

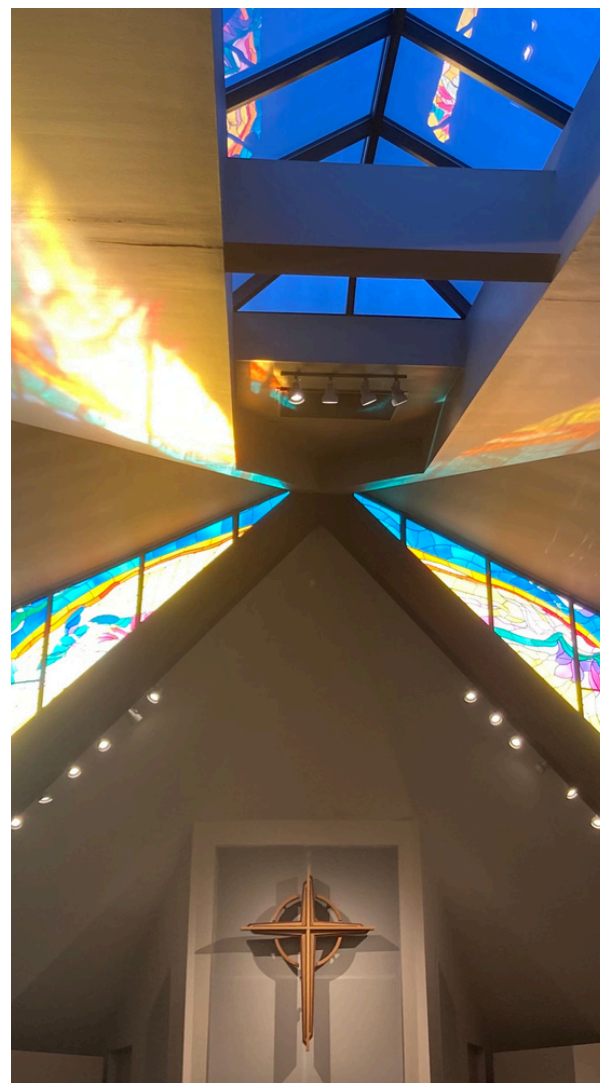
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GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH PROFILE

SAN DIEGO, CA

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WELCOME



We are casual; you can come as you are. Really. We are scientists, social workers, artists, moms and dads, straight, gay, professors, students, babysitters, teachers, military, pacifist, nurses and doctors, retired, underemployed, liberal and conservative.

We are progressive, affirming and inclusive. We pray the ancient creeds, and we apply them to today's issues.

We take the Bible seriously — too seriously to take it literally on every point. Fed by the Spirit, we make Jesus known through the breaking of the Bread, prayer, Bible study, our loving care for one another, and our outreach to and advocacy for our community.





OUR MOTTO

"Love. Be Loved."

OUR MISSION

To be the gospel of Christ by holding hands, reaching out to our neighbors, striving to love and be loved.

