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My Heart is Full of Gratitude

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours in good health and spirits.

My heart is full of gratitude.

As I offered in my recent sermon, at St. Bart's we are working against amazing odds as we build a sustainable faith community that is both vibrant

and life-giving. It is hard work. It takes long hours. Responding to God's urgent cry to make God's love real and tangible to all people, no exceptions, runs through every ministry and everything we say and do.

Whether you have been here for one hour or fortyfive years, we know we can do this together - joining

hands, working to give our hearts away to others. Our work is good work, our work is holy work, and our work is hard work.

We know we can do this work because it is happening in real time, right before our very eyes. I see it in the work of our greeters on the patio as they joyfully welcome and engage everyone. I see it in smiles and discussions at the sign-up tables for the Love and Serve all-parish gatherings. I see it in many of our newlyappointed Eucharist visitors. I see it at the tables at Wednesday morning's Church History class. I see it in our teachers and aides for Sunday school and youth group. I see it on the patio every morning as joy of life and community overflows from the families coming and going to preschool. I see it on the patio on Saturday evenings as we gather for worship and a growing number of children attend the emerging

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strings music classes. I hear it in the voices of children practicing. I saw it week after week in September in the adult forum. The list is endless.

I hear from our partners in ministry as they reflect on the abundant life in Christ we are sharing, the joy from the Samuel Presbyterian Church

on our campus, many pastoral care ministries being utilized, people finding refuge and companionship in the journey of life. Our growing ministry with Inter-Faith Community Services in Escondido, The North County LGBT youth, Camp Stevens scholarships and building project, supporting and growing diocesan youth ministry.

My Heart is Full of Gratitude

We all know that there is nothing perfect about St. Bart's because we have an inner drive, a passion to change people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Each day we can see the glass half full or half empty. I love that St. Bart's can recognize what may be half empty and invest ourselves in filling up all while being energized by what is half full.

A first-time visitor said to me, I love how diverse St. Bart's is. As I listened more, they shared this was not limited to our growing ethnic, age or socially economic diversity – this person was also referring to the diversity of offerings at St. Bart's, that are strong and healthy. To this person, the authentic energy here

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is unlike no other church they had attended.

We have great and hard work ahead of us. I want to encourage you to invite a friend to St. Bart's. Then listen to what they see, feel, and experience. They will likely see Jesus hard work with us, hand in hand, making God's love real and tangible. And they will help us do a better job tomorrow.

In gratitude,

Mark+

Vestry Update

The Vestry meeting on September 19 began, as always with a prayer, tonight led by Fr. Mark, followed by a reflection from the Book of Acts. Elaine Coke made the connection between the apostles' conviction to give their lives to the Lord and the people of St. Bart's to continue to reach out and serve our community as modern-day apostles.

Nathan Costa will present updates for the Music & Liturgy Pillar at the next Vestry meeting and we are looking forward to hosting the next Diocesan Convention November 10 and 11.

Fr. Noe is visiting St. Bart's September 30 and October 1. There will be a series of parish gatherings in October celebrating St. Bart's mission and sharing our vision for next year and years to come.

Nancy Peterson and the Altar Guild are seeking donations for new altar hangings and vestments for Advent. To date there has been approximately \$1,000 raised. Additionally, it was announced that St. Bart's save the date of June 9, 2018 for the ordination of Kelly Mahon our seminarian. It's hard to believe it's been three years since he went to seminary.

Fr. Chris presented the goals for the upcoming Stewardship campaign. St. Bart's has experienced a 40% growth in giving since 2015, with a goal for 2018 of \$985,000. To assist with the campaign, five all-parish gatherings are scheduled in October. The ingathering of pledge cards is set for November 4-5.

Fr. Mark reported that we will be creating a search committee for Music & Liturgy Director to replace Nathan Costa in 2018. Additionally, Fr. Mark has met with Bishop Jefferts-Schori and gave the Bishop an update on St. Bart's and our plans for 2017/2018. The Bishop has agreed to speak at our 2018 Lenten University. Mtr. Mary Lynn discussed a change to the Wednesday Healing service. It will now be lay led with meditation and Morning Prayer. The Order of St. Luke will provide Healing Oils as a part of the service.

