



Good Samaritan Episcopal Church

San Jose, California

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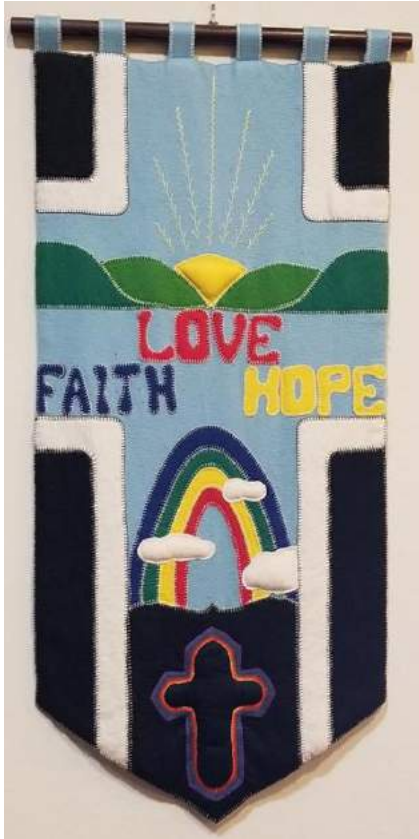


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MISSION STATEMENT

The work of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church is to connect with God and to become the hands and hearts of Jesus Christ in this world.



- We provide a non-discriminatory and non-judgmental place of worship for all.
- We seek to live out our baptismal vows to love and serve Christ.
- We respect the dignity of God's living creatures and creation.
- We welcome all newcomers.
- We extend our care to the needs of the community through outreach.
- We expand our knowledge to better serve others through Christian education.
- We provide nourishment and comfort for the soul through our liturgical practices.



Good Samaritan Episcopal Church strives to welcome all people who wish to worship God, seek spiritual growth, participate in a loving Christian community, and share Christ's message of justice, peace and love through outreach and service with joy and humility.

OUR NEW PART TIME PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Our discernment about the desired characteristics for our future Half-time Priest-in-Charge focused on two overarching aspects: **Who** they are, and **What** skills and experience we desire. Acknowledging this is a half-time position made this exercise challenging. The following is a brief list of the primary characteristics gleaned from a recent congregational survey.

Who

- Possesses a strong faith and spiritual life
- Able to lead in a positive, inclusive way
- Upbeat, thoughtful, energetic, loving, patient
- Caring and accessible
- Able to guide older congregation
- Someone to challenge us to open our minds and hearts to new ideas

What

- Fresh ideas to encourage outreach
- Sermons are Biblically-based and applied to real life
- Experience with pastoral care
- Tech Savvy / Embrace the technology
- Experience and ideas for growing a church



WHO WE WERE

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Jose, was formed in 2014, with the merger of Saint Edward the Confessor Episcopal Church and Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and is located on the site of Saint Edwards. Saint Edwards was established in 1957 and Holy Spirit, in 1988. Saint Edwards was a thriving congregation through the early 2000's. However, in 2009, Saint Edwards' spiritual direction and the church family fell into a deep divide resulting in the departure of the rector and well over half the congregation. The Reverend Tom Sramek was called to the challenging task of facilitating the healing of the remaining Saint Edwards congregation.

In January of 2013, Rev. Sramek, and The Reverend Mike Ferrito, Vicar of Holy Spirit, began discussions about merging the two congregations. The two congregations were mighty in spirit but relatively small in numbers. After several joint events between the two congregations, the merger came together seamlessly and Good Samaritan Episcopal Church held its first service on Sunday, January 4, 2014.

In the creation of Good Samaritan, both full-time priests were retained in anticipation of lay growth plotted out in a three-year plan. In hindsight, the growth plan was overly ambitious and in early 2016, the vestry facilitated congregation-wide conversations to understand the desired characteristics of a sole rector. The vestry prayerfully considered this information and called Rev. Ferrito to continue his ministry at Good Samaritan. During the same period, prayers were answered when Rev. Sramek was called to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Medford, Oregon. The unified congregation continues to gather and pray together under the Good Samaritan banner.

Rev. Ferrito retired in October 2019. On the First Sunday of November, our interim priest, the Reverend David Breuer, began his work with Good Samaritan. The goal was to have him serve until our new priest began. Then COVID hit. Rev. Breuer extended his stay with us until Easter 2021. Since then, we have been served by supply clergy.



WHO WE ARE

The congregation of Good Samaritan is comprised of approximately 25 members attending in person and an additional 20-25 virtual viewers for Sunday services. In a recent survey, members described the congregation as caring, welcoming, inclusive, dedicated and generous. One parishioner shared:

“I feel very comfortable and really appreciate the weekly healing service, which kept me from drowning when my husband had the stroke.”

Other comments included that “we are open to new ideas” and “committed to grow our congregation”.

