

FUNERALS

A Christian funeral is an opportunity to recognize both the reality of death and our confidence that God will reunite us with those who have died. Funerals may be held in the church or in another appropriate location. The rector can assist you in making the arrangements that are responsive to the needs of your family, and the church community can also help with things such as catering a reception.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

The loss of a loved one is something we carry with us throughout our lives, and there are many ways in which we can remember them. Some choose to have flowers placed in remembrance on a significant date, others may choose to make a financial donation, and others ask that their loved one's names be included in a service of remembrance such as All Souls' Day.

RECONCILIATION

We recognize that sin and disobedience to God's will are part of the normal human experience, and as part of our regular worship we seek and are assured of God's forgiveness. There are times, however, when we may feel that special, specific acknowledgement of our shortcomings is needed. The Reconciliation of a Penitent involves working with a priest to accomplish this, which may allow us to move forward in a positive way in the assurance of God's grace and forgiveness.

COUNSELLING

There are times in life when being able to talk with a priest can help us in facing the challenges of life. Conflict and strains within relationships, financial concerns, doubt, guilt, seeking understanding — any of these, plus much more, may be topics of conversation with your priest. Speaking with the priest is not a substitute for working with mental health or other professionals, and suggestions for where to access appropriate assistance may also be provided.

Whatever you or your family are seeking, we are here to journey with you and assure you of God's presence in this world and in your life.

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Here at St. Bart's, we know that there are many events in life that are important. Whether it is a celebration of a significant moment, or a celebration of life, we can help you plan them.

BAPTISM

Baptism marks our initiation to the Church, and is a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of a child. It is also a time when we make commitments, either on our own behalf or on behalf of a child, about choosing to be a follower of Jesus Christ and to live according to that ideal.



Promises are also made by the community to assist the person being baptized in upholding those vows, and baptisms are normally part of the Sunday worship service.



WEDDINGS, BLESSINGS, AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

It is a wonderful thing when two people come together to celebrate the creation of a new family —pledging their love and fidelity to each other. Many couples choose to ask for God's blessing on their union, and that can be done in the context of a formal ceremony in the church. Couples who have been married in a civil ceremony may also wish to ask for God's blessing at another time, and couples may wish to mark a significant anniversary by renewing their vows; each of these can be done within the context of a Sunday morning worship service or at a separate time. Please contact the rector for more information if you would like to recognize your relationship in this way.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

While it is often teenagers who choose to declare their faith and be formally welcomed into the Anglican Church by a Bishop, it is also appropriate for an adult raised in another faith tradition or one of any age who wishes to recommit themselves to God. It is usual that a period of preparation precede this decision. Our current practice is to celebrate this on an annual basis in company with the other Anglican parishes in the area at a special worship service.