As part of the trend to use executive coaches for CEO's/ Sr. Executives in Industry as well as Bishops, Deans, and the clergy of large parishes in the Church, St. Bart's has engaged PeterBarronStark Companies at St. Bart's.

The Treasurer reported our income is greater than forecast and expenses are up slightly. Financially, the parish is in excellent condition. The Vestry approved the Treasurer to be the Trustee of the Prescott Crafts Trust as well as authorization of the Preschool and Thrift shop managers in consultation with Officers of the parish to utilize the appropriate funds as recommended by the Finance committee. Finally, the vestry approved changing the PTO accrual rules as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

After presentations by the Campus Redevelopment Chairs, the Vestry approved moving to the next phase.

The next Vestry meeting is October 17 at 6 p.m.

Parishioners Say YES to Redevelopment Campaign

This summer the Redevelopment Team led a process with the entire parish to understand our readiness and capacity to fund St. Bart's campus redevelopment priorities. Most of our parish households joined in the study by listening and with much discussion. Thank you! And the results are in with 87% of participants supporting a capital campaign for campus redevelopment!

Following unanimous approval to move forward by the Vestry at the September 19th meeting, we now begin our planning phase. During the next few months collaboration will continue with parishioners, the Redevelopment and ARCH teams, CCS Fundraising and Dommusstudio architects to guide preparation of St. Bart's redevelopment plan details.

Thank you to all our parishioners for sharing your vision for St. Bart's future. We ask for your prayers and continuing communication (redevelopment@stbartschurch.org) as we work together in the coming months. And we look forward to providing announcements about the plan at the Annual Meeting in January.

Redevelopment Co-chairs: Brooke and Jim Grandinetti, Judy and Jim Macemon

ARCH (architecture master plan) Co-chairs: Cynthia Webb and Mark Davis

CCS Fundraising: ccsfundraising.com

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New Soprano Section Leader

Please welcome **Sophia Gonzalez** to St. Bart's as our soprano section leader. Sophi is working toward a degree in music education at San Diego State in hopes of a career in choral directing and instruction. Sophi teaches music part-time at St. Martin of Tours Academy in La Mesa and in the last year served as SDSU University Chorus Manager and as coordinator



for Choral Collage, SDSU's first national choral festival. During the summer 2017, she worked as vocal director for the San Benito Stage Company production of Annie.

Angel Tree Volunteers Needed

How do you show Jesus to a prisoner's child? The answer is simple - by letting Him shine through you! God has given us a great opportunity to reach out to families broken by crime. St. Bart's will be involved in "Angel Tree Prison Fellowship" for Christmas 2017.

In order for St. Bart's to sponsor 130 kids, I need your assistance to call the caregivers to learn what the children would like for Christmas. You will only be calling 5 to 6 families with a specific script to gather the necessary information for gift selection.

Please consider helping me with these calls which will be early October. Contact Rosalind Duddy, 858-485-1770 or rosalindduddy@sbcglobal. net. Let us give thanks for our many blessings and the opportunity to love and



serve Him with gladness and singleness of heart!

~Rosalind Duddy, Angel Tree Coordinator

Preschool Update

St. Bart's Preschool is off to a wonderful start! We are happy to share that the preschool is a full house this year with 106 students. We're blessed with many returning families, but we've added many new families to our St. Bart's family! Many of our new students are transfer students from other local preschools as well as many new families to the area and 1st time preschool parents.

All of our students including our little 2's classes have transitioned into their routines and classrooms with wonder and ease this year. And our classrooms are beginning to have character and charm with the children's art work. The biggest change and hit this year for our students is the new playroom.

With Fall in the air we have many wonderful activities upcoming such as our annual Preschool Harvest Festival for our school families and as a community event we will be co-hosting this year's Trunk or Treat on October 29.

Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

~St. Bart's Preschool

Celebrate Mother Mary Lynn and David

"I am overjoyed to announce that my fiancé David and I are engaged to be married on October 14. Our closest family and friends will join us at Camp Stevens in Julian that weekend for a small ceremony in the outdoor chapel. We are excited to

celebrate with our St. Bart's family after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, November 5 - please join us! Instead of gifts, we would welcome donations in honor of our marriage to St. Bart's partner school in Loranette, Haiti to pay for school uniforms. Thank you for continuing to support me in my ministry, and David and I in our new life together."