Sharing parish life and hospitality are fundamental to our identity. The Sixth Rule of St. Benedict decrees that “all guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, who said ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed Me’.” We host a variety of social and fundraising events which offer fellowship opportunities, including sharing in educational activities, celebrating religious and secular holidays together, and including the community in special festivities. *Note: Some of the activities listed below are halted at present due to the pandemic. We look forward to resuming as many as possible when appropriate.*

Our Liturgy and Music

Good Samaritan Church has heartfelt Holy Eucharistic Rite II services at 10 am on Sunday mornings. We are accompanied weekly by our wonderful organist/pianist and our small, but mighty, praise band that participates on the 4th Sundays of the month. We enjoy incorporating a blend of traditional hymns and contemporary songs. We cherish our traditions and are open and welcoming to what lies ahead. Music lifts up our souls during each and every service.



Engaging With Our Community

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." John 13:31 - 35

Our outreach serves those who are in need of assistance; be it a helping hand or a safe space to congregate. Our outreach allows us to serve others as Christ serves us.

One member commented that our outreach activities "help the needy and show them the love of Christ". Our activities include:

- Funding and serving meals for 50 or more less fortunate community members at the HomeFirst Homeless Shelter
- Collecting surplus clothing and fundraising for the annual school supply drive at Santa Maria Urban Ministry (SMUM), serving vulnerable people from the inner-city community near downtown San Jose.
- Collecting Christmas gifts for the annual San Jose Family Shelter Giving Tree project so 40 children will have a blessed Christmas.



- Fundraising and joyfully participating in the Cambrian Cancer Relay for Life, including hosting an arts and crafts fair with many community artisans, and allowing us to join our community to fight this dreaded disease.
- Providing non-perishable food for the homeless through our on-campus Blessing Box food pantry. One grateful “customer” left a hand-written thank you note in the box, which brought home the importance of this ministry.
- For approximately three years, participating with other area churches, we hosted a month-long, all-day shelter for homeless women as part of the Village House rotating shelter program to help the working poor. After initially doubting our ability to do so, the blessings in return experienced by the volunteers were energizing and humbling.
- Westside Sunnymont Preschool utilizes our classrooms throughout the school year, comprising both an outreach ministry and a revenue producer.
- We offer a safe and healing place for five recovery groups (pre-pandemic we had well over 20 such groups!) and even a bonsai gardening club!
- Our services are web-streamed and posted on our website so all can see and share our spiritual experience. On Easter Sunday over 100 people signed on to our live-stream!

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In July 2021, we were blessed by the addition of the Young Nak Korean Presbyterian Church who lease our campus. Pastor Kim and their congregation have brought joy, acceptance and a true dedication to celebrating a love for God. We have enjoyed joint hospitality events and a work party that they initiated! We look forward to sharing and learning more in 2022.

Education and Fellowship

With God as our center, we host a variety of on-going educational opportunities geared towards adults, including:

- A weekly bible study and annual vestry retreat.
- A monthly book club for reading, discussion and sharing recommendations.
- A Lenten study series, typically offered after church in conjunction with a luncheon. This year, due to the beautiful weather, we were able to host the Lenten study during coffee hour, on our outdoor patio.
- Training and support for lay leaders to serve as lectors and acolytes.

Our social activities for the young include:

- A yearly pine car derby, including exciting car races, games and food has been more successful each year in bringing in entries from outside the church as well as from our own congregation.
- At Christmas, the church children perform in a charming Christmas Eve pageant.

- An Easter egg hunt we shared with the Young Nak children on Easter Sunday.

Our small congregation enjoys spending time together in fellowship, whether at coffee hour, sharing other special celebrations, or participating in a group outreach ministry. Our traditional celebrations include a 4th of July BBQ and Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons.



GROUNDS AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Buildings on our campus include the beautiful sanctuary, with its soaring stained glass window behind the altar, attached church offices, and the combined fellowship hall, kitchen and classroom building.



Between the two buildings are a paved courtyard and peaceful memorial rose garden. An outdoor play area adjoining the classroom building is utilized by the Sunnymont-Westside Preschool that leases the classrooms. We are blessed to have a steady income from Sprint and Verizon, that each lease space for telecommunications antennas on the grounds. One antenna is inside a cupola atop the sanctuary, and the other is disguised inside a very large white cross facing Union Avenue and visible for a good distance, including along adjacent Highway 85.

