

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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MASSES:

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Eves of Holy Days: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Days: 8:00 am; 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:45 pm. **First Fridays:** Before the 8:00 am Mass.

Eves of Holy Days: Before the Vigil Mass.

BAPTISMS: By Appointment. Call the Rectory at least 10 days in advance. Administered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE
 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
 CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR
 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
 RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL
 LEGION OF MARY
 MEN'S CLUB & USHERS
 PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST
 LECTOR /EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS
 COMMUNITY GROUP
 ALTAR SERVERS
 CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)
 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

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NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you may have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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ALTAR SERVERS

Feb. 2	5:00	Mendez/Guerin/Rowen
Feb. 3	8:00	Scolamieri/Cowan
	9:30	Hayes
	11:00	Roberts/Abboud
	12:30	Ramos/Oberhaus

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Feb. 2	5:00	Hammeras/Bergam - Team 1
Feb. 3	8:00	Luque/Terris—Team 3
	9:30	Chiurazzi/Sullivan—Team 2
	11:00	Goshert/Villa-McDowell—Team 2
	12:30	Rogers/Armstrong—Team 3

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this weekend are donated in memory of Teresa Burgos by her daughters.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, February 1st, Exposition and Confessions before the 8:00am Mass, with the Social Hour following Mass in the Hall. Centering Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome. Come and enjoy the beauty of silence with Our Lord.

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Wednesday, 8:45am, in the Jubilee Room. Everyone is welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS

To volunteer to deliver hot meals to ill, disabled, aged in our St. Bart's area, one morning a week, or even one morning a month, please call Julie (562)433-0232.

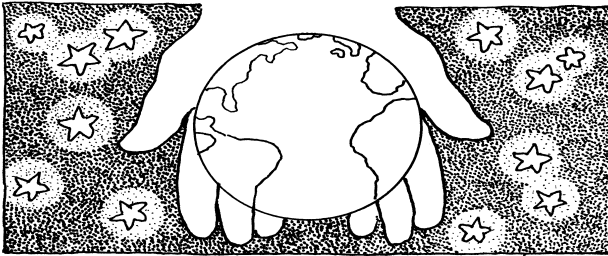


THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Charles Ward, Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Leo Poissant, Marie Therese Arslan, Sandra Shadden, Josephine Ronan, Patricia Schuck, Alan Arslan, Mark Lott, Matthew Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Carrie Lape, Maudie Bremer, Mildred Tanguay, Peggy Kinkella, Sarah Fries, Maureen Murray, William Corcoran, Gloria White, Ray Esquivel, Carol McEachen, and Michele Arslan.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Aida Trainor and William Corcoran



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2008

Wait for the LORD with courage;
Be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

-Psalm 27:14

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This week-end, and every last week-end of each month, flyers with photos and meditations on the beautiful stained-glass windows of our Church can be found on the two side railings in front of the statues at the Altar. This month's flyer explains the 3rd set of windows depicting Matthew and Philip, 2 more of the 1st followers of Jesus.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

"Lift Your Gaze...See Anew"

The annual Religious Education Congress, held in Anaheim, is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Congress this year is February 28th (Youth Day) through March 2nd. To register or for more information, call our Religious Education Director, Pat McGlynn (562)439-1802, or call the R.E. Congress info line (213)637-7348, or www.RECongress.org.

SENIORS AGAINST INVESTMENT FRAUD (SAIF)

This program educates Californians about how to avoid investment fraud and personal identity theft. "SAIF" also provides information about what you should know before hiring a contractor and how to negotiate a home improvement contract. SAIF is sponsored by the California Department of Corporations. On **February 1st, 9:00am**, Suzanne Sullivan from our local Retired Senior Volunteer Program will give a presentation in our Social Hall following First Friday Mass and Social Hour.

CENTERING PRAYER

Every Wednesday evening, 7-8:30pm, at our Youth Center, 4545 E. Fourth Street (between Park and Ximeno). Also, during Lent Centering Prayer will be in the Church following **6:00pm Stations of the Cross**. Call (562)433-2452 for more information.

COLLECTIONS

Ordinary Income: January 19/20 \$ 10,151.00

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation Sessions for baptized Catholic adults, who have received First Holy Communion, will be held during Lent on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, in the Jubilee Room. Classes begin on February 7th, and continue weekly: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6 and 13th. Please contact Ted or Kathleen Flood at (562)434-3163 for additional information.

Monthly



Events

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL EVENTS

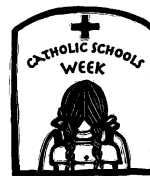
March 15th—St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5:00pm, Social Hall.

April 20th—Fashion Show, 3:00pm in the Social Hall.

May 17th-18th—Annual Book Sale in the Social Hall.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 4th, 12 noon in the Jubilee Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



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St. Joseph Elementary School is accepting applications for their Kindergarten program for the 2008/2009 school year. Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2008. Please call the school office (562)596-6115 for an application.

Please join them for the **Open House** in honor of Catholic Schools Week on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, 6:00pm. Stop by the table outside the gym for a personal tour of the campus. Visit the school's website at www.saintjosephelementary.com, for further information

TAX LETTERS

2007 Tax Letters will be mailed out this week. If you have any questions about the letters, please contact the Rectory (562)438-3826. Thank you.