



SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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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.

DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



**First Reading: GENESIS 15:1-6; 21:1-3
(OR THE FIRST READING FROM CYCLE A:
SIRACH 3:2-7,12-14)**

God fulfills His promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

**Second Reading: HEBREWS 11:8,11-12,17-19
(OR THE SECOND READING FROM CYCLE A:
COLOSSIANS 3:12-21)**

Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

**Gospel: LUKE 2:22-40 (OR SHORTER FORM:
LUKE 2:22,39-40)**

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke

2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.



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| Saturday | DECEMBER 30, 2023 |
| 9:00 AM | PABLO & AVELINA SERRANO (†) DECEASED FERNANDES FAMILY (†) DECEASED SOUSA FAMILY (†) |
| 5:00 PM | SARA FERNANDES (†) |
| Sunday | DECEMBER 31, 2023 |
| | 9:30 AM, 11:15AM, 5:00PM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS |
| Monday | JANUARY 1, 2024 |
| | 10:00AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS |
| Tuesday | JANUARY 2, 2024 |
| 8:30AM | =AVAILABLE= |
| Wednesday | JANUARY 3, 2024 |
| 8:30AM | SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF LUZ ALMENDARES |
| Thursday | JANUARY 4, 2024 |
| 8:30AM | SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF MARIA CAYABYAB & FAMILY |
| Friday | JANUARY 5, 2024 |
| 8:30AM | MARINA HO (†) |
| BURNING THIS WEEK: | |
| SANCTUARY LAMP: BEN & PRISCILLA PINTO (†) | |

Best wishes to everyone,
so that in the new year,
humanity might progress
on the path of fraternity,
justice and peace.

Franciscus

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR **SCHEDULE 2023-2024**

No Confession will be heard on
January 1, 2024

JANUARY 1, 2024 (MONDAY)
NEW YEAR'S DAY 10am

OFFICE SCHEDULE:
Closed on: January 1, 2024

Prayer to the Holy Family
Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, did consecrate domestic life by Your ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.



2024 Offertory Envelopes

Reminders:

1. Do not use your envelopes from previous years, please destroy them.
2. **Fill in your name and address on each envelope for the first month when you start using your 2024 box of envelopes.**
3. The number on your box of envelopes is designated for your use only.
4. Please do not give your envelopes to anyone else outside of your household.
5. If you wish to have a 2024 donation box please fill out a registration form and drop by the office for your donation box.
5. Unclaimed 2024 donation envelopes by February will be reassigned.

From the Pastor's Desk



O God, your days are without beginning and without end. We dedicate this coming year to you. Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us, and make us abound in doing whatever is pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
[Source: Mozarabic Collect for New Year]

May the Lord give you His peace!
Happy New Year!! For us as Catholics we already celebrated our new Church year on the first day of Advent. This new calendar year, however, gives us yet another opportunity to give thanks for all of the ways that God has blessed us in this past year and to look forward with hope to all of the blessings to come. In the spirit of gratitude, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who made this year's celebration of Christmas such a joyful and meaningful experience. All of God's blessings upon you in this New Year!!

Fr. Fernan Serrano

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



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