

DECEMBER 16: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings from Year C, the Revised Common Lectionary:

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

8 am Rite I Eucharist* [Chapel]

In the traditional language of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

8:45 am-12:15 pm Free Child Care (Through Age Five) [Room 51]

Contact Patrick Bergquist at bergquist@stbarts.org or 212-378-0263.

9 am Eucharist [Church]

St. Bart's Singers lead our songs of praise and sing "Rejoice in the Lord always."

10 am KAIROS [Chapel & 4th Floor]

On December 16 and 23, our 10-11 am hour is reserved for pageant rehearsals.

10:05 am The Forum [Great Hall]

Journeying the Way of Love—Our Advent Forum series continues with guided prayer, reflection, and small group time. St. Bart's clergy lead us in exploring how our Advent Sunday readings offer a path to live the way of love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and in the world. Today: The Birth of John the Baptist—Journeying with Community.

11 am Choral Eucharist [Church]

St. Bartholomew's Choir offers music of Darke, and Handel.

5 pm Community Eucharist [Chapel]

An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.

**Eucharist is from the Greek for "thanksgiving" and is our regular worship service, at the heart of all we do and are. It is also known as the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, Mass or Divine Liturgy.*

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday-Friday: 12:05 pm Eucharist, 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 6 pm Eucharist; **Saturday:** 10 am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

THE BIBLE, THE NEW YORK TIMES AND YOU: Wednesdays, 12:45-2 pm, Vestry Room. Thoughtful reflection on the upcoming Sunday Gospel + the day's *New York Times* op-ed pages. To learn more, please email the Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman (klewis-theerman@stbarts.org).

MEDITATION PRACTICES

LIVING CHRIST SANGHA: Sundays, 3-4:45 pm, Room 52

MEDITATION MONDAYS: Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm, Church

iREST: Mondays, 5:45-6:45 pm, Church

YOGA: Tuesdays, 5:30-7 pm, Church

CANDLELIT YOGA & MUSIC: 3rd Thursdays each month, 7-8:30 pm, Church

Details: stbarts.org/get-involved/community-groups/meditation-practices or contact David Bryan: bryan@stbarts.org, 212-378-0246.

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PASTORAL CARE: St. Bart's Clergy are here to support you pastorally. If you are, or will be, in the hospital or are confined to home, please be in touch with us. We will be glad to arrange a visit, bring communion to you, and/or speak by phone with you. If your need is urgent, call 212-378-0250 and you will be forwarded to a priest on duty. For other matters, call during business hours at one of the numbers in the staff listing below.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms are scheduled throughout the year on specific Sundays (dates available at stbarts.org). In certain circumstances, private baptisms may be arranged. Contact David Bryan at bryan@stbarts.org.

Marriage and Blessings of Commitments require consultation with clergy (see contact info, below). For arrangements and set-up requirements, contact David Bryan at 212-378-0246.

Funeral and Memorial Service planning begins when a death is reported to any of the clergy, using the pastoral emergency line, 212-378-0250.

Laying on of Hands and Prayers are offered at the 9 am and 11 am Sunday services, weekdays at 12:05 pm, and by request during the week.

Reconciliation of a Penitent (private confession and counsel) can be scheduled with any of the clergy.

Communion for the sick or home-bound (or pastoral visits to the hospital) can be arranged through the Reverend Lynn C. Sanders, sanders@stbarts.org.

To add a name to the prayer list, you may send an email to prayers@stbarts.org or contact any of the clergy.

SPACE USE AND RENTALS: Call or email St. Bart's Central (see below) if you wish to arrange a parish meeting in the Church or Community House. For outside users, we offer a limited number of rooms: contact Heather Bryant, hbryant@stbarts.org, 212-378-0254. Please understand that we are only able to offer these spaces at established market rates.

THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. BART'S ARE HERE FOR YOU

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VESTRY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

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ST BART'S

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

EVERYBODY
NEEDS
A PLACE

You can find yours here.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

DECEMBER 9: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

8 am Rite I Eucharist* [Chapel]

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins
In the traditional language of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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9 am Eucharist [Church]

Sermon: The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe
St. Bart's Singers lead our songs of praise and sing Vaughan Williams' "This is the truth sent from above."

10 am KAIROS [Chapel & 4th Floor]

Join all of our families in room 33 for Ginger Bread House making! Then, on December 16 and 23 our 10-11 am hour is reserved for pageant rehearsals.

10:05 am The Forum [Great Hall]

Journeying the Way of Love—Join St. Bart's clergy for this Advent series of guided prayer, reflection, and small group time. Together we'll explore how our Advent Sunday readings offer a path to live the way of love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and in the world. Today: Mary and Elizabeth—Journeying with Family and Friends.

11 am Choral Eucharist [Church]

Sermon: The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe
St. Bartholomew's Choir offers music of Guerrero and Isaac.

5 pm Community Eucharist [Chapel]

Sermon: The Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman
An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGY AND MUSIC

On some Sundays, our lectionary (schedule of readings) includes a Cantic rather than one of the Psalms. A cantic is biblical song, other than the Psalms. These include the Song of Mary, the *Magnificat* (which we will sing on the Fourth Sunday of Advent), the Song of Simeon (*Nunc dimittis*, heard at Evensong services), the Te Deum, Jubilate, and others. This morning we will sing the Song of Zechariah in a metrical translation, "Blessed Be the God of Israel" to the familiar folk tune *Kingsfold*.

Throughout the season of Advent, the 9 am and 5 pm services include music to reflect upon the coming of the Lord and the ruminative and anticipatory character of the season. These include the hymn "There's a voice in the wilderness crying," the prayer response "Wait for the Lord," and, at 9 am, the Advent Wreath prayer chanted by the choir as the wreath is lit at the start of each Sunday.



ADVENT CALENDARS, BOOKS, GIFTS AND MORE AT THE STORE @ ST. BART'S: Our store is stocked for the season! Take a look at some of our seasonal items, including our long-awaited brand new St. Bart's ornament! For your convenience, you can call in orders to 212-378-0295 for pick up on Sunday.

FREE PARKING: We provide parking free of charge for Sunday services. The garage is on the south side of East 51st Street (between 3rd and Lexington Avenues). Ask an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central for a voucher. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart's \$12.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: Available during communion at the 9 and 11 am services.
ACCESSIBLE ST. BART'S: Our ramped entrance through the garden is currently out of service. As an alternative, the entrance at 109 East 50th street is available on Sunday mornings. Accessible restrooms are located off the lobby inside the Park Avenue entrance. Large-print service leaflets (and Books of Common Prayer) are available at our welcome desk in the lobby.

WELCOME TO ST. BART'S

VISITING OR CHECKING US OUT TODAY? THINKING OF JOINING?

St. Bart's may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

- **JOIN US** for coffee and hospitality after the 8 am, 9 am and 11 am services.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** and fill out a welcome card at our Welcome Table, found near the back of the church. If you like, order a name button. Welcome Committee members (wearing green buttons), ushers, clergy and friendly people would love to talk to you!
- **ZOE CHILD CARE:** 8:45 am-12:15 pm (free, to age 5), 5th Floor. Walk past the cloister garden and follow signs to the Community House where you will find the elevator to take you to the 5th floor. Our gentle Zoe liturgy, designed specially for young children, takes place directly across from the elevator.
- **TAKE A GUIDED TOUR** of this landmark building; meet by the Welcome Table in the back of the Church immediately after the 11 am service.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Manny Rodríguez, Welcome, Parish Life and Stewardship Associate: rodriguez@stbarts.org or 212-378-0230.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING



HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OR MUSIC: Christmas provides a unique opportunity to memorialize a loved one or offer thanksgiving for a special blessing. **All memorial and thanksgiving dedications made by Sunday, December 16** will appear in the Christmas service bulletins. If you would like to donate online, please visit stbarts.org and click on "Donate"—or use a flower donation envelope.