OUR GOALS

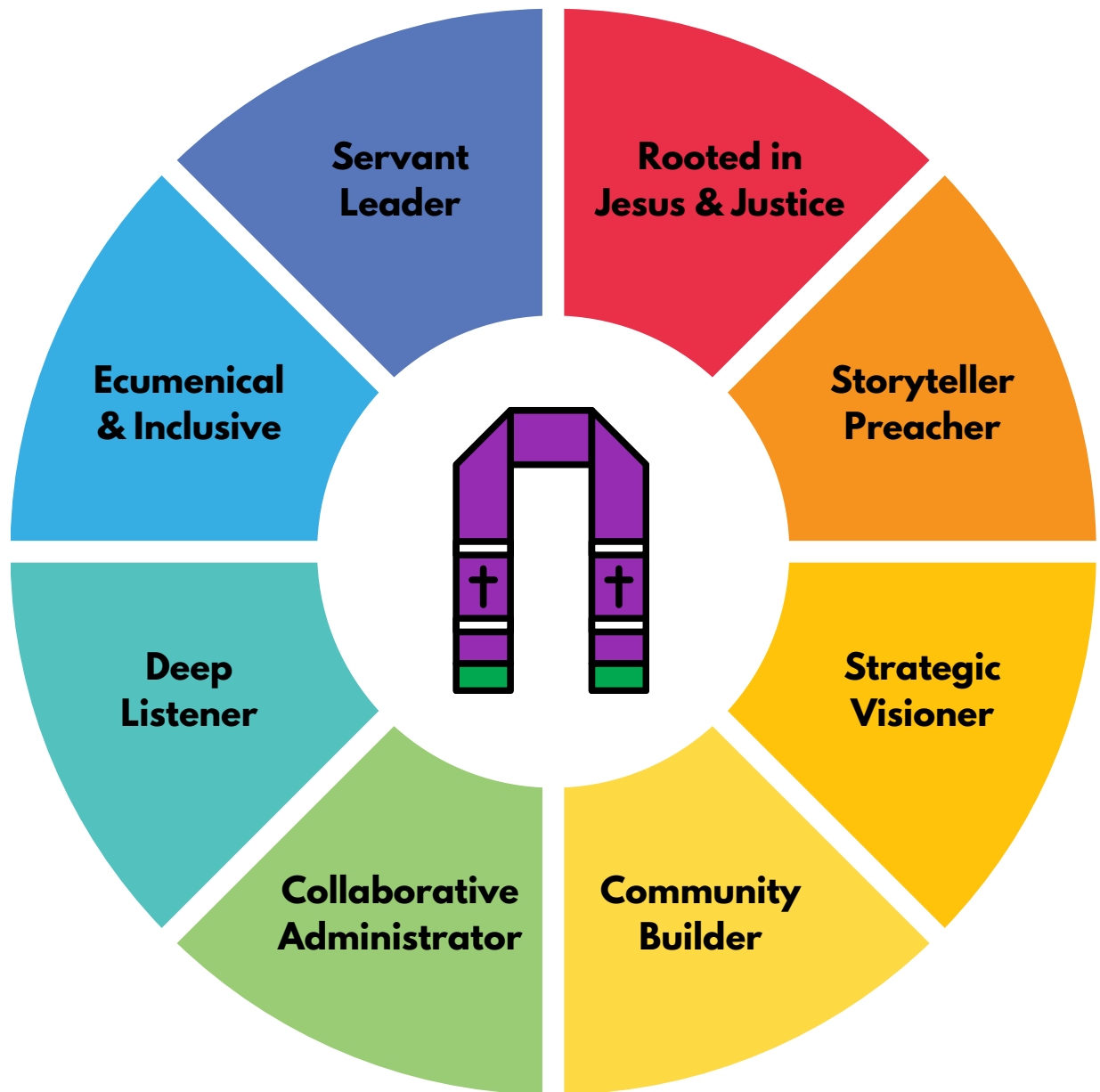
We will bring the radical **love** and **welcome** of Jesus Christ to all people.

We will empower people to bring about the peace and justice of God.

We will lean together into the mystery of Jesus and what it means in our day.



THE RECTOR WE PRAY FOR



PRAYER FOR OUR RECTOR

GRACIOUS ACCOMPANYING GOD, THE ONE IN WHOM WE LIVE
AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING, AS WE WORK TO FIND AND
CALL OUR NEXT RECTOR, MAY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT LEAD US TO
DISCERN THE GIFTS WE SEEK, AND TO SEE THOSE GIFTS CLEARLY IN
THE CANDIDATES YOU SEND TO US. AS WE PRAY FOR YOU TO SEND
US OUR NEXT PASTOR AND PRIEST, MAY THE CALL COMMITTEE
DISCOVER THE GIFTS AND HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED.
SEND YOUR SPIRIT ALSO TO CARVE OUT ROOM IN THEIR
DELIBERATIONS AND TO WORK IN AND THROUGH US ALL.
TOGETHER MAY THE MINISTRY OF ALL OF US BUILD UP YOUR
CHURCH IN LOVING OUTREACH TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR LOVE.
ALL THIS WE ASK, O GOD, OUR STRENGTH AND OUR REDEEMER.

AMEN.



GOOD SAM AT A GLANCE



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Number of
Members



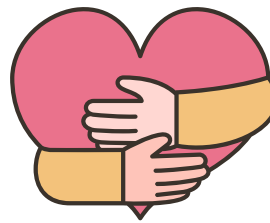
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Average Sunday
Attendance



6

Number of
Small Groups



21

Number of
Active Ministries



21

Number of Children
in Sunday School



5

Confirmations
Per Year



6

Baptisms Per Year



21

Average Sunday
Livestream Views



WHO WE ARE

At Good Samaritan, we are a medium-sized church of young and old who have found a spiritual home here. Small enough so everyone will know your name in a few weeks. Big enough for you to get involved in lots of ways. Our motto is simple: **Love. Be Loved.** We strive to offer the deep, radical love and welcome of Christ to all, both in our sanctuary and in the community. And if you aren't sure what to believe, we give you room to explore. Come and see.



