

Bartholo Newsings

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-----Vicar's Message-----

*Grace, Peace, and the Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ Be With You.
He Is Risen!*

What a glorious Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday was held at St. Bartholomew's. Our attendance for the Easter Service had over 105 people present. With all the Judeo Christian persecutions going on in the world and here in the United States it is reassuring that the Spirit of our Lord remains ever present in the baptized. We are so blessed at St. Bart's with a certain confidence and peace that only our Lord can give. I love it here and I believe you do also. A special thank you to the many that contributed of their time, their skills, and the money to make this Easter so special. Thank you.

Pioneer Days was another fantastic time for the St. Bart's family to team together to raise funds to support our work at the church. Small family churches bring so much to the Kingdom of God. In fact in the beginning it was nothing but small family churches held in the homes of the believers. There were no mega churches. Everyone knew each other and everyone pitched in to help each other keep the commandments of our Lord and increase in their faith. Today, small churches have to work harder to keep up with the challenges driven by \$\$\$.

This is true especially for churches located in less developed areas. When looking for places to plant a mega church the deciders will not be looking to economically distressed areas or areas of low population. Nevertheless, Jesus came to feed us sheep and not count them or their money. A case could be made that our Lord lived and preached for those that had little or none. Being a small church we understand that but we also must work to continue our heritage and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ each Sunday to our people. So, we have to be wise in the use of money.

Point is that we use fundraisers to supplement our income and it works. Between the gracious Sunday pledges and giving the fundraisers keep us going. So my point here is thank you all for the support and love you give to our little church that has great love and a great message to all: Jesus Is With Us. We have our annual VBS Program for the community coming up and there is always a need for helpers. Please contact Cherie.

In closing I want to convey to each of you that you are important to our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the Easter message. He wants us to participate in His Life and wants us to persevere over all challenges to worship and to love the Lord, Our God and to love one another. St Bart's understands that message as we work and worship together.

Have a blessed Easter Season, Much love, fr lance+

Editor's Note

. We hope you are enjoying the Newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Deadline for next issue is May 19th.

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Now that we have had the "renewal" of Easter, your editor would like to share some parts of an article about **Celebrating Easter all Year** with you:

1. Simply Believe



The response of Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James at the empty tomb in Luke's gospel is completely justified. "Huh?" "What has happened?" Two men say to them matter-of-factly, "He is not here. He is risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, to be crucified and on the third day be raised again" (Luke 24:6).

Easter is about believing—even when it's hard. It's about letting go of our requirement for an explanation and taking God's word at face value.

Mew-sings from the Senior Warden.....Carol Griffin 386-497-2292

Holy Week at St. Bartholomew's was a wonderful experience culminating in a large turn-out on Easter Sunday. I hope these services touched you spiritually as well as the journey you travelled throughout the Lenten season. Let us all continue this journey in the coming months by staying **in** and relying **on** God's word.

Are you spending time each day in God's word? As stated in 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (NRSV)

Realize the following concerning the Word of God:

God's word is flawless.

Proverbs 30:5a: Every word of God proves true; (NRSV)

God's word is true.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (NRSV)

God's word is permanent.

1 Peter 1:25a but the word of the Lord endures forever. (NRSV)

God's word is alive.

Hebrews 4:12a Indeed, the word of God is living and active, (NRSV)

God's word is spiritual food for us.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (NRSV)

God's word provides guidance.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (NRSV)

God's word increases our faith.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. (NRSV)

God expects us to use His word in our lives.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. (NRSV)

Consider spending time in God's word each day and see how it enriches your life.



May's God Wink from SQire Rushnell

NEARING MOTHERS DAY WITH GRACE & GODWINKS

"I'd like to share what I consider to be a Godwink.
This Mother's Day will be my first Mother's Day without my beautiful 13 year old daughter Angelyna.
Sadly, she gained her angel wings a few months ago, after a two year battle with osteosarcoma.
As we were cleaning out our family car I found her Mother's Day gift to me from 2013 and 2014.
I am so grateful for my early Mother's Day gift from my angel baby.

Vicky Sal

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The bittersweet memory of a lost child is an experience that I cannot imagine. Yet, for Vicky, this sweet Godwink is a tangible connection ... a ray of joy ... between her and her daughter Angelyna.

To all mothers who gracefully carry burdens that are unknown to many, we wish you a very special Mother's Day.

May you have more wondrous and glorious Godwinks!

SQuire



Hostess List for May



May 5th – Pot Luck

May 12th – Cornelia & Ruthann

May 19th – Elizabeth & Marje

May 24th – Betty & Lisa

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Nancy Brewer 1-386-496-3445

2. Spread Joy



In the Gospel of John, Jesus turns to Mary Magdalene and asks her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Easter takes away our reasons to cry: Jesus is risen. Death is defeated. All sin is forgiven. We enjoy eternal life. Jesus charges Mary with the same task given to every disciple who arrives at the empty tomb: Go public.



