

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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Oh Come Let us Adore Him

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am-12:30pm &
1:30pm - 4:00pm
Closed for: Lunch (12:30pm-1:30pm)
Weekends & Mondays
Last appointment 3:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSION: 15 minutes before and after each Mass or by appointment on weekdays.

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

Call or email 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: Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

These programs normally run from September-May. Information Session takes place a week after the school opens in September (schedules are subject to changes). We only give one information session in a year. Dates are provided to the parish schools in the newsletter and also posted on our website, bulletin, bulletin boards and pastor's announcements as early as June. **PARENTS** must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and actively attend the Sacraments.



First Reading:
2 SAMUEL 7:1-5,8B-12,14A,16

The Lord promises David that He will raise from his descendents a kingdom that will endure forever.

Second Reading: ROMANS 16:25-27

Paul praises God for making His revelation known.

Gospel: LUKE 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

Gather together your family and talk about what you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ's birth. Read today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Consider the question: What enabled Mary to

say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God's grace in your life? Conclude in prayer together that God's grace will enable your family to be more faithful and obedient to God. Pray together the Magnificat.

Today's Advent Prayer
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of the Angels, you spoke your word to Mary and hoped she would receive you. As you call to us, help us to hear you and welcome you into the most unlikely moments that they might be places of grace. Help us to give ourselves over to you, so this Christmas season is one where your will may be done in and through us.
Amen.

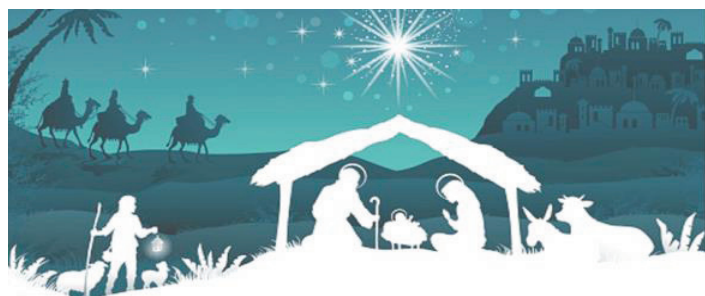
Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	DECEMBER 23, 2023
9:00 AM	RAFAEL DE LEON (†) MARGARITA PINLAC (†) SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF TAMARA SYLVAN
5:00 PM	DAVID MARTINEZ (†)
Sunday	DECEMBER 24, 2023
9:30 AM, 11:15AM, 5:00PM & 10:00PM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
Monday	DECEMBER 25, 2023
9:30AM & 11:15AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
Tuesday	DECEMBER 26, 2023
8:30AM	IRENEO NERY (†)
Wednesday	DECEMBER 27, 2023
8:30AM	EDUARDO FERNANDES (†)
Thursday	DECEMBER 28, 2023
8:30AM	CARMELA CERRUTO (†)
Friday	DECEMBER 29, 2023
8:30AM	DECEASED LAM FAMILY (†)

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1. To ensure that your donation will be included for 2023 all donations must be in by December 17, 2023. Donations after this date will be in your 2024 tax receipts regardless of the date on the envelope and/or cheque.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2023-2024

No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2024

DECEMBER 26, 2023 (TUESDAY)

BOXING DAY 10am

DECEMBER 30, 2023 (SATURDAY)

9am & 5pm

DECEMBER 31, 2023 (SUNDAY)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

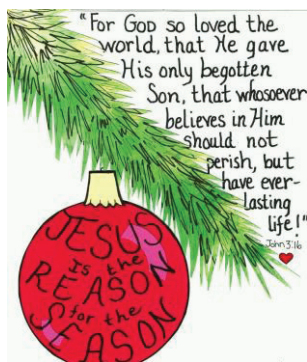
9:30am, 11:15am & 5pm

JANUARY 1, 2024 (MONDAY)

NEW YEAR'S DAY 10am

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed on: Dec 22, 25, 26, 29 & January 1, 2024.



From the Pastor's Desk



I am very happy to wish you all my **Prayerful Greetings** as we enter the Christmas Season. The story of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ is a reminder to us all that God came to live among us, to be close to us, and to save us from our sins. Jesus gave us Himself as a gift to us. It is a story that still rings true today.

He is close to us because he lives in our hearts where he continues to be a gift to us through His divine presence in each one of us and in our communion.


As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors.

I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help.

Heartfelt gratitude goes to all members of parish ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment.

I hope and pray that you will have a blessed celebration of the Christmas and welcome the New Year with renewed faith, hope and faith.

Fr. Fernan Serrano

	<p>PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE</p> <p>O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvelously brought to our ears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR</p> <p>O GLORIOUS SAINT FAITHFUL IMITATOR OF JESUS CHRIST MARTYR IN WILL AND IN REALITY, SO FULL OF CHARITY, ZEAL, LOVE, AND PURITY, DEIGN TO INTERCEDE FOR US POOR EXILES: YOU WHO ARE SO HIGH IN THE FAVOR OF GOD, WE DO ENTREAT YOU TO PROCURE FOR US A LITTLE SPARK OF THAT DIVINE LOVE WHICH ANIMATED YOUR HEART THAT WE TOO ONE DAY MAY HAVE THE HAPPINESS OF SEEING OUR GOD FACE TO FACE AMEN.</p> 
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Commemoration of the Holy Innocents



We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims. By your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



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