

# Saint Bartholomew Parish

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*We saw his star in the East  
and have come to worship Him*

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## OFFICE HOURS:

Closed on Mondays  
Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm  
Office closed for lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Weekends: Saturday: 4:30pm-6:30pm,  
Sunday: 10:15am-2:30pm

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:30am  
Saturday 9:00am

## CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm-4:45pm or by appointment

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK/SHUT-IN

Call parish office for appointment

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you attend the Mass here, register at the church office and use the Sunday envelopes. Registration forms are available in the parish office and website. Please let the office know if you are moving out of the parish.

## MARRIAGE

Contact the parish priest one year in advance. Please do not book the time and place of the wedding and reception before your appointment with the priest.

## BAPTISM

**(Last Sunday of the month @2:30pm)**

Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments. The information package is available at the parish office.



**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

We have come from the East to pay homage to the King.

**REFLECTION:**

### Becoming a Star

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principle episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

St. Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.”

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather

strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:**

I greet you all a blessed and grace-filled time/moment as we all welcome the new calendar/fiscal year. It's indeed a challenging year that passed and with certainty, we will continue to journey with the challenges that were brought about by COVID19. I am confident that we the people of God will continue to embrace the challenges with fervent faith, hope, and above all LOVE.

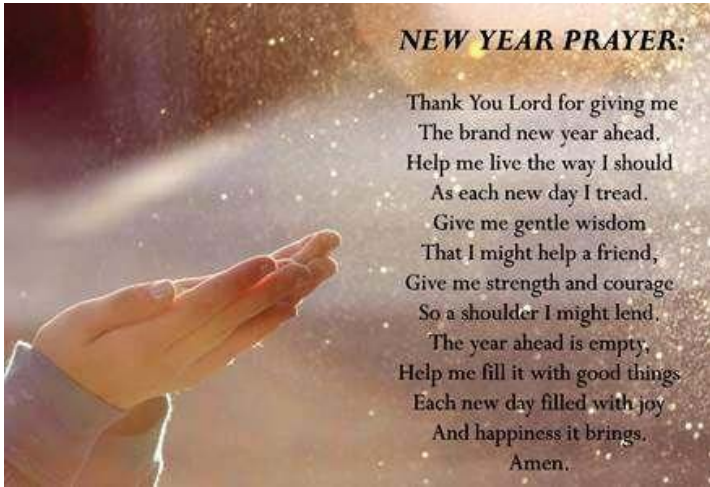
As we begin another year allow me to thank you all for your generous donation that helped us tremendously. You made it possible for the church to continue its operation.

I thank all the volunteers that assisted in making our parish a place that is welcoming and safe for everyone who comes to worship.

I would also like to thank those who include me in their prayers. We are all on this together. Let us keep our faith alive, our hope resolute and show our love into our daily life for through the "Epiphany of Our Lord" becomes a being & reality. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

**FR. FERNAN SERRANO**

**If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. -FZS**



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Fr. Fernan Serrano



**Sunday JANUARY 3, 2021**  
 9:30 am FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
 ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH COMMUNITY

11:15 am MANUEL & MATILDE TAN (†)  
 1:00 pm PRISCILLA PINTO (†)

**Monday JANUARY 4, 2021**  
 WHOLE DAY PASTOR'S REST DAY

**Wednesday JANUARY 6, 2021**  
 8:30 am BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR  
 DONNA ALMENDARES

### BURNING THIS WEEK:

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:**  
 FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW  
 PARISHIONERS

Fr. Serrano celebrates the Holy Mass daily in private. If you wish to offer a Mass Intention just email us. Donation will be appreciated.

## COVID-19 Update

We're still here for you



Our email and phones are being monitored. E-mail remains the fastest way to connect with us. Just leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours. Let us continue to stay safe and pray for one another.



In order for your donation to be reflected on your 2020 tax receipt they must be in by **December 27, 2020**. Donations after this date will be in your 2021 tax receipt.



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