 Holy Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Healing Service with
Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

April 13 Maundy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Liturgy with
footwashing
(Nursery care available)

April 14 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

12 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
4 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Children/Youth/Families
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
(Nursery care available)

April 15 The Great Vigil of Easter

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
(Nursery care available)

April 16 Easter Day

6 a.m. Sunrise Service at the
Cross on the Hill
8 a.m. Festal Eucharist
10 a.m. Festal Eucharist
12 p.m. Festal Eucharist
(Nursery care available 7:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)



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Walking with Jesus

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, I am always amazed at how Jesus blazed a trail forward in his life. He showed us how to live as mortals in a divine way, connected to God, in service to those around us and how to walk humbly with God.

I have been humbled to contemplate the intense devotion and trust it took for Jesus to walk into his own crucifixion. I have wondered whether I would be able to bear that kind of cross in the moment of truth. And, I know I do not.

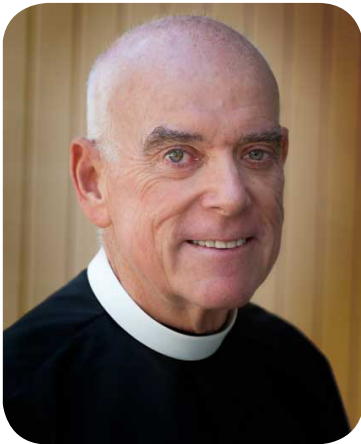
I honor what a powerful demonstration it was for Jesus to be crucified by “enemies”. Loving them was an embodiment of his core teaching around loving one’s enemy. “Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do.” Jesus’ fulfillment of the Law of the Torah was simple. “Love God and thy neighbor as thyself”.

I am grateful for Jesus’ demonstration of the social gospel in his short ministry. He showed us that it is not enough to awaken spiritually and bask in our enjoyment of worship and liturgy but that we must also commit to bettering our society and making this planet a better place to live for all people.

Jesus offered an inspiring example for us of how to relate to the sick, the mentally ill, and those with low social status. He showed us that we must truly behave as if we are truly one in Spirit – we cannot let our brothers and sisters suffer because we ourselves suffer when that happens. We are all connected. The poor, the downtrodden, the diseased, and the abused are all part of each of us. And some of that is in each of us.

I love that he held Mary Magdalene close to him in his public ministry even though it was a patriarchal time and the male disciples were likely threatened by his closeness to her. I am saddened that some churches venerated her as a prostitute even though there was no evidence against her - ever!

I am grateful that He walked a pathway of peace and nonviolence, even when those around him wanted to create him into their prophesied Messiah - effectively a new Hebrew king. Even though many Zealots wanted him to take on that Kingship role and overthrow the old powers with violence, Jesus chose the way of peace and nonviolence. I wish I were more like that.



Finally, I am grateful that Jesus was the first to demonstrate that becoming Christ-like is possible on this planet for all people, even in the midst of a fearful and violent culture. As we evolve modern cultures with more protected rights, we can take heart that it becomes easier every year for us to emerge without persecuting them or putting them to death. Yes, I am against the death penalty.

Jesus was so far ahead of his time and became a Christ being without any peers, he put himself at considerable risk, leading to his premature death and the curtailment of his ministry, and I honor him for being willing to break new ground for all of us. We are to make disciples in his image which would immensely benefit this modern world we live in today.

I guess that I am just thankful for His ministry and what it still teaches us today.

~The Rev. William Zettinger

Palm Cross Workshop

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

John 12:13

Have you ever wondered how to make palm crosses? Come to the **Palm Cross Workshop on Saturday, April 8, 9-11 a.m** in the Parish hall. Bring scissors and patience! All are welcome!



They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love

While on retreat at Vina de Lestonnac in early December, the Prayers & Squares Quilt ladies were gathered outside the chapel to pray before dinner when Sister Claudia approached and asked if she could join the circle. Sister Claudia is the head nun of the Company of Mary who reside at Vina. After the prayer was over, Sister Claudia inquired if this was a group of prayer quilters on retreat. She asked if the group could lift her blood sister up in prayer because she was about to have brain tumor surgery. The group offered a prayer quilt and she was humbled. After spending some time with Sister Claudia, the quilters learned of the needs of the other sisters at Vina. Without hesitation, the decision was made to make prayer quilts for all the retired nuns.



