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The MOCKINGBIRD  
All-Parish Newsletter | December 2021

# Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT  
and Worship at 3PM\* (Livestreamed) | Sanctuary

All children are invited to participate in the Children's Pageant service. Childcare will be available. The pageant will be livestreamed on our website. (See details inside!)

FESTIVE WORSHIP

5PM,\* 8PM\* (Livestreamed), 11PM | Sanctuary

These celebratory services incorporate Holy Eucharist, traditional carols for the whole congregation to sing, and wonderful anthems from our Parish Choir with orchestral accompaniment. Childcare available for 5pm and 8pm services and masks will be required. The 8pm service will be livestreamed on our website. Masks will be optional at the 11pm service for those fully vaccinated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

7:30PM\* (Livestreamed) & 10:30PM

The choir and orchestra will perform a special selection of seasonal music.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25 | 10:15AM

Join us for festive worship with Holy Eucharist on Christmas morning.

\*Masks required

Learn more at [saintbarnabas.org/christmas](http://saintbarnabas.org/christmas)



# Advent Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 11, 4pm | Sanctuary

Join us for our annual Advent Lessons & Carols service as we hear God's Word and prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ through beautiful choral anthems and carols. Listen, worship, ponder, and sing as our Parish Choir leads us through the traditional telling of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.



# The Longest Night

*A service with Holy Communion  
for those with grief or sorrow at Christmas*

**WORSHIP & EUCHARIST**  
Tuesday, December 21, 7pm

Join us on the shortest day and longest night of the year to make room for our sorrow and hope as we offer our whole selves — even what is broken in us — to the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

This service offers a space for grief and sadness during the holiday season, contemplative choral and instrumental music, and a candle-lighting ritual for personal memorials of loss. To learn more, go to [saintbarnabas.org/longest-night](http://saintbarnabas.org/longest-night) or contact The Rev. Pam Bell at [pam@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:pam@saintbarnabas.org)

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS Pageant

All children are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant. There is a rehearsal right after church on the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve, on December 19, during which we provide lunch, try on costumes, and rehearse the pageant itself. Older youth participate in the readings and shepherd the younger children.

**ALL CAST REHEARSAL  
& COSTUME FITTING**  
Sunday, December 19 from  
11:30am-1:30pm (Lunch included  
in Hutton Hall right after church)

**PAGEANT SERVICE**  
Christmas Eve, Friday,  
December 24 at 3pm.  
Arrive in Hutton Hall by 2:30pm.

**TO PARTICIPATE**  
Visit [saintbarnabas.org/pageant](http://saintbarnabas.org/pageant) or contact  
Sarah Petersen: [sarahp@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:sarahp@saintbarnabas.org)



# Angel Tree

# A Visit with Saint Nick

Gladden your heart this season with our Angel Tree® mission. This national program of Prison Fellowship shares God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they are not forgotten by shopping for Christmas gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent and in the name of Jesus. Look below to see how you can join.

## ANGEL TREE BLESSING

**Sunday, December 5 | All services**

A merry-bright, blissful delight comes alive when our altar is filled with gifts to be blessed in anticipation of delivering our Angel Tree offerings to 400 children during the holiday season. The blessing will take place during both worship services.

## WRAPPING PARTY OPEN HOUSE

**Monday, December 6, 9am - 7pm | Hutton Hall**

Come wrap presents with us! This is an open house: meaning you can drop by at any time for any length of time! We'll be preparing Angel Tree gifts for delivery. Everything will be provided for you to make this happen.

## INVENTORY JUBILEE

**Tuesday, December 7 - Thursday, December 9, beginning at 9am | Hutton Hall**

Join us any day, Tuesday through Thursday, beginning at 9am, to help prepare our Christmas gift stash for gift-giving. Together, we sort, organize, and label every package so that they can be deployed for delivery to deserving children. Please sign up to join the jubilee!

