



# St. Barnabas of the Valley Episcopal Church

Parish Profile 2025

❁ 110 W North Street, Cortez, CO 81321 ❁





# Our Invitation:

St. Barnabas of the Valley Church is in search of our next rector. We are a small, rural parish in Cortez, Colorado, a small city of 9,000 residents, located in the historic Four Corners area of the state. We serve a community of diverse members across a spectrum of backgrounds, and consider ourselves a caring and involved congregation.

Our Spanish Mission-style building is home to our beautiful organ, and our courtyard hosts friends and families.

Grace's Kitchen is our most significant outreach ministry to community members in need. For 26 years, this volunteer service has provided free take-out lunches, 3 days each week, to anyone who is hungry. With an increase in Cortez's unhoused population, the numbers served by Grace's Kitchen have grown. For the first four months of 2025, Grace's served 5,449 total meals. Our work is mighty, and we seek to love and serve God through our service.

We look forward to spending time with you in your search, and whether you are called here or elsewhere, we thank you for your interest in our parish and this beautiful corner of the world.

**-The People of St Barnabas of the Valley Church**





# ❁ Exploration ❁❁

We are keenly interested in exploring new, entrepreneurial ministry options, such as service-based spiritual care, and education. Recognizing that we need to meet and connect with people where they are, we seek to engage differently with giving and nonprofit support (we are heavily involved in Montezuma Youth Pride, a church and community partnership offering supportive programming for LGBTQIA+ youth).

Financially, we have healthy fundraising endeavors, due in large part to the community's work to support Grace's Kitchen. We were given a large endowment some years ago, and we seek to frugally manage and utilize it to sustain our parish, prioritizing stewardship for future generations and the parish's legacy.

Technologically, we're seeking to extend and expand our reach in the community through Zoom-based services, while also improving the experience for those in-person at Sunday services. We recognize the benefits of bridging our values with advances that would serve our church better.



# Our Vision:

Our patron saint was known for his generosity, faithfulness, and encouraging nature.

Along these lines, we recognize that our parish needs encouragement. Our hope is to reinforce our areas of strength while also exploring future possibilities that would expand our capabilities within our community.

We seek a rector who will follow in St Barnabas's footsteps by encouraging our membership through liturgical worship and inclusive belonging. Our passion to serve the hungry in Grace's Kitchen requires staff advocacy and steady leadership.

Working with the greater community for the betterment of all is vital.

Our demographics currently underrepresent youth, young adults, and minorities, and we would like to prioritize the message that all are welcome here. Our goal is to reinforce our current offerings, begin new ministry options, and expand into the community with service-based care.

We seek a rector who embodies empathy and humor while cultivating connections between parishioners and the community. We yearn for sermons that reflect the current world, and we desire support in our multifaceted ministries.