~Mtr. Mary Lynn

Blessing of the Animals

Restrained pets welcome at both services

All animals receive a St. Francis medal



16275 Pomerado Rd., Poway www.stbartschurch.org Saturday, October 7 5 p.m.

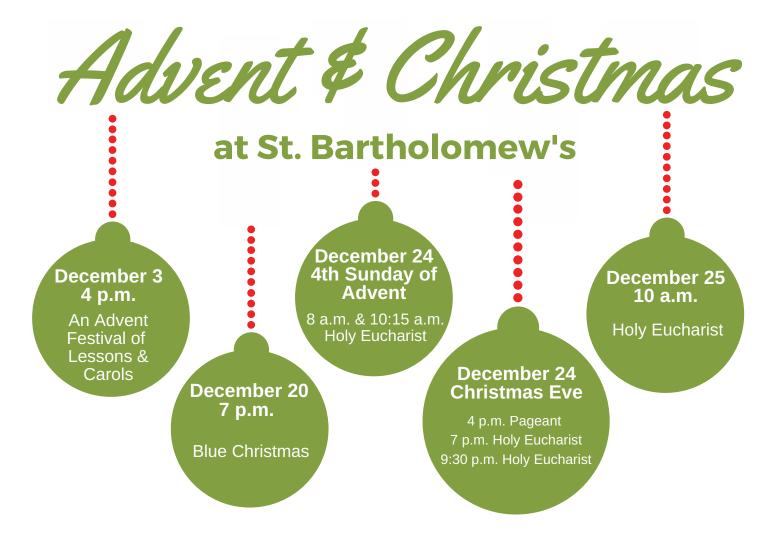
Sunday, October 8 10:15 a.m.



Christmas Service Schedule Announced

This Advent season the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24, Christmas Eve, a day where we normally have extra services. So what do we do? St. Bart's will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, where we learn about the birth of Jesus foretold by the Angel Gabriel, as usual at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Then we will celebrate the birth of our Lord with the angels and shepherds at Christmas Eve services later in the day at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. You will notice that there is no 2 p.m. service this year. Additionally, we have added an extra half hour between the two evening services to allow ample time for parishioners at the 7 p.m. service to exit the parking lot creating space for those worshiping at 9:30 p.m. Mark your calendar for An Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3. This year we're helping those experiencing an less than festive holiday season with an evening Blue Christmas service on December 20.

Remember to invite your neighbors, extended family, and those you know who do not have a place to celebrate the birth of our Lord to St. Bart's. All welcome!



Children's Formation News

It's fall! As a Poway native, I know it's fall when the temps drop below 80 and talk of pumpkin spice is everywhere. But my favorite part? The beginning of the program year! It has been a pleasure getting to know the amazing team of volunteers serving in Christian Formation here at St. Bart's. We are blessed to have such talented and generous teachers. This year, for our 4th and 5th graders, we have begun using, "Spark! Activate Faith." It is a lectionary-based curriculum that has children delving into the Bible, building on the foundation laid in Godly Play. Godly Play continues for kindergarten through 3rd grade. Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that allows children to explore Bible stories in a more hands-on way and wonder deeply about these lessons. 3 and 4 year-olds will be jumping into the Bible with "Spark!" for Pre-K. Wiggles, giggles and God!

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. on Sundays in the Education Building. All are welcome. No exceptions!

I invite you to pray about sharing your time and talents with the smallest among us. Volunteers are welcome! No experience necessary! Really! All volunteers must complete Safeguarding God's People, as required by the church for safe church practices. There is no greater gift you can give a child than the gift of your presence. Let me make you a cup of tea and chat about this opportunity to serve.

Trunk-or-Treat is right around the corner! Sunday, October 29 at 4 p.m. This is a community-wide event. It is a fantastic opportunity to invite friends and neighbors and introduce them to St. Bart's. The event starts at 4 p.m., followed by a pizza party in the courtyard and then a movie in the sanctuary! Bring the whole family and make a night of it!

Thank you to everyone for a warm and wonderful welcome to the St. Bart's community. You have made me feel so at home. I look forward to getting to our families more. I would love to make time to chat with YOU. Please do not hesitate to reach out. My email is ahoward@stbartschurch.org. I hope to hear from you very soon.

