

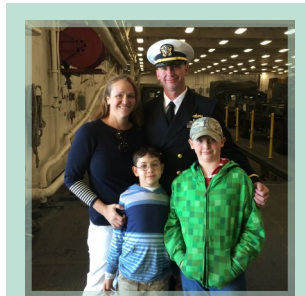
## Jenn Spicer

- Cradle Catholic
- Parishioner at St. B's—4 years
- Married to Brent—14 years
- 2 Kids—Brady (11) and Ben (10)
- Military family—lived in Virginia, South Carolina, Japan, and now San Diego



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

When we lived in South Carolina, we were not involved in our parish community; however, when we moved to Japan we found community in our parish Church. So when we moved to San Diego, finding a parish community was important to me. And although attending the Catholic Church on the base in Coronado was an option, we instead found St. B's, which was close to home and more convenient for us to attend other parish events. St. B's has a great community, and I feel lucky to live close by.



Homecoming—Dec 2015

### Who has influenced your faith journey?

Father Denis was my parish priest while growing up in Ohio. He was originally from Uganda (like Fr. Sebastian) and always made things so relatable to me. He married us and baptized both of our boys.

### How have you been growing in faith lately?

At a parish mission given a few years back, Fr. John Amsberry talked about making God #1 in his book *More of You Through Prayer*. During the past year I was working through some things and made a decision to incorporate more prayer into my life. To do that, I took time away from activities like watching tv or listening to the radio while driving.

### What is your favorite type of prayer?

The rosary—although this type of prayer has always been important to me, my relationship has changed with Mother Mary now that I have kids. I can better relate to her as a mother and what she must have gone through watching her Son on the cross. I also say the guardian angel prayer over my boys in the morning before they wake up.

### What are your gifts? How do you share them?

Compassion and empathy help me put myself in another person's shoes to meet them where they are at and to treat them with kindness.

### How do you show God's love through service?

In different ways—prior to kids, I was a registered nurse but took time off to raise a family. With the military I've been an Ombudsman—someone who serves as a liaison between families and command. My boys are in Cub Scouts, and I am their den leader and a committee chair that helps plan fun activities. Scouts allows my family to learn about service and serve together. At St. B's I'm the 5th grade catechist and also help with Children's Liturgy; both of these have taught me so much. Our Scout pack also provides hospitality after the Sunday Masses quarterly; this is a great way to bridge Scouts and the Church and to give back.



Alpha project w/ Scouts