## ANGEL TREE DELIVERY

**Saturday, December 11 at 9am | Starts at Hutton Hall**

Noted by many as one of the most heartwarming events of the year, the joy of delivering Christmas gifts to children is a feeling that will surely last throughout the season-and beyond. This is truly an opportunity to fill your cup and share God's love with our community. Please sign up in advance for this not-to-be-missed opportunity.

All are welcome. Learn More at [saintbarnabas.org/angeltree](https://saintbarnabas.org/angeltree)  
Questions? Contact Kate Fimbres at [kate@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:kate@saintbarnabas.org)



**2pm on Sunday, December 5 | Courtyard**  
Hear the story of the real Saint Nicholas! Invite friends and family to this delightful Christmas tradition. The story presentation with Saint Nick begins at 2pm with songs led by our Children's Choirs. Craft making and a photo session with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for all. Families depart with a printed picture and later receive a digital copy by email. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served on the lawn and all activities will take place outside.  
Questions? Contact Sarah Petersen at [sarahp@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:sarahp@saintbarnabas.org)

## QUIET DAY

**Saturday, December 11, 9:30am-1pm | Sanctuary & Zoom**

The Rev. Jim Clark leads the day, which includes teaching, silent time for walking and contemplation, and sessions of communal silent prayer. The day concludes with Holy Eucharist. Please bring your Bible. All are welcome. **Learn more:** [saintbarnabas.org/quiet-day-dec](https://saintbarnabas.org/quiet-day-dec). To join on Zoom go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and use **Meeting ID: 870 2458 0827 Passcode: 707121**

## SAGES

**Thursday, December 16, 11:30am - 1:30pm | Hutton Hall**

Join us for a festive Christmas luncheon and then enjoy a performance of Christmas favorites including a sing-a-long from our wonderful music ministry team that will be sure to lift your spirits!

## BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, December 16 at 9:30am | The Other Cup**

Join the Book Club! This month we will discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles (209 pg.)

You can come at 9:30am for fellowship and our discussion begins at 10am.

Find our full schedule and reading list at [saintbarnabas.org/book-club](https://saintbarnabas.org/book-club).

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Would you like to donate towards poinsettias and Christmas trees for the altar for our Christmas season? You can help beautify our church home in honor of someone you love. All thanksgivings/memorials will be listed in our Christmas bulletins. Order online by Sunday, December 12 at: [saintbarnabas.org/donate-flowers](https://saintbarnabas.org/donate-flowers) or call the church office (480) 948-5560. Suggested donation range is \$50 - \$250. Thank you!

# Uncommon Initiative Remarkable Curiosity Profound Courage



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*“Another way to love: ‘Uncommon initiative, remarkable curiosity, profound courage’ (Tom Shenk). What would it be like to take the initiative to engage someone who you think has a different opinion than you? And then to become genuinely curious about what they think and why they think that way? And while doing so to suspend – just for the moment – all of your thoughts, opinions, judgements, ideas, conclusions, experiences, feelings, emotions, passions, or anything in your own story that comes to you so that you can be fully present and truly hear them? And to have the courage to keep listening and not take offense? To grant them the gift of being heard, and cared about and listened to, with no other agenda but to listen?”* The Rev. Jim Clark

Learn More: [saintbarnabas.org/listening](http://saintbarnabas.org/listening)  
Join us Sundays at 9am  
Hutton Hall and on Zoom

To join online go to ZOOM.US  
Meeting ID: 830 0332 7489 | Passcode: 972285





# Send us now into the world in Peace.

## Family Promise

December 12-18 | Saint Barnabas  
We are once again able to host homeless families at Saint Barnabas through our Missions Partner, Family Promise. Family Promise is one of only a few programs that work intentionally to keep families together as they experience homelessness, and their model has a 70% success rate. During this time, we provide lodging, all meals, and lots of fellowship and encouragement. You can help in lots of ways: plan and/or cook a meal, donate food, stay overnight or donate needed supplies. To learn more and sign up, go to [saintbarnabas.org/fjp](http://saintbarnabas.org/fjp) or contact Jane Gharibian at (602) 368-9138 or Tom Tischer at (480) 231-0782.

## Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 15, 8am-10am | Hutton Hall  
There is still a critical need for blood donors of all blood types. This is one very important way we can help our community friends and neighbors for those who are able. Appointments are required to participate in this Blood Drive. For details, go to [saintbarnabas.org/blood-drive](http://saintbarnabas.org/blood-drive) or call the church office.

## Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, December 18 | 7:30AM-1:30PM  
Our Habitat for Humanity build day is a great opportunity to spread the joy of Christmas and have fellowship while we work on our fall 2021 house. Our task will be exterior painting. Come out the Saturday before Christmas to help prepare the best gift ever – a safe, secure home. No previous construction experience is required! Together, we're taking one step further on the path to eliminating homelessness in the Valley. Registration is required. For more information and to sign up go to: [saintbarnabas.org/habitat-fall-2021](http://saintbarnabas.org/habitat-fall-2021) or contact Jay Harris at [jayharris\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:jayharris_1@yahoo.com).

## Food Drive

Saturday, December 18, 8-10am | In Front Parking Lot  
Drive up to our monthly food drive thru! This is an easy opportunity to serve our five local food bank partners. To find our current list of needs go to: [saintbarnabas.org/food-drive](http://saintbarnabas.org/food-drive) or contact The Rev. Susie Parker at [susie@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:susie@saintbarnabas.org).



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## The Millet House

Our mission is to support people from marginalized populations by giving them a chance to participate as equals in a real-life gallery and community space, and to learn art and life skills by networking with those who already have such skills. The historic adobe Millet House, located in Mesa, Arizona, holds an art gallery, a community gathering space, and a mobile library. The Millet House has always served homeless/formerly homeless people, people with disabilities, and survivors of domestic abuse and violence, with outreach to shelters and to individuals through a peer mentoring program. You can join The Millet House on Zoom every Friday.

**Millet House Fridays**  
Join us every Friday evening for discussions about art. Drop in as long as you like. 5:50-7:30 pm.

**Meeting ID:** 850 8299 7561  
**Passcode:** 537629

Learn more about the Millet House and ways to serve go to [saintbarnabas.org/millet-house](http://saintbarnabas.org/millet-house) or contact Sandy Andrews at [sandra.sutton@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.sutton@gmail.com)





## *Second Gratitude Sunday*

Sunday, December 12 | All Services

Thank you to all who have made a pledge for 2022 to the life and mission of Saint Barnabas. If you would like to make a pledge, please visit [saintbarnabas.org/pledgenow](https://saintbarnabas.org/pledgenow) or call the church office. Pledges received since November 21 will be blessed in church on December 12.

## *Yearly Celebration / Annual Meeting*

Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 11:30am  
Hutton Hall & Zoom

Save the Date - All are invited to celebrate what is to come in this vibrant parish community. Zoom credentials will be shared closer to the date.

Questions? Contact  
Deborah Birutis at  
[deborah@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:deborah@saintbarnabas.org)  
or call the church office.

## *Fine Arts & Campus Tour*

Sunday, December 5, 11:30am | Meets in Chapel

Saint Barnabas has been blessed with a rich legacy of the arts. For an up-close look at our unique worship spaces and grounds, join Judee Morrison, member of the Fine Arts and Memorial Acceptance Committee (MAFA), and learn about how the art of Saint Barnabas inspires us to elevate worship.

## *In Memoriam*

Jack Mattingly | September 26, 2021  
Roderick Macdonald | October 2, 2021  
Jean Parker | October 19, 2021  
Fern MacKenzie | October 21, 2021  
David Carmichael | October 24, 2021  
Tony Conyers | November 13, 2021



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Current Resident or:

# Concerts on the Desert

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# Twelfth Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022, 7:30PM

Music for the Epiphany of our Lord that celebrates the Christmas season. Choral favorites combined with instrumental works will provide a beautiful evening of music featuring Saint Barnabas soloists and ensemble. This concert is ticketed, and tickets should be purchased in advance.

Individual Tickets: \$35

Purchase at [saintbarnabas.org/tn](http://saintbarnabas.org/tn)  
or call the church office (480) 948-5560.