~Alex Howard, Children's Minister

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for The Care of Children, BCP

Prayer for Sunday School

We are so grateful for our seventeen Sunday School teachers and aides. Although our team is strong, we know a more suitable ministry and spiritually deeper offering comes with broader team of teacher and aides. Such a ministry is one of many at St. Bart's where we make God's love real and tangible to others. Please join us in our prayer:

Creator, your word and will has never been silent in our lives. Through our baptism and our shared desire to have a closer relationship with you for our children and teens, we realize now that we need to listen to you and trust you today, more than ever. You continue to send children and teens to our parish, and so we ask that your call to the adults of our community (men and women, dads, moms, grandparents, all adults alike) to raise your children and each other in your likeness, be shared by all who worship you at Saint Bart's. Help us to facilitate an inviting, forming and caring approach for all adults to teach the children and teens of our parish. Give us strength and your confidence when we doubt ourselves, especially when we call households, approach our sisters and brothers at coffee hour and on the streets off campus. Help us to speak with love, articulate our communal needs and listen with compassion to each other's responses. Above all, provide us with enough teachers and aides to safely facilitate the programming this year we feel called to provide. We ask this all in full confidence of your love for us and all people. Amen.

If you feel God nudging you to join our teams or you are curious about learning from children and youth, please contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson, mlcoulson@stbartschurch.org, or Alex Howard,ahoward@stbartschurch.org, to schedule a time to talk, explore, and pray.

A Fishy Story

Since we are studying Church History this semester I thought it might we an ideal time to speak about the ancient symbol of Christianity: the fish: or the "ichthus."

You see them as bumper stickers or attached to necklaces and bracelets. I've even seen them as key chains and on hats. Even the evolutionists show off



this symbol with the name "Darwin" aptly inscribed upon it. I've even seen these mysterious symbols with a small, pointy, dorsal fin protruding off the top resembling a shark.

What are those little fish symbols? What do they mean? What are they supposed to symbolize?

The ichthus, when displayed properly, should look like either of the four figures displayed below:



Just what does the Ichthus mean?

Ichthus (ikh-thoos) or ichthys is the Greek word simply meaning "fish".

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The Greek spelling for ichthus is on the left. These are the first letters of the Greek words lesous (Iota), Christos (Chi), Theou

(Theta), Uios (Upsilon), and Sotor (Sigma).

The English translation is IXOYE. The five Greek word stand for the English words meaning, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" or "Jesus Christ God's Son Savior."

This symbol was used primarily amongst Christians of the early church years (1st and 2nd century C.E.) The symbol was first introduced in Alexandria, Egypt, a populated seaport. Many goods were imported from Europe and therefore this symbol of a familiar deity Jesus Christ was used by the seamen. The symbol was later used as a means of identifying or acknowledging a fellow believer in Christ without the need for any verbal communication being exchanged. It was many who where a cross today.

During the reign of Emperor Nero (54-68 A.D.), and throughout the reign of subsequent evil emperors of the Roman Empire, Christians were commonly persecuted, tortured, and put to death because of their faith in Christ Jesus.

Emperor Nero himself personally despised Christians. He blamed them for the great fire of 64 C.E. which burned nearly half of Rome. It was during Nero's persecutions that both Peter and Paul are thought to have been killed.

Spread throughout the empire, Roman soldiers were stationed everywhere to keep order and to act as police. In those days,

there was no police as to day. The Roman legions kept the peace.

This included keeping a watchful eye on the happenings of the daily lives of the people, especially Christians. Often, when a soldier spotted a Christian, he would report it to his superiors who in turn would be ordered to arrest the Christian and to be brought in for interrogation.

The Christian would be harassed and tortured in order for them to recant and to submit to the many polytheistic religions of Rome. In most cases death would be the final end.

In order to prevent this unnecessary capture and persecution, Christians would often draw an ichthus in the dirt, mud, sand, or on the walls of caves to let another Christian know that he too was a fellow believer of Christ and that it was safe to talk about their faith without the fear of being turned in.