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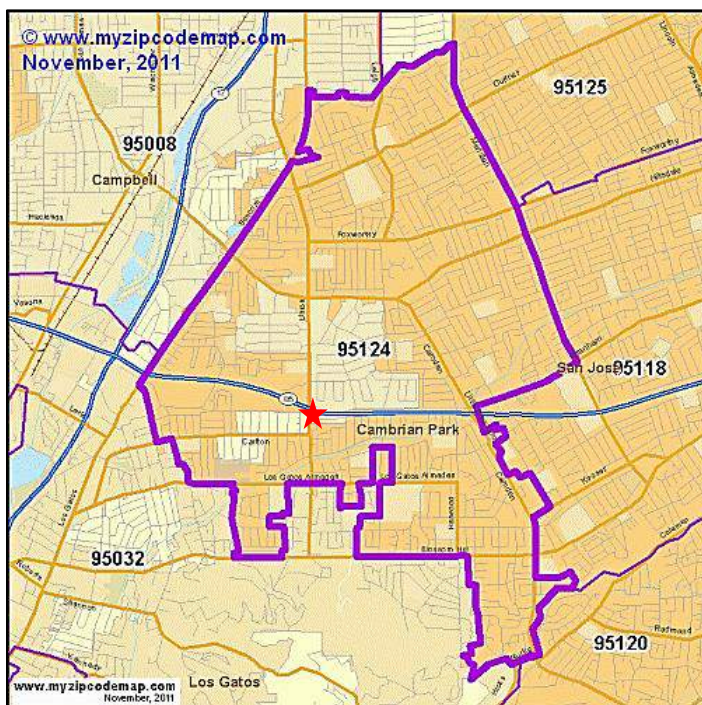
Good Samaritan owns two comfortable single-family houses located adjacent to the church along Ronda Drive. In 1992, then St. Edwards was financially blessed by the opportunity to sell a narrow strip of land to the State of California for Highway 85 right-of-way. The proceeds were used in large part to purchase the two houses and establish a community grant program for worthwhile charities and organizations in the surrounding community. 'The newly remodeled and updated Ronda Cottage contains three-bedrooms and one bath and is intended for use as a rectory. St. Joseph's House has four-bedrooms and two baths with an attached garage and functions as a rental property



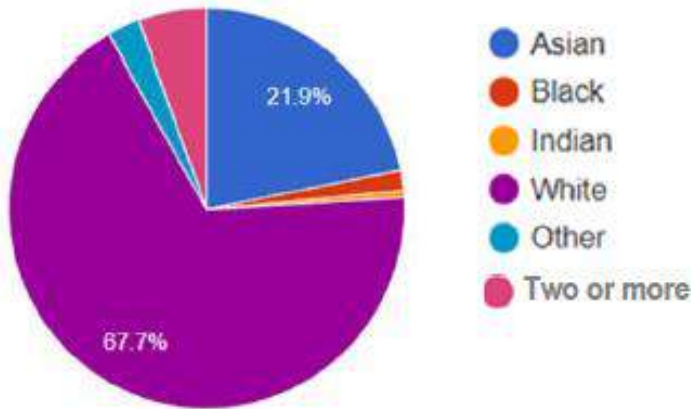
WHERE WE ARE

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, located on 1.75 acres, is located at the crossroads of Union Avenue and Highway 85 in the Cambrian Park area of southwest San Jose. See Appendix A for a campus map. The community surrounding Good Samaritan is predominantly residential in character, with established single-family neighborhoods built in the post-war era of the 1950's and later. Good Samaritan Hospital is located about a mile west of the church. Good Samaritan church is located in the attendance areas of Carlton Elementary and Union Middle schools in the Union School District, and Leigh High School, in the Campbell Union High School District.

2020 Demographic Data - Cambrian Park Area (Zip Code 95124)



- Median Age
 - Female: 41.1 yrs.
 - Male: 38.3 yrs.
- Annual Household Income: \$155,550
- Race Percentages



2022 Good Samaritan Congregation Demographic Data					
Gender	Male 50%			Female 50%	
Age Range	Under 50 8%	50 - 59 8%	60 - 69 30%	70 - 79 30%	80 + 24%
Annual Income	Under \$50k 8%	\$50 - 74k 15%	\$75 - 99k 31%	\$100 - 149k 15%	\$150k + 31%

Our median age of approximately 70 years considerably exceeds the community median. Similarly, our ethnic make-up is predominantly white, again, not representative of the more diverse Cambrian Park community. We see that as an opportunity for evangelism to grow our church.

A final note. Our weather here in the San Jose area, like most of California, has its own microclimates, but as a whole, it is a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and warm summers. And the beach is only a 30-minute drive away! (On a good day!)