A total of 10 prayer quilts were made, prayed over, blessed by clergy, and delivered last week. Pictured here standing is Sister Claudia and seated is Sister Mary, 91 years young, after receiving the quilts. The nuns were greatly touched by the outpouring of love and prayers from our St. Bart's Church family. The great news is that Sister Claudia's sister who received her prayer quilt in December has recovered from her brain tumor surgery and started driving last week. Thanks be to God! Never doubt the power of prayer - it is limitless!

~Karen Beccera

Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry by the Numbers

In 2016,

- 30 members
- 105 quilts distributed; 4,200 ties; countless prayers
- 7 successful workshops
- Outreach:
 - 45 quilts made for San Diego Foster kids; 4 made by Girls Prayers & Squares
 - 30 quilted placemats for Meals on Wheels
 - 65 quilted placemats for Senior Wisdom Luncheon
 - 30 quilted placemats for Korean Church
 - 45 baby quilts donated to Gently Hugged
 - 33 children's quilts donated to Our Lady of Peace Academy for an orphanage in Mexico
 - 1 fabulous away retreat "Hearts and Hands at Work for God"
 - 111 hours of quilt duty
 - Cost to make one quilt: approximately \$43.00

We wouldn't be successful without the amazing support of the St. Bart's clergy and parishioners. Thank you for your donations, for stopping to tie knots, and for your prayers! Covering the world with prayer, one quilt at a time.

Scholarships Available

St. Bartholomew's has several scholarships available for members pursuing a college education.

The Brittany K. Stark Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a male or female graduating high school senior who is an active member of the parish.

The Lucille C. Heide Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior, male or female, who has been an active member of St. Bart's for at least 18 months.

The Women of St. Bartholomew's Scholarship will be awarded to a male or female graduating high school senior who is an active member of the parish.

The Evelyn Wyatt Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a woman, 25 years or older, who is returning to school and has set aside her personal development to support the needs of others (family) and would like to reach a new educational goal.

The Community Outreach Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating male or female high school senior who is not a member of St. Bart's. Interfaith Community Services will provide nominees for consideration.

All applications include an essay, unofficial transcript, a letter of recommendation, and copy of Letter of Acceptance. Financial need will be considered.

Applications are available in the church office or electronically from Anne Snyder, JohnAnneEtc@san.rr.com.

Completed scholarship packets must be delivered to the church office no later than Thursday, May 4, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Mailed applications must arrive no later than Thursday, May 4, 2017, by 4:00 p.m.

Recipients will be honored at church on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the 10:15 a.m. service.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Snyder, 858-485-0562, JohnAnneEtc@san.rr.com.



2016 scholarship winners:

**Angela Kohl
Tessa Strout,
Laura Peterson**



Fundraiser Supports Preschool

On Monday, April 3 St. Bart's Preschool will host a fundraiser at Grub Burger, located in Carmel Mountain Ranch near Home Depot (12045 Carmel Mountain Rd. San Diego, CA 92128). Grub Burger gives 10% of the sales proceeds by St. Bart's families back to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. Eat at Grub Burger anytime on April 3, 11 a.m. to closing. Make sure to tell them you're from St. Bart's. We hope to see you at Grub!



April 3rd

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Preschool Book Drive

To celebrate Read Across America, which was March 2, St. Bart's Preschool held a book drive. Reading is an important part of building a strong education and it starts at home with parents reading to their children. Unfortunately, many children don't have one book at home. In an effort to bring books to these children and families, St. Bart's Preschool collected gently used children's books and young adult chapter books and donated them to Interfaith Community Services in Escondido.

Thank you to everyone for getting involved, this simple act of generosity will make a child very happy!



