

# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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## ADVENT

**Pastor:** Rev. Father Fernan Serrano **Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Gerry Cruz

**Parish Secretary:** Marichu Alo ext 201 **Parish Custodian:** Angelito Flauta

### 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: MICAH 5 : 1-4**

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10**

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45**

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

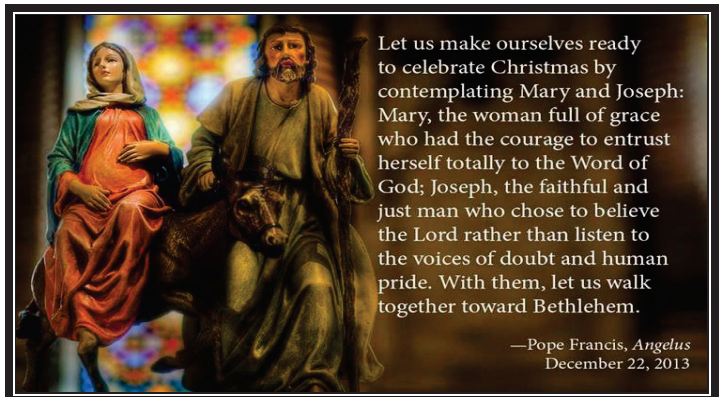
In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Mary traveled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth's pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen. Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord because her unborn child, John the Baptist, leapt at the sound of Mary's greeting. Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God's action in our lives. We pray that our family can be this for one another.

As you gather as a family, work together on a word search or hidden-picture puzzle. Help one another until everyone has found each of the words or pictures in the puzzle. Talk about this experience, noticing how some people found words or pictures more easily than others and how easy it was to see the word or picture once someone else pointed it out. Observe that sometimes we need the help of others to recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-45. Ask: What did Elizabeth recognize about Mary?

(that she was to be the mother of Jesus, the Lord) How did Elizabeth know this? (Her baby, John the Baptist, leapt with joy at Mary's greeting) Pray together that as we share our faith together as a family, we may help one another recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Pray together the Hail Mary.

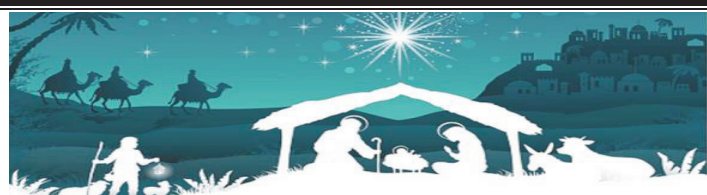


- Saturday DECEMBER 21, 2024**  
 9:00 AM - GIOVANNI MICHELE PRIORIELLO (†)  
 - BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR FRANCESCA NERY  
 - TIM CHEUNG(†)  
 - ALEJANDRO CAOITAN (†)  
 5:00PM -DAVID MARTINEZ (†)
- Sunday DECEMBER 22, 2024**  
 9:30 AM - FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS  
 11:15AM FRANCES LAI (†)
- Monday DECEMBER 23, 2024**  
 8:30AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS
- Tuesday DECEMBER 24, 2024**  
 5:00PM & 10PM  
 FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
- Wednesday DECEMBER 25, 2024**  
 9:30AM & 11:15AM  
 FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
- Thursday DECEMBER 26, 2024**  
 8:30 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
- Friday DECEMBER 27, 2024**  
 8:30 AM IRENEO NERY JR. (†)
- BURNING THIS WEEK:**  
 SANCTUARY LAMP: REPOE OF THE SOUL OF ALEJANDRO CAOITAN



Let us make ourselves ready to celebrate Christmas by contemplating Mary and Joseph: Mary, the woman full of grace who had the courage to entrust herself totally to the Word of God; Joseph, the faithful and just man who chose to believe the Lord rather than listen to the voices of doubt and human pride. With them, let us walk together toward Bethlehem.

—Pope Francis, *Angelus* December 22, 2013



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

**No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1, 2025**

**DECEMBER 23, 2024 (MONDAY)**  
8:30am

**DECEMBER 24, 2024 (TUESDAY) CHRISTMAS EVE**  
No Morning Mass 5:00pm (CHILDREN PAGEANT-CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS)

10pm MASS DURING THE NIGHT

**DECEMBER 25, 2024 (WEDNESDAY) CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9:30am & 11:15am

**DECEMBER 26-27, 2024 (THURSDAY)**  
8:30am

**DECEMBER 28, 2024 (SATURDAY)**  
9am & 5pm

**DECEMBER 30, 2024 (MONDAY)**  
8:30am-Thanksgiving for Pablo and Avelina Serrano Sr.

**DECEMBER 31, 2024 (TUESDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
No Morning Mass 5pm

**JANUARY 1, 2024 (WEDNESDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
9:30 & 11:15am

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Closed on: Dec 23 to January 1, 2024.**



If you want your donation to be in the **2019 tax receipt**, the donation or cheques must be in by **December 29**. **Post-dated cheques that were issued after the said date will be on the 2024 tax receipt.** Tax receipts will be available **1<sup>st</sup> week of February 2020** in the lobby. ***IF YOU HAVE***

**A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER.**

*From the Pastor's Desk*



*As we welcome another year to celebrate our faith and community to serve one another for the greater glory of God, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support to the parish.*

*A year ago our parish celebrated the 50th consecration of the parish. This year we are called to join the Church to celebrate Jubilee that calls us all to draw closer to Christ and strive to proclaim the Gospel with our lives.*

*It's an exciting year ahead of us as we continue to look forward to building the parish pastoral hall, a space to enrich and grow spiritually in the service of our parish community and beyond.*

*The events last weekend were a success namely:*

- Pastoral visit of the Bishop,
- Pre-Christmas Party,
- Lessons & Carols &
- Rite of Enrolment of the young children of the parish for the sacraments.

*We are honoured with the presence of **MPP Raymond Cho & MP Shaun Chen & Bishop Vincent Nguyen** during our Pre-Christmas Party.*

*I would like to thank::*

- **Mrs. Monina Lim-Serrano** for assisting me in inviting the dignitaries.
- All the **friends of the parish, guests, the parishioners, dance groups (L'DLEL & BFNE), ushers, emcees, families** of the children and who will be receiving the Sacraments, **staffs** and our **parish volunteers** for being essential part of our parish community
- **Andrew Kwan & Sheilah D'Souza & choir members** for leading the Lessons & Carols

*Your generous contributions of your time & talent are much appreciated.*

*May the days to come be filled with blessings and deepened spirit of discipleship and stewardship.*

*For you I am your pastor, with you I am your fellow pilgrim*

*Rev. Fr. Fernan Serrano*

**Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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