

# Saint Bartholomew Parish

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*Christ is Risen!*

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## OFFICE HOURS:

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm

Office closed for lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am, 11:15am

## 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: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34A,37-43**  
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

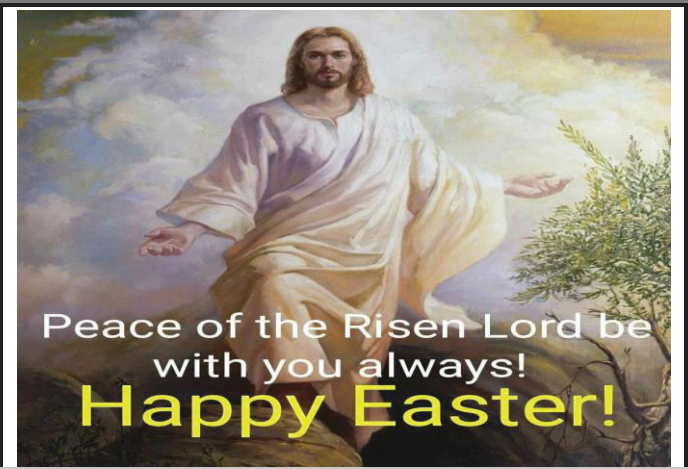
**Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS**  
Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

**Gospel: JOHN 20:1-9**  
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



**Saturday**                    **APRIL 16, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**                    **FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF**  
   **ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS**

**Sunday**                    **APRIL 17, 2022**  
**9:30 AM & 11:15 AM**  
   **FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF**  
   **ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS**

**Monday**                    **APRIL 18, 2022**  
**8:30 am**                    **FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF**  
   **PARISH VOLUNTEERS, STAFFS & MINISTRIES**

**Tuesday**                    **APRIL 19, 2022**  
**8:30 AM**                    **ANGEL SEVILLA (†)**

**Wednesday**              **APRIL 20, 2022**  
**8:30 AM**                    **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF**  
   **DORIS AU**

**Thursday**                 **APRIL 21, 2022**  
**8:30 AM**                    **DECEASED MEMBERS OF**  
   **BENITEZ-HART FAMILIES**

**Friday**                    **APRIL 22, 2022**  
**8:30 AM**                    **WILFREDA BERCASIO (†)**

**BURNING THIS WEEK:**  
**SANCTUARY LAMP:**  
**96<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF LUNINGNING BERNARDINO**  
**TABERNACLE:**  
**THANKSGIVING OF REYPOOLI & MARIANNE REYES**



*From the Pastor's Desk*



Peace and Easter blessings be upon all of you.

The Lord appeared to His disciples after His resurrection and greeted them, saying, "Peace be to you." Many times in Sacred Scripture our blessed Lord offers His peace. So it is in our lives, the Lord Jesus stands in our midst and says, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."**

The challenges experienced through the past years and months as the world events will be far-reaching: the heavy toll of that brought by the pandemic itself on those who experience its effects, the loss of human lives, the suffering borne by families and communities throughout the world.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, one might ask if this is the appropriate time in the midst of the ongoing global crisis to proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen. Those who first witnessed the resurrection offer a response that is timely—those who go to the tomb are burdened with disappointment and grief having witnessed His sacrificial death and encountered the Risen Christ Jesus who says to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.") Jesus' response to those who encountered Him on that glorious morn of His resurrection resounds for us today. As we face the many challenges brought by the crisis we are experiencing, we are assured not to be afraid and we are called to proclaim Jesus as the Risen Lord in whom our faith is placed.

At the beginning of the celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass, the light of the Paschal Candle is processed into a darkened Church which then quickly becomes bathed in light as the candles people hold are lit from that one flame. We must not forget this Easter symbol of the risen Christ. The Paschal Candle continues to represent the light of Christ which dispels the darkness and the resurrection of Christ which

overcomes sin and death. Our belief in the resurrection is the light of faith that can bring joy and hope amid despair.

May the spirit of Easter will be for all of us, an unsettling and challenging time to celebrate and witness the joy and hope that is so central to this solemn feast. Let us recognize in these times the blessings, graces, and consolations of God which may have been hidden from view in the usual routines of life. With eyes of faith, we see our life experiences as occasions that can draw us closer to God.

This year we officially launched our preparation for the Jubilee Year of St. Bartholomew Parish as we are looking forward with great anticipation to the 50 years of celebration of God's love among us in our faith community and may the intercession of our patron and guide – Saint Bartholomew the Apostle be with us always.

I would like to thank those who already have given their pledges for the Heritage Wall. May God bless you and your family.



**HAPPY EASTER**

**Our office will be closed on  
April 14, 2022 (Holy Thursday)  
until April 18, 2022 (Easter  
Monday)**

**We will reopen on  
April 19, 2022 (Tuesday)**

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





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