

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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The Rectory Office is open

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 /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.

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are donated in honor of Kathleen Rima by her family.

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Christmas Eve

4:00 See Schedule
 6:30 Therrell/Bergam—See Schedule
 Midnight Mass Fegley/Gibboney—See Schedule

Christmas Day

8:00 Montgomery/Arnold—See Schedule
 10:00 Luque/Santucci—See Schedule
 12:00 Bergam/Caputi—See Schedule

Dec. 29

5:00 Svilich/Shadden—Team 2

Dec. 30

8:00 Metzger/Myrtle—Team 2
 9:30 Sullivan/Chiurazzi—Team 1
 11:00 Thompson/Bauch—Team 1
 12:30 Arnold/Goodman—Team 1

ALTAR SERVERS

Christmas Eve

4:00 Mass Bebek/Monconduit
 6:30 Mass Mendez
 Midnight Mass Ahumada/Parker/Oberhaus

Christmas Day

8:00am Mass Stonick/Meyer
 10:00am Mass Scolamieri/Cowan
 12:00pm Mass Hayes

Dec. 29 5:00 Hammeras/Lund/Sepera

Dec. 30 8:00 Bebek/Monconduit

9:30 Stonick/Meyer

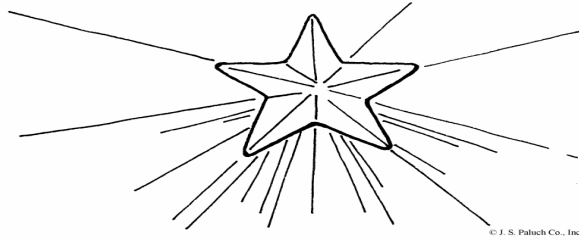
11:00 Mendez/Guerin/Rowen

12:30 Scolamieri/Cowan



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, Carol McEachen, Mark Lott, Julie Ann Cook, Susan Emmons, Tommy Ang, Gary Yardumian, Matthew Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Chris Terrell, Carrie Lape, Maudie Bremer, Lynn Stansbury and Peggy Kinkella.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2007**

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

-Matthew 1:23

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

At the Midnight Mass you will hear chanted the ancient Christmas Proclamation announcing the Birth of Christ. It is sung after the Greeting and Introduction of the Christmas Midnight Mass, and immediately followed by the singing of the Gloria, which acts as the assembly's response to this good news of the birth of our Savior.

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah,
The world in wilece waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.

- Simon J. Pellegrin, Tr. by Mary of St. Philip

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

Tom and Susan Montgomery

Darlene Bilsley

Padraig and Moira Carney

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(in memory of Patrick & Kate Scollon, Mary & Eric Martinage,
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(in memory of his grandmother Annette Speranza)

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(in memory of her husband Dr. Leslie Esposito)

Bill and Sheila Hanley (in memory of Mary Sandbert)

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Burcelis



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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00pm – Church – Children's Mass

6:30pm—Church

12:00 Midnight Mass (Adult Choir)

Tuesday, December 25th

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

New Years Day

Monday— December 31st—5:00pm Vigil

Tuesday—January 1st—8:00am

USHERS

Please check the sign-up sheets in the Vestibule to see if there are still Christmas Masses that need ushers. Thank you.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Sunday, January 13th, 2008, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles, 90064. For more information, call Sister Fintan (310)216-8170; Sister Celine (310)839-2361; or email to vocations_naz@yahoo.com.

SICK OF THE PARISH

The Parish list of the sick will be updated at the start of the New Year. Please call the Rectory if you want a name to continue on the list.

