

Calling all mask-makers: Join St. Veronica's Guild!

Are you making or distributing masks? Are you wondering where to get masks for yourself, your family and friends, your congregation, or the shelter in your town? Have you realized you aren't going to use up all those cotton prints, ribbons and packages of elastic you've been saving for years? Are you a non-sewer looking for a way to help with the huge need for personal protective equipment?

Recently, the Ven. Canon Nina Pickerrell of Grace Cathedral and Barbara Bisel of St. Stephen's, Orinda, were featured in diocesan and Grace Cathedral articles about their mask-making projects. As a result, sewers and non-sewers have been asking how they can get involved as well. We suspect there are many more of you out there already participating in this ministry or wishing there was a way to get connected even if you don't sew.

So, Nina and Melissa Ridlon, a mask-maker at Santiago/St. James in Oakland, are inviting you to join a newly-formed virtual guild of mask-makers in DioCal. We hope to share stories, needs, patterns, materials, challenges and successes. We want to invite you into a community of prayer and intentionality. We want to ensure that everyone who wants a mask has one!

Why St. Veronica? This was the woman who held out a towel to Jesus to wipe the blood and sweat from his face as he was being led to the cross. She showed us a simple, probably spontaneous, way to comfort, and even shelter, another person in a time of fear and anxiety.

Link: Visit the ["St. Veronica's Guild of Mask Makers" facebook page](#)

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