Our church members are seekers, longtime Christians, folks who left church for a long time and came back, and more. We have a lot of "formers": former Catholics, former evangelicals, former agnostics. No matter who you are or where you have come from, you are welcome to explore slowly or to jump right in. Jesus ate with the rich and the poor, the Pharisees and the zealots, the sanctimonious and the sinners, the wise and the foolish. When we say we will bring the radical welcome and love of Jesus Christ to all people, we mean we want to be as inclusive as Jesus was. All are welcome — no exceptions.



WHO WE ARE

Our **STRENGTHS**



- Hospitality
- High Morale
- Commitment to Diversity
- Strong Conflict Management
- Amazing Music Program
- Many Ministry Opportunities
- Motivation For Spiritual Education
- Readiness for Ministry

- Enhance our Spiritual Vitality
- Grow Outreach to Youth & Students
- Attract Young Folks & Families
- Increase Individual & Family Giving

Areas of **GROWTH**



GOOD SAM HISTORY

In 1970 Good Samaritan was established as a mission church by St James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in La Jolla. Good Sam began on a vacant corner lot in what was then an undeveloped part of San Diego, adjacent to the University of California, San Diego. Located first at the La Jolla Country Day School library and then at the Marcy Elementary School auditorium, the mission grew, as did the neighborhood around it.



In 1975 Roetter Hall was built as a multipurpose building. The congregation grew with Roetter Hall serving as a worship center, education center, and parish hall. In 1981, Parish status was granted to Good Samaritan. The Rev. Wayne Sanders was installed as the first rector and served faithfully for the next 27 years.

In 1991, Good Samaritan broke ground on the new sanctuary. Roetter Hall was renovated for greater flexibility in 2007, and a rectory was purchased in 2014. In 2023 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary (three years delayed, due to COVID.)



COVID & TRANSITIONS

In 2020, while many churches were isolating, Good Sam transitioned rapidly to an online format and successfully instituted new ministries to address challenges brought about by the pandemic. One parishioner remarked that “Throughout the year, I was able to worship the Lord in practically the same way as before!”

Sunday, Holy Week, and daily prayer services were live streamed. Online daily prayer continues to be led by lay and clergy volunteers to this day. Sunday school went online with families picking up materials ahead of time. In February 2022 we were able to resume in-person services, while maintaining an enhanced online presence for members and seekers alike.

Parishioners were called weekly by Wellness Check-in volunteers in order to reduce isolation.

Some other highlights from our online period included drive-by blessings and sprinkling of holy water, socially distant ashes to go, and a pre-recorded and edited Christmas pageant taped in parishioners’ backyards.

This challenging period spiritually renewed our community and brought us closer together. It set the stage for further growth and innovation when we transitioned back to in-person worship.



FACILITIES & HOLY SPACES

Our beautiful Sanctuary seats close to 400, and includes an Allen hybrid organ, new speaker system, and a peaceful yet vibrant worship space. The stone facade at the front evokes the open tomb of the Risen Christ, while beautiful stained glass designed by late local architect and artist James Hubbell brings glorious color and beauty into our worship space.



The sanctuary, purposely, has no altar rail—no separation from the people who come forward for Communion, or to read scripture or prayers, reflecting the ministry of all of us.



Our baptismal font is mobile and brought to the front of the altar for baptisms so that the entire community may witness the sacrament. Yet, it need not be in the way if the priest wishes to preach from up front near the center aisle, rather than from the lectern (ambo).



In addition to the Sanctuary space, this building houses a small chapel, a nursery, restrooms, and storage spaces. Church offices for Good Samaritan and the Newman Community priests & staff are also located here, but have a private entrance and parking lot.



FACILITIES & HOLY SPACES



Roetter Hall comprises our main space for community gatherings and Christian formation, including our excellent post-service coffee hour. The main floor can be used as one large space, as seen below, or partitioned off into up to 5 different rooms, offering flexibility for groups of various sizes. Behind Roetter Hall, you'll find our Memorial Garden, a peaceful space where departed parish members are interred. A small building off the parking lot also houses offices, currently rented by Captivate Church.



