

# 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)**  
**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.

### A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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**USHERS are needed for all Christmas Masses. Please sign up in the Vestibule.**

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, December 19th, 4-5:00pm in the Church. The Children's Choir will sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 22	5:00	Stonick/Meyer
Dec. 23	8:00	Mendez/Guerin/Rowen
	9:30	Scolamieri/Cowan
	11:00	White/Hayes/Huntley
	12:30	Roberts/Abboud

### LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 22	5:00	Smith/Boessow—Team 1
Dec. 23	8:00	Gooch—Team 1
	9:30	Fegley/Gibb—Team 4
	11:00	George/McDonnell—Team 4
	12:30	Burcelis/Hanley—Team 3



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday – December 22nd—3:45 to 4:45pm

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00pm – Church – Children's Mass

6:30pm—Church

12:00 Midnight Mass (Adult Choir)

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am, 10:00am (Adult Choir), 12:00noon

### New Years Day

Monday— December 31st—5:00pm Vigil

Tuesday—January 1st—8:00am

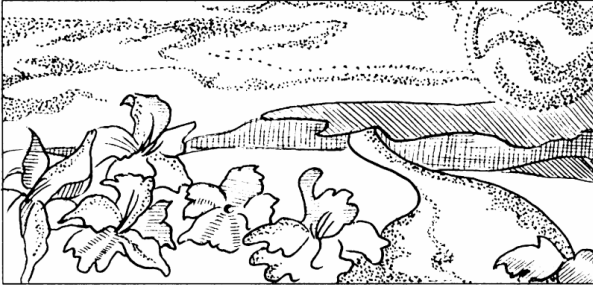
### BLESSING OF THE STRAW

This weekend after the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass there will be a simple blessing of straw. There will be a large bale of straw with bags available for you outside the front of the Church. Please take some of this blessed straw home with you to place in your home mangers.

### BLANKETS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

We are still in need of blankets. We have collected 28 that can go to the Bethune Transitional Center. We are accepting store-bought, twin or double size. Please drop them off at the hall on Sunday, December 16th, or call Mary Eileen McAtee (310)612-3080, or (562)439-7020.

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**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 2007**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.

*-Isaiah 35:10a*

**THE "O ANTIPHONS"**

The drumroll of Advent is the prayer of the "O Antiphons". These are beautiful prayers used at evening prayer. Each night is a separate antiphon, from Dec. 17th to Dec. 23rd. They are called the "O Antiphons" because each one begins with the exclamation "O". The antiphons include many of the titles of Christ.

- Dec. 17th "O Wisdom"
- Dec. 18 "O Adonai"
- Dec. 19 "O Flower of Jesse"
- Dec. 20 "O Key of David"
- Dec. 21 "O Dawn"
- Dec. 22 "O King"
- Dec. 23 "O Emmanuel"

There are sheets available in the Vestibule this weekend with family prayers explaining the "O Antiphons".



**Pray for ... 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, and Peggy Kinkella.

**THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH**

Betsy Ostroff, mother of Jane Cowan, Janece Yvonne Gregory, Corina Cortez, Bruce Gould and Lynn Austen.

*(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 beginning January 1. Thank you.)*

**SEE'S CANDY ORDERS**

The annual candy sale has been cancelled due to the lack of pre-orders. A minimum number of orders is required for us to receive the discounted price for the candy. We did not meet the minimum requirement. We will try again next year. We apologize to those who did place orders. Thank you.

*Parish Women's Council*



**GIVING TREE**

All items are to be returned to the Church Hall by this Sunday, December 16th. Thank you for your participation in this annual event.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS**

- Bob and Chris Salsameda (for the Salsameda Family)
- Josephine Singer (for Louis and Nancy Bernardi)
- Dave and Jenny Shlemmer
- Maureen Rinella-Smith  
(in memory of her parents, James and Edna McNulty)
- Mary Ann Ammons ("Happy Birthday, Jesus")
- Alice Butcher (in memory of Roy and Margaret Butcher)
- Cynthia Cardarelli Painter  
(in memory of her husband, Jerry)
- Marilyn Boyle, in memory of her husband, Hugh Boyle)
- Roger and Liz Reyburn (in memory of John VanderLans)
- Cindy Austin (in memory of her mother, Peggy Holland)

**THE TIDINGS Abuse prevention articles**

Since November, 2005, our archdiocesan weekly newspaper, *The Tidings*, has regularly published articles related to child safety and abuse prevention efforts, information and tips. All of these articles are as relevant today as they were upon publication in the newspaper. *The Tidings* has archived these articles: [HTTP://www..thetidings.com/2007/abuse/abuse1/html](http://www..thetidings.com/2007/abuse/abuse1/html)

<b>COLLECTIONS: December 8/9</b>	\$10,998.00
<b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b>	5,420.00
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	1,584.00