

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

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 pr ograms 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: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22,24-28 (THE FIRST READING FROM CYCLE A MAY ALSO BE CHOSEN, SIRACH 3:2-6,12-14.)

Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2,21-24 (THE SECOND READING FROM CYCLE A MAY ALSO BE CHOSEN, COLOSSIANS 3:12-21)
We are God's children now.

GOSPEL: <u>LUKE 2:41-52</u>

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

REFLECTIONS

As parents, relatives, teachers, guardians, and friends of children we are, and rightfully should be, concerned for their well-being. We are to protect and teach them, nurture and nourish their lives, ensure their health and safety. We all need someone to guide and guard our growing up. Growing up is hard work.

Growing up means establishing our identity and figuring out our place in this world. It involves creating relationships, setting priorities, making decisions. We must choose values and beliefs that structure our lives. Along the way we make mistakes, get lost, backtrack, and sometimes just need to start over. Ultimately, growing up means moving out and finding a new home. This may be a geographical move, but most certainly it involves psychological and spiritual moves.

So it is no surprise that Mary would be in a panic when she discovers that Jesus is not with the group of travelers. With great anxiety she and Joseph search for Him. Three days later the one who was lost has been found. Mary's first words are, "Child, why have you treated us like this?" What I really hear is, "Where have you been young man? Your father and I did not survive angel visits, birth in a manger, and living like refugees in Egypt only to have you get lost in Jerusalem." But Jesus isn't the one who is lost. He knows who He is and where He belongs. Mary and Joseph are the ones who are lost.

Today's gospel is a story about growing up but it is not Jesus' growing up. It is about Mary and Joseph growing up. It is about you and me growing up. Growing up is not about how old we are. It is really about moving into deeper and more authentic relationships with God, our world, each other, and ourselves.

Jesus is the one who grows us up. He is the one who will grow up Mary and Joseph. Children have a way of doing that to their parents. They challenge us to look at our world, our lives, and ourselves in new, different, and sometimes painful ways. That is exactly what Jesus' question to Mary does. She had put herself and Joseph at the center of Jesus' world. His question was about to

"Why were you searching for me? "He asks. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Jesus is telling Mary she should have known where He was. It is as if He is saying, "Remember, the angel told you I would be the Son of God. Remember that night in Bethlehem. Angels praising God, shepherds glorifying God. Remember the three men from the East, their gifts, and adoration. Remember Joseph's dreams that guided us to Egypt and back. Where else could I be but here?" Jesus has put the Father at the center of His world and asks Mary and us to do the same, to move to the Father's home.



Saturday 9:00 AM December 28, 2024
- FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY OF

ALEX GUARNES JR.

- CARMELA CERRUTO(†)

- FOOK TIM CHEUNG (†)

- MYRNA DUCUSIN DIZON (†)

- HEALING FOR DENNIS MARCELINO

5:00PM

Sunday

-BEN & PRISCILLA PINTO (†) **DECEMBER 29, 2024**

9:30 AM & 11:15AM

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Monday DECEMBER 30, 2024

8:30AM THANKSGIVING FOR PABLO SR. &

AVELINA SERRANO

Tuesday DECEMBER 31, 2024

8:30PM – FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Wednesday JANUARY 1, 2025

9:30PM & 11:15AM

- FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Thursday JANUARY 2, 2025

8:30AM HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF

FR. SERRANO

Friday JANUARY 3, 2025

8:30 AM -RUPERTA & NUMERIANO

RAMONES (†)





CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2023-2024

No Confession will be heard on Dec 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2025

DECEMBER 30, 2024 (MONDAY)

8:30am

DECEMBER 31, 2024 (TUESDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE

No Morning Mass 5pm

JANUARY 1, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 & 11:15am

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed on: Dec 23 to January 1, 2025.



If you want your donation to be in the 2024 tax receipt, the donation or cheques must be in by December 29, 2024 (last Sunday of December). Post-dated cheques that were issued or received after the said date will be on the 2025 tax receipt. Tax receipts will be available

1st week of February 2025 in the lobby. <u>IF YOU HAVE</u>
<u>A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER,</u>
<u>PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE THE</u> <u>END OF</u>
<u>DECEMBER.</u>



Once again our heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended, supported and gave donations to our Pre-Christmas Party. We were able to raise **\$2905.38**. All proceeds will go towards our parish pastoral hall.

The Jubilee year is also an exciting year for the parish as we look forward for the permits to begin the construction of our parish hall. As Bishop Nguyen mentioned last weekend in the spirit of discipleship and stewardship give generously. Your support to the parish goes a long way.



Pictures of the Pre-Christmas Party are now available on the website.

Thank you, Albert Alo, for capturing the wonderful moments of the party.

God bless you and your family.



Thank you so much for remembering us this vuletide seasons. Our hearts are full.

May God bless you and your family.

Fr. Serrano & staffs

Prayer to the Holy Family

Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being
middesubject tonicerate
domestic like by Your ineffable
virtues; grant that we, with
the assistance of both, may be
taught by the example of Your
Holy Family and may after who
its everlisting forever. Amen.

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



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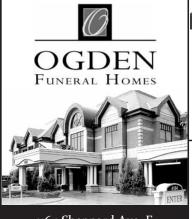
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