RECTORY

About a 15-minute drive from Good Samaritan is the rectory, in the peaceful neighborhood of Scripps Ranch. It's close to hiking trails and award-winning San Diego Unified schools, and only 20 or so minutes from the beach. We know housing in California is expensive. That's why we purchased a home for you to live in, so you don't have to worry about that expense. It's one of the assets that makes Good Samaritan unique.



The 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath home comprises 1903 Sq Ft and has been maintained beautifully inside and out. We look forward to welcoming our new Rector to their home!

The Rectory's neighborhood offers a community pool, and nearby Lake Miramar offers opportunities for boating, fishing, and walking.



SHARED SPACES

We agree with Bishop Curry’s statement that the Episcopal Church is one branch of the Jesus Movement, so we share our worship space with two other churches – a Catholic community and a Non-denominational congregation. We believe that the Church of the Future will be more ecumenical, so the opportunity to provide these congregations with a home is very important to us.

A future rector should be open to maintaining and enhancing relationships with these faith communities and welcoming a shared worship space and other campus spaces, including occasional combined services such as Good Friday, which we traditionally celebrate with the Newman Catholic Community.



Good Samaritan & Newman Center Catholic Community share a Good Friday service, including Veneration of the Cross.

The Newman Center, the Catholic Community at UC San Diego, moved to Good Sam in the early 2000’s. Newman Centers began to be established in the late 19th century as a way to encourage people to live out their Catholic faith on a secular campus.

Captivate is an Evangelical Christian church affiliated with the Presbyterian church of Australia. Captivate Church, based in Point Loma, established its satellite church in Roetter Hall in 2023.



SHARED SPACES

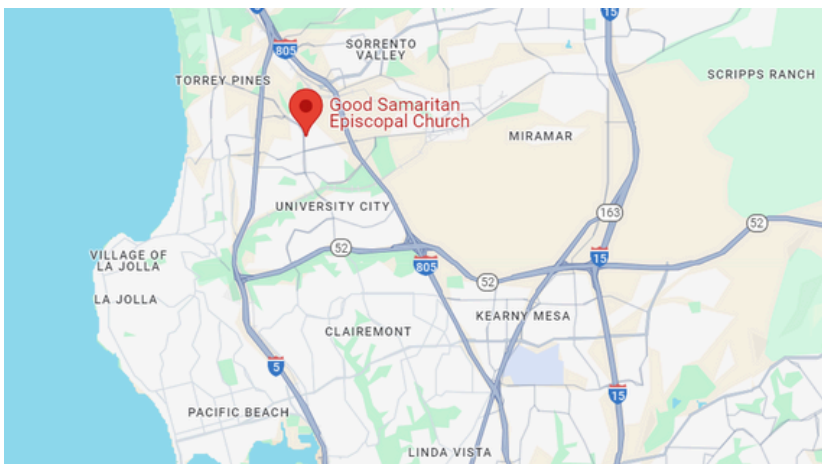
At Good Samaritan, we believe that the Church of the Future will reach out to the community and serve it all week long, not just on Sunday morning. To that end, we are dedicated to using our campus to host a variety of organizations. We provide meeting space for several 12 step groups and rehearsal space for local music groups.



For example, a few years ago, a group of young adult anime fans were looking for a place to meet where they could watch anime and build Gunpla (Models kits based on characters in anime). Other churches had turned them down, saying it didn't fit with their mission, but Good Sam welcomed them. Some church leaders even began attending meetings and building their own models!



LOCATION & COMMUNITY



Within just a few miles, you will find the Westfield UTC mall, major hospitals, and many of the high-tech, bio-tech, and clean-tech businesses and research institutes that have become strong segments of San Diego's economic engine.

Current demographics of our surrounding community show a relatively young, highly educated community, with 75% of the population holding a bachelor's Degree or higher. The UTC area is also relatively diverse. Those identifying as White account for 51% of the population in the area, those who identify as Asian make up roughly a third (32%) of the population. Hispanic is the next largest percentage. Black/African Americans are underrepresented (2%).



LOCATION & COMMUNITY

Several religious institutions also neighbor Good Sam, including the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center and Grace City Church. These offer opportunities for ecumenical service. Five miles from Good Samaritan Church is Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, the former site of the Top Gun flight school made famous by the 1986 Tom Cruise movie.

Within 20 minutes of the church, you can be at the beach, attend a Padres baseball game, or experience cultural attractions ranging from the San Diego Zoo to Balboa Park, downtown San Diego, or Old Town— the site of the first European settlement in present-day California.