Birthdays

May 3 – Ella Hansen
6 – George Forzly
10 – Beth Horne
Michelle Palmer
11 – Alyssa Moomaw
Pete Woodward
12 – Sharon Scianimanico



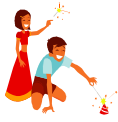
13 – Rosina Dennis
Lee Forzly
14 – Gayle Schiller
16 – Dominic Scianimanico
20 – Beth Treese
20 – Nell Johnston
21 – Patrick Treese
28 – Jena Brodhead

Anniversaries



23 – Sheryl & Ed Shiver

Congratulations to Each of YOU! If your name does not appear here, please contact your editor to have it added for next time



Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services

May 5 th :	Cherie Ben	May 12 th :	No Sunday school – DOK installation
May 19 th :	Sheryl Cherie	May 26 th :	Sam Cornelia

Upcoming Children & Youth Events

- ~ Wed. May 1st at 7pm: VBS Training for all staff & youth
- ~ Wed. May 8th at 7pm: VBS Prep (Set & Music Teams)
- ~ Wed. May 15th at 7pm: VBS Prep (Set & Music Teams)
- ~ Wed. May 22nd at 7pm: VBS Prep (Set & Music Teams)
- ~ Wed. May 29th at 7pm: VBS Prep (Set & Music Teams)

SAVE THE DATES!!!

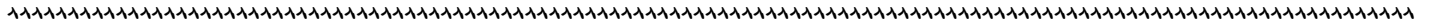
Roar! Life is wild, God is good **VBS is coming to St. Bart's June 17-21.** Dinner starts at 5pm and the program ends with our finale at 8pm every evening. Plan on joining us for this crazy fun adventure!!

Mission Week is July 21-26 for our Youth & Young Adults. It's always a transformational, high impact week. Ask Cherie for more information if you would like to donate meals, supplies, or transportation.

3. Seek Aliveness



Being fully alive requires active participation in life. Celebrating Easter, then, means allowing ourselves to feel the range of human emotions, even if that's uncomfortable at times. It also means looking for opportunities that make us feel alive or impassioned – activities where we become co-creators with God – whether that be a job, hobby or family life. Celebrating Easter involves pursuing our unique contribution to life and letting ourselves be inspired.



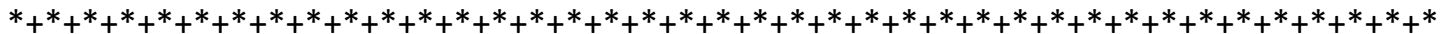
∞∞ Lessons for May ∞∞

May 5th: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

12th: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

19th: Acts 11:1-8; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 14:23-29

26th: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5; John 14:23-29



4. Be Open to Possibility



When the three women in Luke's gospel learned that Jesus had risen, they immediately told the other apostles. Not surprisingly, no one believed them. "Their words seemed to them like nonsense" (Luke 24:11). Peter took initiative. He ran to the tomb to see for himself and found strips of linen lying by themselves.

Easter prods us to envision possibilities that are out of our realm of understanding, trusting that God has a master plan that makes sense. We need not fret about our humiliations and defeats. There is room for everything to be made whole and new in the resurrection. Celebrating Easter is about turning our gaze from where we think the answer lies, and getting out of the way so that miracles can happen. It's about believing that good can come from our messes, and there is no such thing as a no-win situation.

The fifth in the series of short articles on the twelve apostles which your editor will be sharing in this year's issues of the BartholoMewsings.

And he brought him to Jesus..... ~John 1428 (KJV)

THE TWELVE IN EACH OF US
ANDREW, THE BRINGER

By Terry Helwig

It was Andrew, the first disciple, who brought his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus. It was Andrew who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes, which later fed the five thousand. It was Andrew who brought to Jesus a group of Greeks. Andrew was a bringer.

My stepfather was a bringer too! From the time I was four, I called him Daddy. Daddy brought me to an overlook revealing the majestic, white-capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains. Daddy brought me to the edge of the Pecos River in Texas, where we camped beneath the falling stars. It was

Daddy who woke me one cool night and walked me through the dew-covered grass in the backyard and pointed to the sky. I looked up and saw a bright star almost resting on the tip of the crescent moon. "That's Venus," he admired. "It won't line up with the moon like this again for many years."

Perhaps that is why in my adult life I feel God's presence so keenly in nature. Daddy helped me to love and appreciate the world God created.

The thread of Andrew, woven within me, seems to be the thread of bringing. Perhaps this month we can all be bringers, bringing others closer to God.

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Chalice Bearer - May

5/5 - Neil

5/12 - Annette

5/19 - Margaret

5/26 - Cherie

Lay Readers - May

5/5 - Debra Wright

5/12 - Charles Jones

5/19 - Beth Treese

5/26 - Margaret Palmer



## 5. Let Go of Fear



We become afraid when we don't understand things. We classify our problems and frustrations into nice, tidy boxes. The resurrection narratives point us in another direction. In Matthew's gospel, we hear the four words *Do not be afraid* twice in one paragraph. An angel utters the phrase to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary the first time after the tombstone is rolled back, and Jesus says it again a few verses later. It is difficult not to give into anxiety; however, each time we abandon our fear, we celebrate Easter.