# What We Do Here:

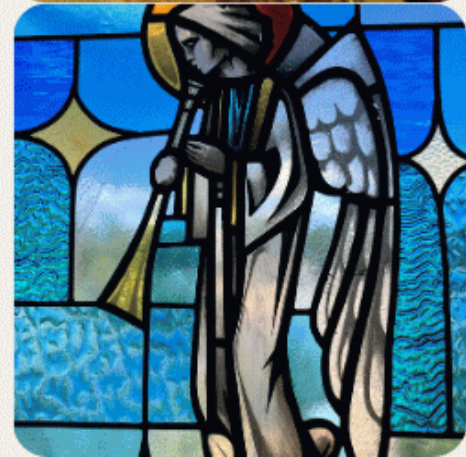
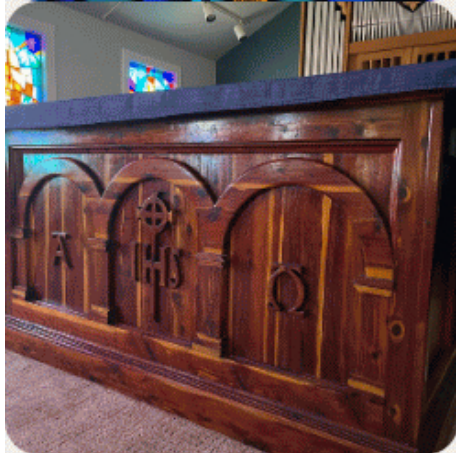
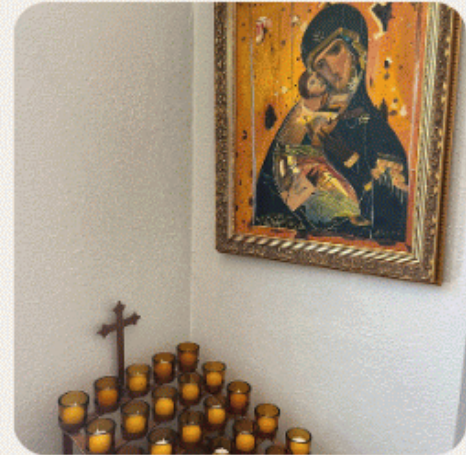
- Sunday Services: 10-11:15 am
- Grace's Kitchen: offering over 100 meals a day, 3 times a week.
- Sunday Social Hour
- Thanksgiving Take-Out Meal
- Soups of Cortez
- Traditional Feast Days
- Pet Blessings
- Collaborations with other community churches
- Youth Program
- Fundraising for food pantry, emergency shelter, community, etc.
- The Encouragers: provide and coordinate outreach, meals, rides, visits, and other forms of support as needed.
- Montezuma Youth Pride
- Art and Beautification Committee
- Lay Eucharistic Ministry
- Women's Luncheon Group
- Study Groups
- Book Club
- Practicing Musicians
- AA and NA meetings
- Street Medicine
- Altar Guild
- Art Gallery
- Newsletter







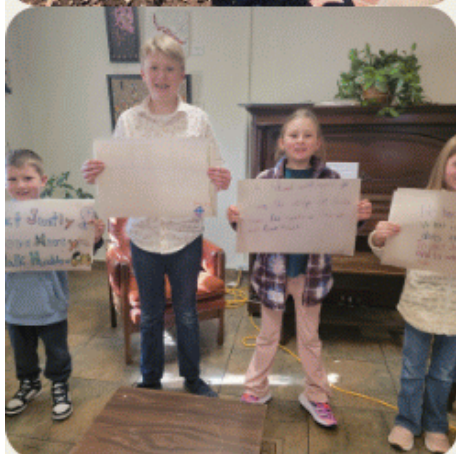
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# Details of Position:

St. Barnabas of the Valley

Phone: 970-565-7865

110 W North Street, Cortez, CO 81321 Website: [stbarnabascortez.org](http://stbarnabascortez.org)

Position Title: Rector or Priest in Charge

Receiving Names Until: Filled

Average Sunday Attendance: 30-40

Number of weekend services: 1

Number of weekday services: 0

Compensation:

Cash Stipend for New Position: \$78,542 - \$80,000

Housing Provided? No.

(% of stipend is tax-deductible for housing allowance)

Utilities: Reimbursement for cell phone and home internet (negotiable)

Pension: 18% of stipend

Healthcare: clergy - 100% clergy +1 - 85% family - 75%

Vacation Days: 26 workdays + four Sundays

Continuing Ed: budget - \$1500 per year

Sabbatical Provision: Yes

Ministry Expense Reimbursement: Car/transportation on church business; expenses for clergy conference and diocesan convention;

\$500 for hospitality reimbursement

Moving Expense Allowance: Not offered

History of past 3 priests:

1. Rev. Douglas Bleyle, Priest in Charge, Rector (2019-2025)

2. Rev. Leigh Waggoner, Rector (2011-2018)

3. Rev. Erika Meyer, Rector (2002-2009)