Among the many beautiful beaches are La Jolla Shores, Ocean Beach, Carlsbad and Coronado. Slightly further afield, you can find mountain towns and winter snow sports in Big Bear and Idyllwild, as well as desert towns including Palm Springs and Joshua Tree National Park. A quick 25 minute drive south will take you to the Mexican border town of Tijuana, with destinations such as Ensenada and Valle de Guadalupe wine region just a short drive away.



Photo taken by parishioner Amy Lajiness at local beach Windansea.



Historically, Good Sam Rectors have offered “Ashes to Go” at the local UTC Mall as an outreach and pastoral ministry.



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WORSHIP



At Good Samaritan, our liturgy, preaching, and musical worship communicate our foundational belief that all are welcome—no exceptions.

Our primary Sunday worship, with an average attendance of 109 begins at 10:00 am. We also have an intimate 8 a.m. service, with an average attendance of a dozen or more people. There is interest in adding an alternative day or time for a service to attract people unable to attend on Sunday mornings.

The 10 a.m. service is live streamed on three platforms, thanks to the livestream team, and the sermon is posted on social media. We know that some people try us out online before attending in person, while other viewers may be members who are traveling or ill that particular Sunday.



WORSHIP



Survey results indicate Good Sam has high energy and high satisfaction rates with worship when compared to other churches. Members are intellectually curious and willing to try new things and take risks in the safe place of our community. We seek ongoing spiritual transformation.

While Good Sam grounds its worship in Rite II of the Book of Common Prayer, it also draws on other approved Eucharistic Prayers and liturgies that keep the services fresh, inviting and approachable for all seekers.

At the 10 a.m. service the preacher invites young people to sit up front with them in front of the altar for a “Children’s Moment.” Children are asked or ask questions, a brief story or lesson is given, but most importantly the kids are able to have direct access to the Rector/Celebrant before going off to Sunday School with their teachers.

Good Sam has a history of strong preaching with a progressive theological approach that relates scripture not only to historical context but to current issues. Our members value relatable stories that teach what Jesus taught—the Way of Love.

Good Samaritan has a highly functioning Worship Committee that meets monthly and plans the seasonal liturgies well in advance. We also enjoy a strong lay-organized rotation of greeters, readers and acolytes, ushers, and lay eucharistic ministers assigned for any given Sunday.



WORSHIP

WHAT SETS US APART

We are exceptionally welcoming to all - starting when they walk through our doors all the way through coffee hour.

We prioritize inclusion & accessibility by serving allergen-free bread, forgoing incense, and having no altar rail.

While grounded in the liturgy, we are not a “high” church. We enjoy balancing reverence and reflection with moments of levity and creativity.

When a parishioner is leaving the area, the entire congregation is invited to the altar to lay their hands on that person in blessing.

We offer an unusually robust ministry of lay-led Morning Prayer and Compline services online Monday through Saturday.

Our musical worship is vibrant and upbeat, drawing from a variety of traditions rather than sticking to only praise or hymnal music.

In sum, Good Samaritan’s worship is vibrant and diverse, reflecting the importance of both reverence for God and joy in the Holy Spirit that characterizes our community’s spiritual life.



MUSIC

Good Samaritan's Music Ministry focuses on liturgical and creative excellence covering various styles of music. Rooted each Sunday around one traditional hymn, accompanying liturgical music highlights the Sunday Gospel message, social justice concerns, and the ebbs and flows of societal joys and concerns.

Music Director Julie Marner leads our choir and a variety of instrumentalists (piano, guitar, organ, and percussion) in musical worship each Sunday. Our Bell Choir performs monthly, while volunteer and paid musicians regularly contribute on cello, harp, horns, violin, and more. Our partnership with the Newman Center Catholic Community offers us the unique opportunity to combine choirs or support one another for special occasions.



"The volunteer choir at Good Samaritan provides fine music at the level of other church choirs that hire professional singers. Much of the quality of the choir is attributable to Julie Marner, musical director, who has a rare combination of musical skill, intelligence, personability, and humor. The choir's repertoire spans all sorts of worship genres including traditional hymns, African-American spirituals, and contemporary Christian pop/rock; and the congregation of Good Samaritan appreciates all of the variety.

-Gary Chun, Musician



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children's Christian Formation

Good Samaritan is blessed to have a growing number of children and youth in attendance and a wonderful group of devoted volunteers to guide them. During the summer, children join their families for the entirety of the service. From September-May, kids split off in the middle of the service for Sunday School and return for the Eucharist. We use Sparkhouse for elementary-age children and Echo the Story for middle school youth as our primary curricula. Additionally, our Nursery is staffed from 9:30am-12:30pm each Sunday for our youngest members.



