



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is located on four and a half acres on a hill in the north inland area of San Diego County. Though founded and located in the city of Poway, St. Bart's is literally on the border of San Diego city proper, in the neighborhood of Rancho Bernardo. Our parish is located 23 miles from downtown San Diego, where the diocesan cathedral of St. Paul's is located.

SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY AT A GLANCE

San Diego's North County Inland is a vast, expansive region known for its rustic beauty, diverse terrain, and miles of open spaces. It is comprised of a collection of unique communities, from the lush valleys and mountains to scenic areas, nestled between rolling hills amidst golf courses, quiet suburban communities, modern shopping centers, and wineries. North County provides easy access to the many attractions of Southern California, be it to the North and Disneyland, to the West and the areas of many beautiful beaches, or to the south and vibrant downtown San Diego, or East to the scenic mountains and deserts.

Natural and man-made attractions can be found in the north county region. Families have much to discover with numerous parks and recreation areas, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Palomar Mountain and the Cleveland National Forest.

SAN DIEGO—AMERICA'S FINEST CITY

California's second largest city and the United States' eighth largest, San Diego boasts a citywide population of nearly 1.3 million residents and more than 3 million residents countywide. Within its borders of 4,200 square miles, San Diego County encompasses 18 incorporated cities and numerous other charming neighborhoods and communities, including downtown's Gaslamp Quarter, Little Italy, Coronado, La Jolla, Del Mar, Carlsbad, Poway, Escondido, Hillcrest, and Point Loma, just to name a few.

San Diego is renowned for its idyllic climate, 70 miles of pristine beaches, and a dazzling array of world-class family attractions. Over 90 golf courses can be played year round. Popular attractions include the world-famous San Diego Zoo and Safari Park, SeaWorld, Legoland, and the Birch Aquarium. We are home to the San Diego Chargers, the San Diego Padres, and the United States Olympic Training Center. The county has ten military facilities, making us the second largest naval concentration in the United States. Our beautiful harbor showcases the US Midway aircraft carrier, a museum filled with education and history.

San Diego's arts, culture, and restaurants are booming. The hottest, new culinary talents prepare award-winning meals throughout the region's 6,400 eating establishments. Music abounds with our symphonies, opera, and national touring concerts. Balboa Park, the largest urban cultural park in the U.S., is home to 15 museums, numerous art galleries, beautiful gardens, the world-famous San Diego Zoo, and the Tony Award-winning Globe theatres.

EDUCATION LINKS

The vast majority of children of St. Bart's parishioners attend one of the 36 public schools (including five comprehensive high schools) in the distinguished, national award winning Poway Unified School District (www.powayusd.com).

There are two other school districts that are not far from St. Bart's, San Diego Unified (www.sandi.net) and Escondido Union (www.eusd.org).

San Diego is home to three major public research universities, the University of California at San Diego (www.ucsd.edu), San Diego State University (www.sdsu.edu), and California State, San Marcos (www.csusm.edu).

Two private universities, the University of San Diego (www.sandiego.edu) and Point Loma Nazarene (www.pointloma.edu) also draw students from San Diego. There are eight community colleges in our county.

San Diego is a leader in the nation for research facilities including the University of California Medical School (www.health.ucsd.edu), the Salk Institute (www.salk.edu), the Scripps Research Institute (www.scripps.edu), and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (www.sio.ucsd.edu).

COMMUNITY LINKS

San Diego North Chamber of Commerce	www.sdncc.com
Poway Chamber of Commerce	www.poway.com
San Diego Chamber of Commerce	www.sdchamber.org
San Diego Tourism Authority	www.sandiego.org

COMMUNITY OVERVIEWS

4S RANCH

Built on 2,900 acres, this rather new master-planned community gives the feeling of those family-friendly neighborhoods of the past. Surrounding the homes of 4S Ranch are neighborhood schools, a variety of parks, and miles of walking trails.

BLACK MOUNTAIN RANCH

The main community of Black Mountain Ranch sits on 893 acres and consists of two housing areas: Santaluz and Del Sur. This growing community features spacious parks with swimming pools, picnic areas, and tot lots. Over 60 percent of the 4,677-acres will remain untouched, dedicated open space.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH

Carmel Mountain Ranch is home to over 12,000 residents living in single family homes, apartments, and condominiums. The community also has two beautiful golf courses located on both sides of I-15.

ESCONDIDO

Escondido is a diverse community with a population of around 135,000. It features many restaurants, wineries, and wonderful shopping opportunities. The California Center for the Arts, Escondido also has an extensive offering of plays, musicals, and shows. Escondido has many golf courses and parks including the historical Kit Carson Park.

POWAY

The City of Poway was incorporated in 1980. Its nickname, the "City in the Country," still stands today. Surrounded by beautiful landscapes and 4,000 acres of open space, the City enjoys tremendous recreational areas including 66 miles of trails, 230 acres of developed parkland, and 22 parks for all to experience. Lake Poway is nestled against the hills with groves of eucalyptus and is a wonderful spot for fishing and boating. The Poway Performing Arts Center provides year-round entertainment and cultural events.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Nestled within a valley, about 7,000 acres house more than 45,000 residents in North County San Diego. Residents and visitors can choose from a selection of championship golf courses located in the community. Hiking and fishing opportunities are just moments away at both Lake Hodges and Lake Poway.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Rancho Peñasquitos lays claim to an area of approximately 10,000 acres including Black Mountain Regional Park, with just over half of the land being used for housing. Peñasquitos locals enjoy ample areas of parkland and open space, providing opportunities to bask in the beautiful San Diego weather.

SCRIPPS RANCH

Scripps Ranch has grown into a flourishing community. The Scripps Ranch Marketplace is the central point of the community with grocery stores, restaurants, and other small businesses. Miramar Lake, a popular walking and fishing spot, offers residents a serene place to relax in a beautiful setting.