

## **Hispanic Ministry at St. Bede's**

We are a Christian community in the Anglican tradition. Our mission is to proclaim in words and deeds the Good News of Jesus Christ—that God has forgiven our sins, and wants to offer us a new world of justice, peace, and love.

We resemble the Roman Catholic Church in our beliefs and in the sacraments; however, we govern ourselves differently; For example, we are more democratic, sharing authority, and priests have the option of getting married.

St. Bede's Church offers a service in Spanish at 12:30, plus two bilingual services. We are an open, plural, inclusive and multicultural community, with the presence of people from different Latin American countries: Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and other Latin American countries. Also many members of the English-speaking congregation actively participate in our Holy Eucharist in Spanish, offering us their support and solidarity, showing that we are a multicultural and multinational Church. At the end of each service we share a snack and we take advantage of that time to socialize as a family and get to know each other better.

Our Church celebrates the following sacraments and other activities:

- Baptism
- Solemn Communion ("First Communion")
- Confirmation
- Marriage
- Reception to the Episcopal Church, among others, and
- Quinceañeras.

We also have Bible reflection groups, and soon we will offer community service forums, especially on the following topics:

- Peace in the family
- Immigration challenges
- The DACA program. We offer orientation and assistance workshops to help young people use this program.

Which is to say, we make available to the general public our resources, both human and logistic, in order to serve the Hispanic community.

We offer preparation classes for the sacraments, for children and adults, and for the celebration of Quinceañera, every Sunday after the Holy Eucharist, or according to our programming.

The first Sunday of each month we hold a potluck, where each member or family brings their own dish from their home to share it. It is a moment of entertaining, socializing, and partying, but also an intimate space where we feel part of one other.

Our clergy are always available to respond to situations or pastoral needs, whether from our church offices, visiting their homes, hospitals or any rehabilitation center or elderly in the city.

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