In addition to Sunday School, children are welcomed and included in spiritual formation in a variety of other ways. During Advent, our children lead us in a Christmas Pageant, acting as barnyard animals and other personae while telling the story of the birth of Jesus.

Additionally, we typically offer a special service for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday in which children engage in a picnic Last Supper and skit to help them imagine themselves in the Easter Story.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Christian Formation

Following the 10 am service and coffee hour, Adult Forums offer educational series and visiting speakers on a variety of topics. Recent topics have included Joy to the World (about a school in Namibia), Gospel of Matthew, Just Action Ministry, The Presence of Christ, and Contemplative Prayer. Our forums are interactive, and participants are encouraged to ask questions, share their stories, and explore their understanding of God and how God's Spirit works in the world. Our Christian Formation aims to engage the heart, mind, and soul.

Additionally, a variety of Small Groups offer opportunities for both spiritual formation and fellowship, including:

- Seven weekly discipleship groups, including a young adult group, with nearly 50 participants
- Two Bible Study groups totaling 22 participants
- Sacred Ground Racial Reconciliation Groups - over 100 people have participated, and 40 are currently engaged in a Sacred Ground Group



OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Outreach and Advocacy is the heart and soul of Good Samaritan — in fact, loving our neighbors in tangible ways is at the center of the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan. With over 20 active ministries, we won't be able to highlight them all here. We seek to answer God's call to engage more deeply and collaboratively with our local and global community, those in need, and our beautiful Earth.

JUST ACTION

In 2020 we discerned that outreach should be more than sustaining our neighbors in need, and should include advocating for and with them. We listened to God's call and joined the San Diego Organizing Project, which is a nonpartisan, multi-faith group that supports justice for all. We have had community conversations about the possibility of building affordable housing on Good Sam property. The League of Women Voters comes to us yearly. Our intention is that we will live out what it means to LOVE ALWAYS in San Diego and in the world.



Sacred Ground

We were chosen as the first church in our Diocese to implement Sacred Ground, a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race and accountability, grounded in faith. Over 100 parishioners have participated in these long-term dialogue groups, including 40 currently engaged.



OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Build A Miracle

One of our largest international outreach ministries is our sponsorship of Build-A-Miracle (BAM) houses in Tijuana. BAM partners with Tijuana residents, typically families who own land, to construct houses and provide job training and education. Good Samaritan sponsors the cost of materials and skilled labor for construction, and our volunteers join with local volunteers in the BAM program to complete the unskilled labor portions of construction. Our most recent build was in 2024, and included volunteers from age 2 to 75+!



Build-A-Miracle Outreach in Tijuana

www.goodsamchurch.org



CCSA Backpack Drive

We partner with a local agency to donate 80-100 filled backpacks (see right) at the beginning of each school year, as well as cash donations to support San Diego's homeless and low income families.



OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Current & Recent Ministries

- Migrant outreach - Providing food and financial donations to an encampment of migrants detained at the border in partnership with Diocese of SD. For over a year, during a time of heavy need, we also served as a Migrant Needs donation & distribution center.
- Supporting the Enlisted Project (STEP) - Organizing a Thanksgiving food drive and also supporting STEP with a monetary donation to assist our community's young military and Veteran families in financial crisis.
- Rachels' House - Teams of church members make meals for women in transition in downtown San Diego.
- Ukrainian Refugees - Offered outreach, welcome, and support for local refugees.
- Interfaith Shelter - Served as an Interfaith Shelter Network facility to serve homeless men, women and children until COVID.
- Showers of Blessings - Provided showers for those who live outside.
- RIP Medical Debt - In 2021 we partnered with this nonprofit and cleared over \$7 million of debt for 5,171 Southern Californians.
- Creation Care Ministry - Gives our community tangible ways to embody our call to tend the earth and safeguard a livable future for all.
- Food Card Ministry - We supply preloaded \$20 debit cards to neighbors in need weekly on Fridays



PARISH LIFE

Good Samaritan offers lively and inclusive fellowship opportunities for our parish community and guests! This is most evident in our weekly “Coffee Hour” following the 10 am service, where a volunteer team offers coffee and delicious sweet and savory goodies to encourage members and guests to linger and connect – just as Jesus shared meals with his community.