APPENDICES

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1. How to Find Us

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San Jose, CA 95124
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<https://www.goodsamaritanchurch.com/>

2. Campus Map



3. 2022 Operating Budget

INCOME	COA	2022	Comments
Pledge	4010-001	\$75,024.00	
Plate	4010-002	250.00	
Special Donations	4010-003	-	
Christmas	4010-005	250.00	
Easter	4010-006	100.00	
		75,624.00	
Facilities	4020-001	15,840.00	\$1320 per month, 12 months
Sunnymont	4020-005	34,800.00	\$2900 per month
Sprint	4020-006	20,700.00	\$1725 per month
Verizon	4020-008	15,600.00	\$1300 per month
Market-Share	4020-009	3,600.00	\$300 per month
Parking Lot Usage	4020-010	-	Did not budget
Sanctuary Usage	4020-011	27,000.00	\$2250 per month
		117,540.00	
Escrip	4021-002	-	
Banking Interest	4510	-	
TOTAL INCOME		193,164.00	
EXPENSE			
Part-Time Rector	5056-000	20,000.00	\$40k per year, estimate 6 months
Supply Priest	5057	5,550.00	\$185 for 26 weeks
Supply Priest Mileage	5057-001	1,550.00	*added due to continue of SP
Supply Priest Extra Services	TBD	2,000.00	*added 2/24
SUBTOTAL		29,100.00	
Organist	5085-005	11,500.00	\$210 per weekend plus Christmas (a
SUBTOTAL		11,500.00	
Office Admin	5155	24,000.00	
Accounting	5157	4,000.00	
SUBTOTAL		28,000.00	
Payroll Taxes	5305	7,000.00	
Payroll Fees	5305-001	650.00	\$450 PR Renewal/\$8 a month
BrotherHood Mutual (WC)	5310-001	2,250.00	
SUBTOTAL		2,250.00	
Advertising	5412	250.00	
SUBTOTAL		250.00	
Bank Fees	5420-001	200.00	

INCOME	COA	2022	Comments
Checks	5420-005	100.00	
SUBTOTAL		100.00	
Paper Supplies	5430-001	600.00	
General Supplies	5430-002	300.00	
Postage/Mailing	5440	550.00	
SUBTOTAL		1,450.00	
3rd party audit	5490-001	500.00	
Membership/Fees	5490-002	100.00	
Workplace Materials	5490-003	100.00	
Subscriptions	5490-004	120.00	
SUBTOTAL		820.00	
Telephone	5517	600.00	Lowered phone bill, increased internet
Phone Lease	5517-2	775.00	
Online Services	5535	350.00	
Internet Access	5545	1,500.00	Lowered phone bill, increased internet
Website Expenses	5536	2,000.00	\$120 a month, plus extra for updates
SUBTOTAL		3,850.00	
Computer Software	5574	250.00	
Copier Maintenance	5583	2,500.00	monthly billing/maintenance
Copier Supplies	5584	1,750.00	ink/toner for machine
SUBTOTAL		4,500.00	
Property Tax Church	5610	8,000.00	\$4k for 21/22, \$4k for 22/23
Fire Permits/Inspections	5610-002	750.00	
SJ Out of Town Tax	5610-003	250.00	
Fire Equip Maintenance	5610-004	1,500.00	
SUBTOTAL		2,500.00	
Water	5645	11,000.00	*Did not change these
Gas	5655	6,500.00	
Electricity	5660	9,000.00	
Waste Removal	5665	5,800.00	
ADT Security	5675	900.00	
SUBTOTAL		33,200.00	
Janitorial Supplies	5710	1,250.00	
Janitorial Service	5710-001	8,400.00	increase to \$700 a month
Maintenance/Repairs	5740	5,000.00	
SUBTOTAL		14,650.00	

INCOME	COA	2022	Comments
Landscaping	5820	8,000.00	\$500 a month, plus extra for special
SUBTOTAL		8,000.00	
Insurance/Umbrella	5910	500.00	
Brotherhood Mutual (Property)	5920	7,500.00	
SUBTOTAL		8,000.00	
Music Supplies	6285	400.00	
Copyright	6287	350.00	
Music Instrument Repair	6290	500.00	
SUBTOTAL		1,250.00	
Fair Share minus church property tax	6310	19,316.40	10% of income below \$206k
SUBTOTAL		19,316.40	
Hospitality	6410	2,500.00	
Memorial Services	6430	500.00	
SUBTOTAL		3,000.00	
Altar Guild Flowers	6465	300.00	
Altar Guild Supplies	6480	300.00	
Worship Materials	6490	750.00	
SUBTOTAL		1,350.00	
Clergy Conference	6565-001	250.00	
Vestry Retreat	6565-002	400.00	
Diocesan Convention	6565-003	250.00	
SUBTOTAL		900.00	
Total Expense		191,211.40	
Surplus/Deficit		1,952.60	





4. Lay Leadership

Senior Warden	Janie Adams
Junior Warden	Chuck Adams
Vestry Clerk	Judi Snyder
Vestry	Harriet Erbes, Stan Ketchum, Godwin Roberts

Search Committee Chair	Stan Ketchum
Music Director	Stan Ketchum

5. Staff

Parish Administrator	Rachael Subia
Bookkeeper	Cassie Ames
Organist	Cecelia Lung

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