CROSSROADS CLOTHING DRIVE: December 9 - January 13. As temperatures drop, the need for warm clothing rises for Crossroads community members. While you're out shopping or enjoying the beauty of holiday decorations, would you please consider picking up one or more of the items listed below? Maybe you're purging lovingly used winter items and looking for a great place to contribute them? In any event, your new or clean, gently used items may be dropped into the large, gift-wrapped box that will be placed at St. Bart's Central on weekdays and in the west end of the sanctuary on Sundays. As a general rule, larger sizes are much appreciated. We are deeply grateful for your generosity.

DONATION LIST: Gently used or new gloves, socks, thermals, hats, belts (sizes 28-40), scarves, coats, new underwear or tee shirts, Depends.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS: Pick up one (or many!) of St. Bart's beautiful 2018 Advent and Christmas postcards with our schedule of upcoming events. You'll find them at the tables in the back of the church and in the narthex. Share generously!

EMBODY RADICAL WELCOME: BE A CHRISTMAS USHER—Additional Greeters and Ushers are needed for our Christmas Eve services at 12:30 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm and also on Christmas Day at 11 am. Help ensure that all who enter St. Bart's receive a warm welcome and that our services run smoothly. No experience needed—we'll train you! For more information or to sign up, please email Christian Burke cburke08@gmail.com, text or call 646-872-2113.

ST. BART'S WINTER RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS MONASTERY: January 18-20, 2019. Led by a real Holy Cross monk! A weekend of spiritual refreshment amidst the peace of Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY (holycrossmonastery.com). Cost is \$250 per person, transportation on your own. Interested? Contact the Reverend Lynn Sanders: sanders@stbarts.org. Our past years' winter retreats have sold out quickly!

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STBARTS.ORG



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday Forums at 10 am, December 9, 16 and 23: *Journeying the Way of Love*—Our Advent Forum series continues. St. Bart's clergy lead guided prayer, reflection, and small group time, exploring how our Advent Sunday readings offer a path to live the way of love.

Mondays, December 10 and 17, 6:30-7:30 pm: *Centering Prayer for Advent*—Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ and a time of reflection. Parishioner Kathleen Breiten teaches and encourages you in this ancient contemplative practice. All are welcome. Enter at 109 East 50th Street.

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 pm: *A Joyous Christmas Concert* in the Church. St. Bartholomew's Choir, Boy and Girl Choristers, New York City's largest pipe organ and a chamber orchestra join forces for this concert of Christmas favorites. Tickets available at mmpaf.org.

Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm: *Adoration of The Magi Concert* in the Chapel. Jeff Morrissey, baritone, returns to St. Bartholomew's this season with his popular Christmas program inspired by the elegant paintings found in our Chapel. Tickets available at mmpaf.org.



Monday, December 24: *Christmas Eve*

12:30 pm: A Quiet Christmas Eucharist (in the Chapel)
4 pm: Christmas Pageant and Choral Eucharist
7 pm: The "Christ-Mass" Festival Eucharist
11 pm: The "Christ-Mass" Festival Eucharist (with incense)

Tuesday, December 25: *Christmas Day*

11 am: Christmas Day Choral Eucharist

Monday, December 31 at 11 pm: *A Concert to Usher in the New Year.*

Hear St. Bartholomew's grand Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, one of New York's greatest musical treasures. Festive works from the thrilling corpus of organ literature will be heard, all to magnify the evening's celebration. Admission is free; no tickets or reservations are necessary. Champagne reception to follow.



OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES: Please feel free to place your 2019 pledge card in the collection plate. The usher team will see that your pledge is then placed with the offerings and brought to the altar. We are so grateful for your continued support of St. Bart's. If you have any questions, please contact either Manny or Meighan in the Stewardship office at 212-378-0230, or email corbett@stbarts.org.

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