Of parishioners surveyed, 73% agree that participation in church activities outside of worship is meaningful. In addition to our Sunday fellowship, parish life includes:

- Annual Mardi Gras celebrations including thematic music (often New Orleans-style Jazz), trivia, crafts, and King Cake to eat.
- Annual Summer Church Picnic at a local park or beach. We typically sport our green Good Sam “Love. Be Loved.” T-shirts to spark conversations.
- Recent summer Social events have included Board Game Nights, Tai Chi, picnics, walking groups, and more.
- Annual Women’s Teas celebrate all women in the month of May. Our 10th Annual Tea in 2024 was attended by 60 women, including Good Sam folks and many guests who were offered a warm welcome to our community.
- Book Club Group offers a chance for community members to interact socially.
- Gunpla Modeling Group on Friday nights – started by Good Sam Members as a community outreach; several members have begun attending Good Samaritan regularly.



PASTORAL CARE

In addition to the Pastoral Care offered by our Rector and staff, Good Samaritan boasts a robust lay-led pastoral care ministry:

- **Meals Ministry** provides nourishment and love to families and individuals in need due to illness or bereavement.
- **Prayer Ministry** commits to pray daily in response to prayer requests coming from within and outside of our church family.
- **Memorial Reception Ministry** provides delicious food for those Good Samaritan families who have sustained a loss and requested help with a reception at church.
- **Bereavement Ministry** provides support in the form of condolence notes and grief pamphlets to those who have suffered loss.
- **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** includes a team of seven parishioners who faithfully take God's word and the love of their church family to those who are unable to attend services.
- **Quilting Ministry** - Parishioner-handcrafted prayer quilts wrap members of our congregation in warmth and the prayers of their church family. Church members take time to pray for the recipient, who are in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, as they tie knots on the quilt.

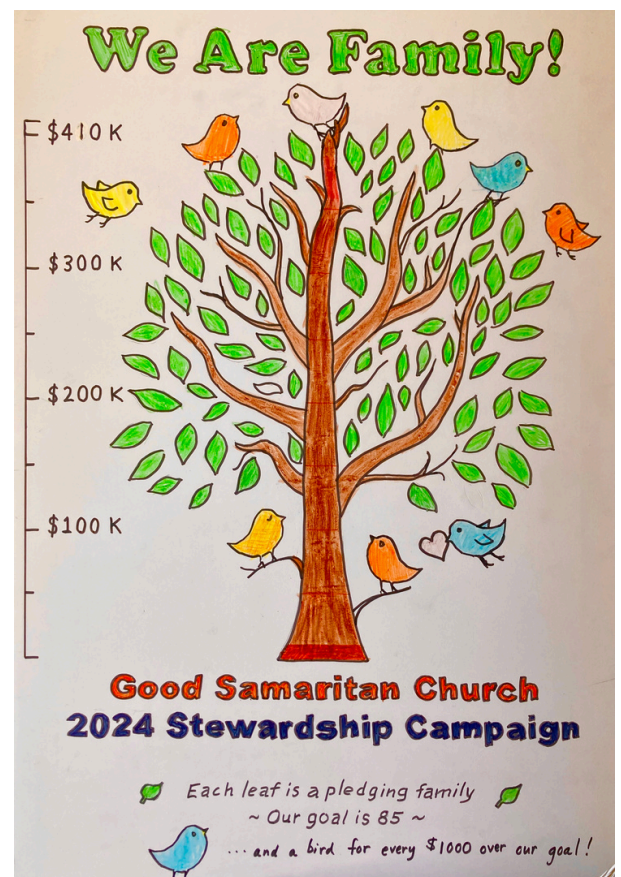


BY THE NUMBERS

We foster stewardship through an annual campaign that includes sermons, weekly testimonials, and themed music, and culminates in an Ingathering celebration for all congregants, regardless of pledge status. The theme of last year's campaign was "We are Family", recognizing that giving comes from a place of love for Jesus and our community, not from obligation. In 2024, the original pledge goal was increased due to higher than anticipated pledging, and the revised pledge goal was exceeded. This year, our stewardship campaign encompassed 85 pledging families, including 10 new pledging families, and culminated in a balanced budget!

Despite these successes, there is room to grow. On average, our individual giving is in the bottom third of our Diocese. We recognize that stewardship extends beyond financial giving and into giving of time, energy, and talent. We are a caring community. Currently, 5% of all pledge income is designated for outreach. This was lowered from 10% when finances were impacted by pandemic conditions, suggesting another opportunity for growth.

