

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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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 / EUCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS
 COMMUNITY GROUP
 ALTAR SERVERS
 CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)
 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.

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

ALTAR SERVERS

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| Dec. 15 | 5:00 | Mendez/Guerin/Rowen |
| Dec. 16 | 8:00 | Scolamieri/Cowan |
| | 9:30 | White/Hayes/Huntley |
| | 11:00 | Roberts/Abboud |
| | 12:30 | Ramos/Oberhaus |

LECTORS—EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| Dec. 15 | 5:00 | Killian/DiLeo—Team 3 |
| Dec. 16 | 8:00 | Souverielle/Montgomery—Team 4 |
| | 9:30 | Griffith/Bodner—Team 3 |
| | 11:00 | Caputi/Woznicki—Team 3 |
| | 12:30 | Salsameda/Salsameda—Team 2 |



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Penance Service: Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00pm
 Saturday, December 15th—3:45 to 4:45pm
 Saturday – December 22nd—3:45 to 4:45pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Masses
 4:00pm – Church – Children's Mass
 6:30pm—Church
 12:00 Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25th

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon

New Years Day

Monday— December 31st—5:00pm Vigil
 Tuesday—January 1st—8:00am
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

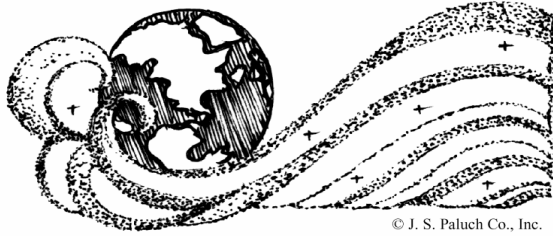
PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00pm. Many priests will be available to hear confessions. The service will consist of a short scripture service, followed by individual confessions. Come, be reconciled, in preparation for the Great Solemnity of Christmas.



This Wednesday, December 12th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will place a beautiful hand-painted picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Sanctuary, adorned with a bouquet of red roses and candles. There will be an explanation of the painting of Our Lady available on the altar rail.

"Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us"



Second Sunday of Advent December 9th, 2007

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the
LORD, as water covers the sea.

-Isaiah 11:9

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Children's Choir rehearsal will be
Wednesday, December 12th, 4-
5:00pm in the Church. The children's
choir will sing at the Christ
mas Eve Mass at 4:00pm.

FRIDAYS DURING ADVENT

December 14th and 21st, there will be an opportunity
for quiet time in the Church from 7-8:00pm, with
beautiful music, silent prayer and sacred walk.

ANNUAL PARISH KEEPSAKE ORNAMENT

Our Parish Community Group will be selling the re-
maining few annual St. Bartholomew Christmas Orna-
ments in the Social Hall after all the Sunday Masses,
this weekend. Proceeds from the sale of this orna-
ment go towards their "Feeding the Homeless"
through the Christian Outreach Appeal here in Long
Beach, and for the annual St. Bartholomew picnic.



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nathan Laharty, Sarah Fries, Fabio
Marinetti, Kade West, Charles Ward,
Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Louise
Millican, Betty Borrigo, Leo Poissant,
Bob Ownby, Charlotte James, Beverly Vasquez,
Marie Therese Arslan, Anthony Caputi, Maureen
Murray, Jonathan Fisk, Sandra Shadden, Seth
Weissman, Josephine Ronan, Adrian Chaney,
Patricia Schuck, Al Maloney, John DiLeo, Alan
Arslan, Catalina Martinez Carina Cortez, Carol
McEachen, Mark Lott, Julie Ann Cook, Susan
Emmons, Tommy Ang, Gary Yardumian, Matthew
Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Chris Terrell, Carrie
Lape, Betsy Ostroff and Peggy Kinkella.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Maryana Sullivan

(We will again by the first of the year update the
names on the "Sick of our Parish". Please call the
Rectory if you want a name to continue on the list be-
ginning January 1. Thank you.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there is a special collection for the Re-
tirement Fund for Religious. *Share in the Care*. 74 is
the average age of retirement from compensated min-
istry for women and men religious (most continue vol-
unteer ministry as long as health permits). 19,521
religious are at institutes that have less than 20% of
the amount projected for costs of living and health
care in retirement. 5,452 religious need skilled nurs-
ing care. \$49,850 is the average annual cost of
skilled nursing care for a religious (U.S. average is
\$65,985). 37,870 religious, mostly women, are now
past age 70. The annual cost now exceeds \$977 mil-
lion. \$.94 of every dollar donated directly assists with
the costs of elder care at religious institutes. As al-
ways, thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are
in the pews.



GIVING TREE

The annual St. Bartholomew Giving
Tree benefits the moms and their chil-
dren at New Life Beginnings, the shel-
ter here in Long Beach. The bulletin
boards in the Vestibule of the Church, as well as a
tree in the Church Hall, are filled with angels—
requesting special needs and wants for the families.
They range from the more generic "Gift Certificates"
to specific dream toys for each child, to items for the
shelter, like postage and copier paper. Most of the
families desperately need winter clothes. Let the
spirit move you to fill that special gift. Please wrap
the gift items if they are for a specific person, and
take the angel to the outside. Remember, all gifts
need to be returned to the Church Hall by December
16th. Any questions, please call Christine Woznicki
(562)987-0216.

COLLECTIONS

December 1st/2nd \$ 15,229.00

**There will be no coffee and donuts after the
12:30pm this Sunday.**