### Episcopal Edibles

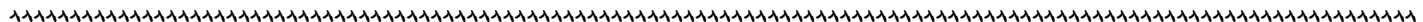
Simple but delicious treat

#### BUCKEYES CANDIES

2 lb. creamy peanut butter  
3 lb. confectioners' sugar  
½ lb. butter

2 pkg.(12 oz size) chocolate chips  
½ paraffin wax bar

Mix peanut butter and butter together with confectioners' sugar until smooth in texture develops. Form small balls the size of "buckeyes" (or large marbles.) Refrigerate balls. Next, slowly melt chocolate chips and paraffin together in top of double boiler. Using a toothpick, dip the cold "buckeyes" into chocolate until 2/3 covered. Let dry on waxed paper. Makes about 166 candies. They freeze well.



## 6. Recognize Jesus in Our Lives

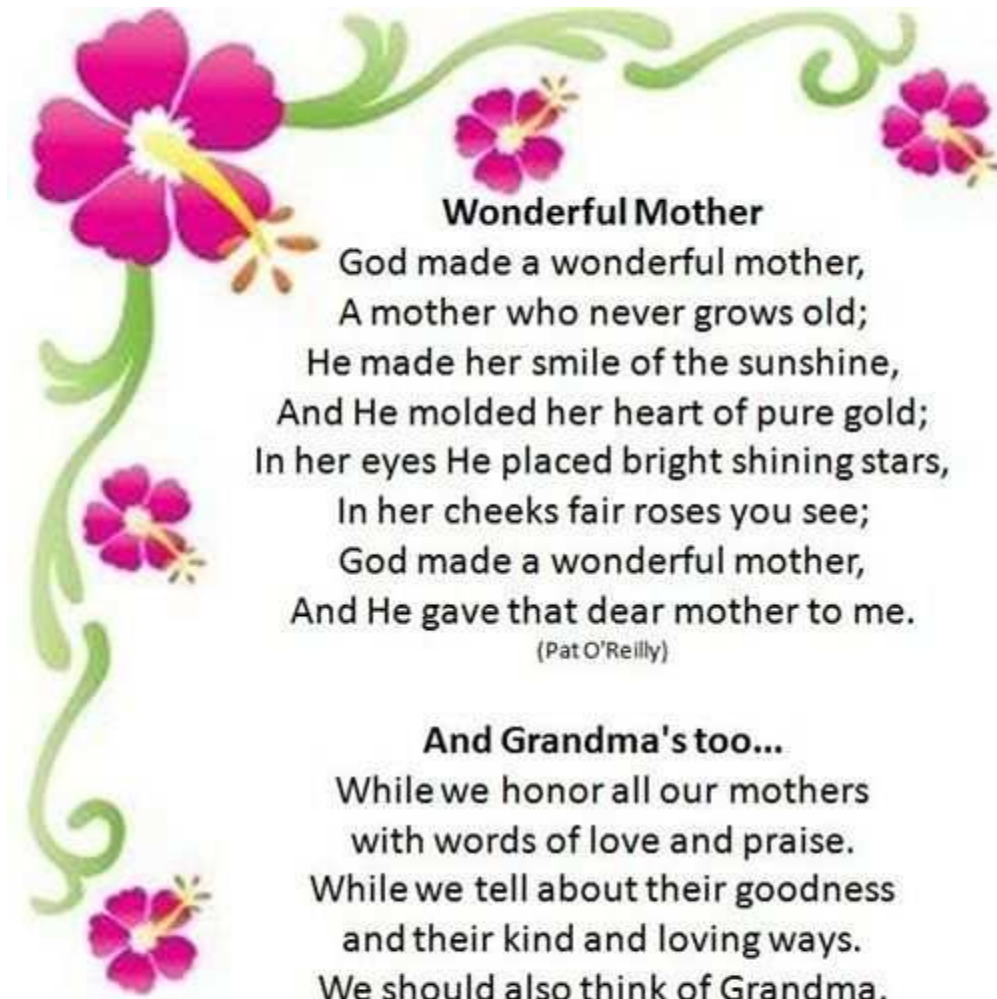


Finally, we celebrate Easter by becoming more aware of Jesus' presence in our lives, like the two men on the road to Emmaus. This twosome had traveled much of the path with the Son of God, but didn't have a clue who he was. Only when Jesus breaks bread, his signature move, are their eyes opened and they recall those moments on the road when their hearts were burning (Luke 24:30-32). Celebrating Easter is being cognizant on the coincidences or heart-burning moments in our lives when we feel Jesus' presence.

By cultivating joy, letting go of fear, being open to possibilities and recognizing Jesus in our lives, we can celebrate Easter throughout the year.







### **Wonderful Mother**

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

### **And Grandma's too...**

While we honor all our mothers  
with words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
and their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see....  
For she mothered my dear mother  
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY  
TO  
ALL THE MOTHERS  
IN OUR  
ST. BART'S CHURCH FAMILY!**