This year's budget was **\$678,252** including \$417,638.00 pledged, \$199,400.00 Facilities Income, and \$60,214.00 plate (projected).



LEADERSHIP

At Good Samaritan, we prioritize diversity in both our lay and ordained leadership. Our staff has included members of the LGBTQ+ community, and cultural, gender, and age diversity is valued and honored. Our first female Associate Rector, Rebecca Edwards, was called in 2011, and our first female Rector, Janine Schenone, was called in 2014.

Good Sam has a strong tradition of both lay and clergy leadership, aided by knowledgeable professional staff. We enjoy a strong lay leadership team led by nine Vestry members who chair several committees from Stewardship to Outreach. What we are looking for is a servant leader who can combine these efforts in effective mutual ministry.

A recent survey of the congregation reveals that people want a strong preacher and teacher who can relate not just intellectually (half of all members have post-graduate education), but also can be a catalyst for activities and outreach beyond Sunday services.

The Rector / Priest in Charge leads a staff of four paid employees who direct music, manage facilities and rental space, assist with Sunday morning logistics, oversee bulletin/service guide production, handle web and social media posting and answer phones and greet visitors.



LEADERSHIP

Leadership History

- **1970** – Good Samaritan established as a mission church
- **1982** – Parish status granted; Rev. Wayne Sanders installed as Rector
He serves for a total of 27 years with several different associates
- **2005–2006** – The Rev. Sanders retired and the Rev. John Conrad served as Interim Rector
- **2006** – The Rev. Christopher Gray Chase called to serve as Rector
- **2011** – The Rev. Rebecca Nelson Edwards joined as Deacon and later as Associate Rector
- **2014** – The Revs. Chase and Edwards resigned and the Rev. Daniel Pearson served as Interim Rector
- **2016** – The Rev. Janine Schenone is called
- **2024** – The Rev. Janine Schenone resigned and Interim leadership is assigned (see below)

Currently we have two interim priests, The Rev. Mark Spaulding (in charge) and The Rev. Nancy Burnett, but they are assisted as needed by two associate priests and a licensed lay preacher. They are: The Rev. Martha Anderson, The Rev. Tom Garrison and Mr. Jeff Rockey, licensed to preach.

Good Samaritan Church is a healthy and stable congregation, which is reflected in the lengthy tenure of our leaders. In the 43 years since achieving Parish status in 1981, Good Sam has had 3 full time rectors and two interim rectors. Their tenures ranged from 8–27 years.



DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego (EDSD) was founded in 1973, over 100 years after the first Episcopal service took place in this region. The Diocese stretches from “America’s finest city” to the Mexican border, from the Pacific Ocean to Yuma, Arizona. The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego today consists of 44 churches and over 20,000 members across San Diego, Imperial, southern Riverside, and Yuma (AZ) Counties.



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Brown Snook was consecrated in 2019 as the fifth bishop of our diocese. Bishop Susan is passionate about sharing God’s love with all God’s people through ministries of service and social justice, including supporting the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the church.

In addition to financially supporting our Diocese with a Mission Share Pledge of 10.5% (\$62,760 in 2024), Good Samaritan looks to the Diocese for guidance, support, and community. Additionally, we join other churches in our Diocese to walk in the annual San Diego LGBTQ Pride Parade to share God's love for people who may have heard contrary messaging from other religious groups.



OUR FUTURE



We believe that Jesus teaches us that all are welcome and asks that we extend that welcome to those who have never before known the Way of Love. Building on that inclusive approach, we believe God is leading us to a bigger role in the community around us, whether that be:

- Building a campus ministry at nearby UC San Diego.
- Increasing engagement in social justice, advocacy, and outreach
- Offering worship or community events that are welcoming and convenient for young folks and busy professionals.
- Continuing to offer spiritual sustenance to seekers and believers at all stages of their lives and faith journeys.

We pray for a rector with ideas to help us imagine and live into these initiatives but not necessarily lead them all, instead being able to build teams of volunteers and delegate leadership. Most importantly we see a future where Good Samaritan Church helps build community which extends beyond Sunday Worship. We seek to be the Church where Christ calls us to be daily: in our homes, workplaces, and communities.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be sent to the Rev. Canon Gwynn Lynch, Canon to the Ordinary at Glynch@edsd.org with the Subject Line "Good Samaritan Rector Application."

Your application should include:

- A cover letter addressed to Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, including what is drawing you to apply for this position.
- Your OTM Portfolio
- Your Resumé/CV