Weekly Grief & Loss Group

**Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with
my victorious right hand.**

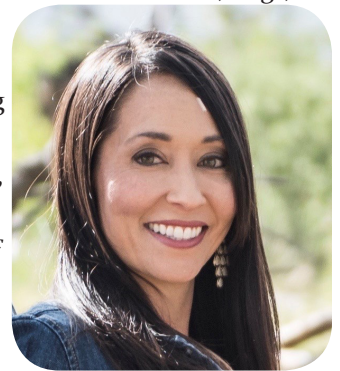
~Isaiah 41:10

Did you know that there is now a weekly grief and loss support group at St. Bart's?

No one needs to walk through the journey of grief alone. Whether you've lost a loved one to death, a relationship to divorce, or your health to chronic illness, we all need support in times of grief and loss. All are welcome to a new weekly grief and loss group: Thursdays, 8:30 – 10 a.m. in the Education building. Dr. Bob Fox, clinical psychologist and experienced grief group leader, facilitates the group each week. There's no need to sign up, just drop in when you're looking for direction, community, and prayerful support. Please spread the word as well to folks outside the St. Bart's community. Contact Mother Mary Lynn, mlcoulson@stbartschurch.org, for more information.

Welcome Lisa to St. Bart's Staff

We're excited to welcome Lisa Saldamando to St. Bartholomew's as our part-time bookkeeper. Lisa was born and raised in San Diego, but is a country girl at heart. She lives in Ramona with her husband of 17 years and their 2 children. On their "ranch" you will find animals of all sorts - cats, dogs, chickens, koi fish, turtles, leopard geckos, parakeets and a pet tarantula. When she's not attending a sporting event, cheering on her kids, she enjoys cooking, gardening, country music, horseback riding and hiking. Lisa has over 25 years of experience in the accounting field and is delighted to join the staff at St. Bartholomew's.



During Lent, support St. Bartholomew's Thrift Shop

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Vestry Update

At the March meeting, the Vestry welcomed our new Youth Representative Hanna Hagshenas and followed with the Vestry sharing amusing stories from high school. We watched a short video summary on The Acts of the Apostles followed by a discussion of Chapter 1 of Acts from "Acts for Everyone" led by Fr. Mark.

Fr. Mark delivered his Rector's report covering the Preschool, its growth and change its budget timing to accommodate teacher hiring. The Thrift Shop is negotiating a new lease for its current location. Also announced, the Poway location for Interfaith Community Services is closing with a meeting scheduled to discuss its future.

Mthr. Mary provided a Pillar Update on Pastoral Care focusing on the formation of new support groups for our community; a Grief and Loss Group meeting on Thursdays at 8:30 AM facilitated by Dr. Bob Fox, a Caregiver Support Group that meets at 2:00 on the Second Wednesday of the month as well as a new Pastoral Counselor who will be available to all on campus. Finally, ongoing work on Christian Formation within our community and families.

Fr. Chris provided a Stewardship update. We have an increase of 20% in pledging households with 50 new pledges for 2017. We are at approximately \$915,000 on the way to the \$935,000 stated pledge goal. This is approximately a 6% increase from last year and attests to St. Bart's commitment to growth and spiritual giving.

Bob Capettini presented the Treasurer's report as Bill Angus is out of town. We have hired Nina Zettinger's replacement Lisa Saldamando from a pool of 50 applicants. Sonnenberg and Co. has been retained to perform a full reserve study of our physical assets with a report expected in April. The plate offering from the last weekend of the month will be added to the Pastoral Needs account. Fr. Mark requested the Treasurer and Bob Capettini to review St. Bart's insurance coverage.

Columbarium Committee will form to oversee the management of the Columbarium and Liz Angus was appointed the Chair. The Vestry allocated money from the General Fund for repairs to the Education Building from recent rain.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

~Dan Crane

Vestry Retreat

The newly formed 2017 Vestry began the annual retreat with a dinner at Fr. Mark's house. It was an evening full of fellowship and getting to know one another better. Dinner was followed the next morning with a more formal agenda at St. Paul's Plaza in East Lake. This venue was specifically chosen to stay within our guidelines of containing costs as St. Paul's Plaza offered their meeting space to us for free.

The morning beginning with Eucharist was followed by a review of Safe Meeting norms. These are the guidelines in which all meetings at St. Bart's operate to provide a safe environment for open discussions. Then two sessions followed, one by Treasurer Bill Angus on financials, the other by our Chancellor Polly Getz on our new bylaws.



