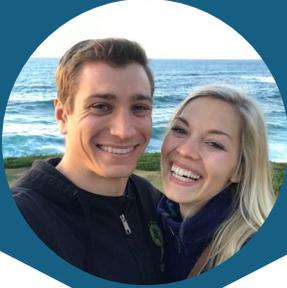


Amy and Brian A'Hearn

- Parishioners at St. B's—Amy: 3 years; Brian: 5 years
- Lead music at 5:30 pm Sunday Mass
- Amy: Music and voice teacher; Brian: Software engineer
- Married— 4 months; married in December 2018 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception



What brought you to St. B's? Why do you stay?

A: I began in music ministry at St. B's and found the young adult community shortly after.

B: A friend introduced me to the young adult community. We stay because the people who make up Saint Brigid's community are full of the Holy Spirit. We have found mentors in the parish and friends to walk with us in faith.



Beach love in La Jolla

What spiritual experiences have influenced your faith journey?

A: I love to go to adoration where I know God is slowly replacing my heart with His. Sometimes I find myself at the Mary, Star of the Sea adoration chapel in the middle of my work day. **B:** In high school and college I really began to experience Jesus' love and the importance of community on student-led retreats (Kairos and Koinonia). Around this time, I began to sing praise and worship music for Eucharistic adoration. After finding St. B's, the weekly bible study with the young adult group kept my faith alive and active.



Wedding Day

Who has influenced your faith journey?

A: I grew up in a big Catholic family but came to know Jesus more personally after watching the Wild Goose is Loose video series. During adoration I experienced the warmth of Jesus' generous love and the depth of His desire for me. Soon after I attended a diocesan young adult retreat and during the Sacrament of Reconciliation received the powerful grace of forgiveness and healing.

B: I grew up learning about my faith from my family and the Legionaries of Christ who inspired me to strive for holiness and to love God and others. In college I met a FOCUS missionary who asked me if I had a personal relationship with Jesus; this was a significant moment for me, and I began to see Christianity as primarily a relationship with Jesus.



Honeymoon in Kauai

How have you been growing in faith lately?

We just began reading *The Bible in a Year*—a book by the Augustine Institute that breaks up the Bible into daily readings and reflections. We are getting to know God better through His written word and are daily inviting Him to come alive inside of us.

What is your favorite type of prayer?

A: Contemplative prayer, charismatic worship, nightWATCH, and healing prayer. **B:** I like to hear/play music that lifts my mind and heart to God. I also like to sit in silence in adoration and have a conversation with Jesus.