It wasn't until 307 C.E. under the reign of Constantine



that Christians were no longer persecuted. During his reign (307-337 CE.) he declared Christianity as the official religion of the state which was a direct result of his own conversion to Christianity, although his perspective of Christianity was polluted with pagan ideology. Nevertheless, Christians, in general, were

Constantine

spared from persecution - at least for the time

being. Shortly after the Constantine dynasty ended, a successor, Julian the Apostate (360-363 CE), would later reinstate the pagan religions of Rome as the state religion and the protection of Christians was nullified.

Today, Christianity is the world's largest but not oldest religion (about 2.3 billion) most interesting is that today's Christians proudly show off the symbol that their spiritual ancestors once boldly and courageously showed to fellow believers centuries ago. So, the next time you pass by a vehicle proudly displaying the ichthus, wave and acknowledge your fellow brother or sister. After all they're family!

~The Rev. William Zettinger

What is Formation for?

The new program year has kicked off with an exciting start. We welcome Alex Howard as our Children's Minster – come get to know her at one of our stewardship gatherings this

month! Sunday school has begun, and the education building has been lively. After a successful retreat in August, the Youth CREW continues to meet on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m., sharing food, prayers, and fun. The youth confirmation class has begun as well – please make sure to pray for this group of young people as they explore their faith this year! We have a strong group of adult mentors who have committed to walking with the candidates on their faith journey.



One Wednesday evening recently, the Youth CREW hiked up the hill behind St. Bart's to watch the sunset. We gathered there at the cross and took in the view – the hills, the houses, the sky. As the sky turned from blue to purple to orange, we took a moment to share where we had experienced God in the last week. We had experienced God in so many ways: doing well on a test at school; at an event learning about privilege and poverty; in conflicts with teachers and friends.

In this moment, we were sharing our lives with each other. We took the risk of being vulnerable in community – which takes trust. In acknowledging God's movement in our lives throughout the week, we made this already sacred moment that much more holy.

This is what formation is for. Christian formation-Sunday school, youth group, the 9am Forum, Bible studies-is all about creating space where we can grow as disciples of Christ. To grow as disciples, we must take the risk of showing our true selves to each other – our faults and strengths, our doubts and beliefs. Each of us followers of Christ must find a community of trust where we can continue to share our lives with each

> other. Formation is not just for learning about theology and the Bible. Formation is for transformation, and transformation only happens when we let our hearts be changed.

After our time on the hill, the Youth CREW made its way down the hill and back to the youth room. There, we began writing a group covenant: guidelines for how we want to treat each other, benchmarks for the kind of community we want to be. Here are a few of the promises the youth created

to continue being a community of trust and transformation. Perhaps your small group – a Bible study, the vestry, a team of Sunday ushers – might try these on too. Follow the example of young disciples and do what's counter cultural: listen, trust, and grow.

We will take interested in what others are interested in. What is said here stays here. We will allow people to be themselves. We will be accepting of others' quirks. We will express ourselves freely. We will be inclusive, always. We will listen without just waiting for our own turn to talk. We will name our boundaries and accept each other's.

~The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

Thrift Shop Art Donations

Members of St. Bart's are encouraged to donate surplus art to the Thrift Shop Ministry. Art can be donated at the Thrift Shop on Poway Road or the Gallery at St. Bartholomew's. The Thrift Shop is open 7 days a week and the Gallery is open between services on Sundays. You can also make arrangements for art to be picked up at your location

The Thrift Shop is fortunate to have two volunteers that are knowledgeable in handling art. Each piece is examined to determine the best place to sell it to maximize the financial return. Some that are believed to be appealing to church members are displayed at the Gallery, others are displayed in the Thrift Shop. Art of more general value are sold through eBay. Those pieces of exceptional value are sold through professional art auctions or art galleries. One donated piece this year sold for over \$1,400 at an auction.

In recent years donated art has become an important revenue source for the Thrift Shop and members are encouraged to continue this practice. For further information please contact the Thrift Shop Manager, Laurie, 858-486-2110.

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

Youth CREW

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Youth 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, 6:45 p.m., Parish Hall Thursdays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall (Beginners) Fridays, 9:45 a.m., South Parish Hall (Women only) Fridays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall and 6 p.m., Room 3AB Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., Conference Room

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Mondays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall Tuesdays, 12 p.m. – Parish Hall

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