The afternoon sessions were led by Fr. Mark and Mthr. Mary Lynn, focusing on what is the call of the Vestry. How are we to listen to God's cry to be disciples of Christ? Included in the afternoon were breakout sessions and a short Bible Study on examples of prophets from the Hebrew Bible about how and why they were called by God. The Vestry also listened to and reflected on a video of the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on The Jesus Movement, putting Jesus and the Gospel at the center of our lives. The retreat ended with a closing prayer and all left reflecting on the day and our call and mission to God and St. Bart's.

~Dan Crane



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Regular Meetings

SUNDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

4-6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Contact Jill Henderson at 760-807-8445.

Daughters of the King

Third Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Room 3E

MONDAY

Boy Scouts:

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Health and Wellness Ministry:

First Monday at 5:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

Hand Bell Choir

Mondays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Centering Prayer:

5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry:

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., Quilt Room

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS):

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Walters at 760-432-8518.

Thrift Shop Work Night:

Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m., Choir Room

String Ensemble

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

Grief and Loss Group

Thursdays, 8:30-10 a.m., Education Building

Book Guild:

Fourth Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

B.P.U.S.A. – Bereaved Parents:

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

P.A.S.S. – Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions:

Third Thursday, 7 p.m., South Parish Hall

Choir

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Music Room

AA MEETINGS:

Sundays, 6 p.m. – Conference Room

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall (Women only)

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. – South Parish Hall (Women only)

Wednesdays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. – Parish Hall

Thursdays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall (Beginners)

Fridays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall

AL-ANON:

Mondays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall

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Deadline for submission of articles and announcements is the 10th of the month for the next month's newsletter. We welcome your submissions of information for publication. Please contact news@stbartschurch.org.

Vestry Retreat continued from page 8

I attended the vestry retreat held at St Paul's senior facility in Chula Vista. The location was pleasant, relaxing and the meals were awesome. I found our time was well spent, and the methods used to cover the materials were on point allowing us to cover and practice several skills necessary to work as a team. On a personal level, I have a better understanding of our purpose and look forward to working with this incredible team.

Beth, thank you for coordinating the day.

~Karen Crafts

As a brand new, first time member of the vestry, I found the retreat to be very useful. I didn't have any prior experience with reading financial documents, so the financial scavenger hunt was a fun way to approach those intimidating pages. I certainly didn't expect to laugh so much while learning about the Church Bylaws! The best part of the retreat was getting to know other vestry members better.

~Mike Fuqua



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Maundy Thursday at St. Mark's

I actually had never heard of Maundy Thursday until I met Mark. And so, I looked for the definition of Maundy in Webster's Dictionary and found "a ceremony of washing the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday." After commenting that definitions should not include the word itself, I told Mark that it was Holy Thursday, at least that is what I called the day in the Catholic Church. On Holy Thursday, we celebrated the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of priesthood. In some churches, there was a re-enactment of the foot washing, sometimes with the priest washing the feet of 12 others as Jesus did for his 12 disciples.

Since I have been a member of the Episcopal church, I have referred to this day as Maundy Thursday and the foot washing has become a central part of the service. All are invited to have their feet washed or to wash the feet of others. I still remember the first time Maya participated. She was about three years old and Mark washed her feet. Afterwards, she asked to wash Mark's feet and Mark accepted the offer with tears in his eyes.

The first time that I witnessed and participated in Maundy Thursday at the Episcopal Church Center in San Diego, I found the foot washing to be very powerful. At this Maundy

Thursday event, many things are offered to guests—new shoes and socks, haircuts, veterinarian services, a meal and more—and the most moving part of the day is the washing of the feet.

Here I was given the opportunity to actually wash the feet of people without a home. Their feet were dirty and worn out from their time on the streets and they truly enjoyed



having their feet washed, having someone touch them and treat them with respect. It was a simple act and in return I was blessed with big smiles, many thank yous and a few God bless yous! What a gift I had received.

This year, I am attending the April 13 Maundy Thursday event at St. Mark's City Heights. I invite you to join me as a volunteer, to witness and experience this holy day in a new way.

~Kate McKone-Sweet