ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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REV. MSGR. BERNARD LEHENY, Pastor
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DEACON CARL GIBBONEY

RECTORY: 438-3826
252 Granada Ave.
The Rectory Office is open
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Office Aides: Monday-Thursday 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: 439-1802
(Mondays) (Wednesdays)
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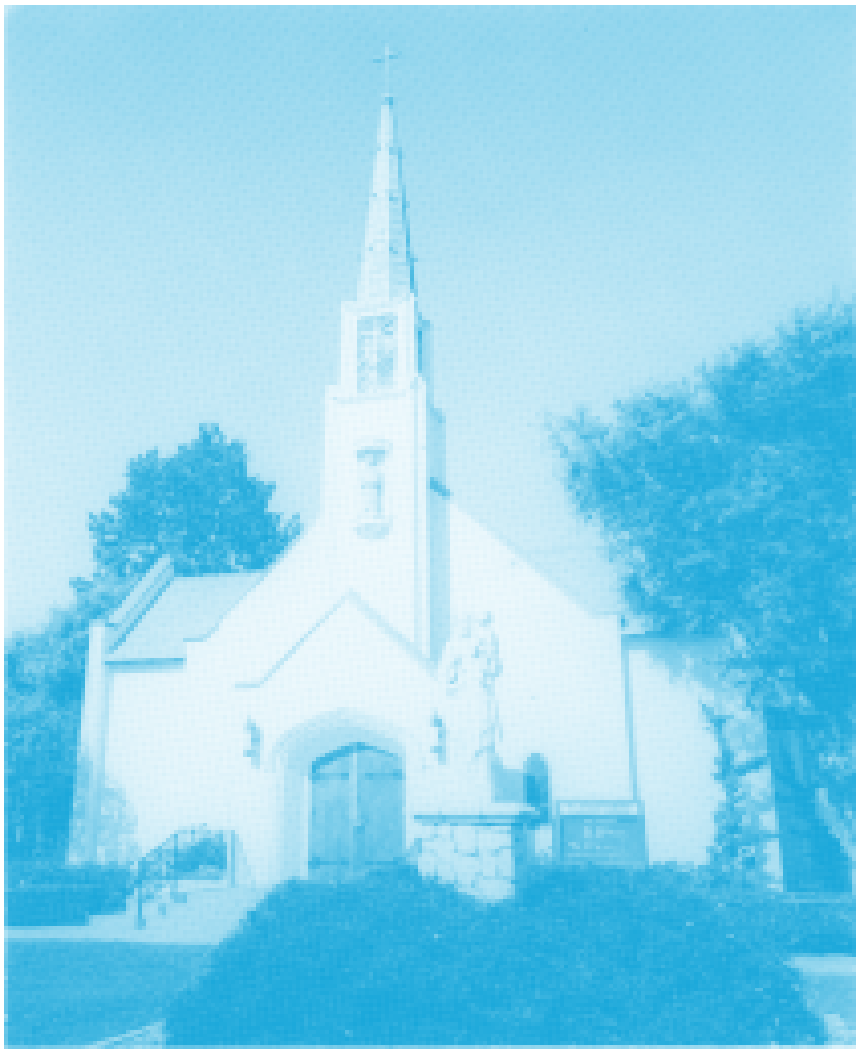


MASSES:
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm
Eves of Holy Days: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Holy Days: 8:00 am; 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

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

BAPTISMS: 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, by Appointment, through Rectory.

WEDDINGS: By Appointment at least 6 months in advance, through the Rectory..

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE	**http://www.sblb.org**
PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN	Barbara Merrick **597-0530**
SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)	Pat McGlynn **439-1802**
CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR	Cindy Rodriguez **431-2414**
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)	Rectory **438-3826**
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY	Dave McCaughey **438-3263**
LEGION OF MARY	Mary Anna Duty **438-2567**
MEN'S CLUB & USHERS	Ron Fawl **494-3342**
PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST	Brian Archambault **208-8222**
LECTOR /EUCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS	Ken & Colette Santucci **439-6970**
COMMUNITY GROUP	Deacon Carl Gibboney **400-4099**
ALTAR SERVERS	Karyn Parker **433-9900**
CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)	Pat Metzger **243-8460**
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	Patricia Goodman **438-3981**
CHILDERN'S CHOIR	Julie Westervelt **243-1286**
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR	Lina Hayek **708-7050**

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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2009

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Bartholomew Penance Service: Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00pm
(many priests in attendance)
(Our Lady of Refuge Penance Service: Monday, December 14th, 7:30pm)

Saturday, December 12th
3:45 – 4:45pm
Saturday – December 19th
3:45 – 4:45pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil Masses
4:00pm – Church – Children's Mass
6:30pm - Church
12:00 Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25th
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1st – 8:00am

(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses: Monday, Dec. 7th, 5:00pm
Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 8:00am, 12:15pm, and 7:00pm

FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On Saturday, December 12th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please stop by the Blessed Mother's Shrine in the Church, decorated with roses to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

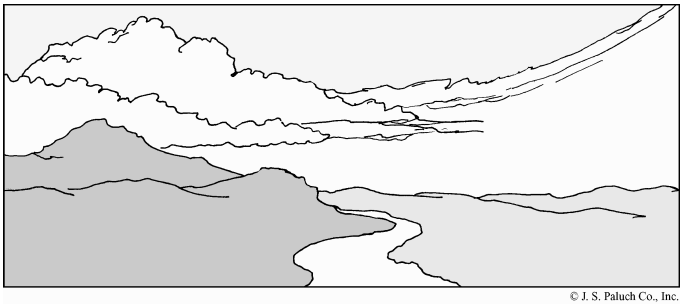
BLESSED STRAW is available in the patio area between the Church and the Social Hall for you to take home for your home mangers.

ADVENT BULLETINS

Special Advent/Christmas bulletins are available in the Vestibule throughout this holy season.

NEW LIFE BEGINNINGS

This weekend Dec. 5/6 marks the beginning of our Annual Giving Tree—Angels will be on trees in the Vestibule and Social Hall with requests for special needs and wants for the benefit of the moms and their children at New Life Beginnings here in Long Beach. For Saturday evening Mass, gifts can be left in the Vestibule, and on Sundays, gifts can be dropped off in the Social Hall. Detailed instructions are at each "Giving Tree", or call Pam at the Rectory.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2009

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.

-Baruch 5:7

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this weekend are donated by Bob and Chris Salsameda as they celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The 2009 Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will be conducted in Catholic parishes next weekend, Dec. 12/13. This collection benefits the Religious Women and Men who have dedicated their lives to prayer and ministry and are now faced with costs of health care and elder care that greatly exceed their resources. There are now more than 38,000 Catholic Religious past the age of 70. Please be as generous as you can. Envelopes are in the pews, and we, once again, thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 12 5:00 Meyer/Gorski
Dec. 13 8:00 Crowley/Farmer
9:30 Sweeney/Ramos/Bohn/McInerney
11:00 Stonick/Dobbs/Lathrop
12:30 Oberhaus/Dowgiewicz/Trainotti

LECTORS—EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 12 5:00 Svilich/DiLeo—Team 1
Dec. 13 8:00 Montano/Montgomery—Team 1
9:30 Gibb/Sullivan—Team 3
11:00 Goshert/Froehlich—Team 3
12:30 Salsameda/Salsameda—Team 1

THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Xavier Dybbro, Sarah Fries, Catherine Thompson, Harry Fehner, Dolores Detarr, Nathan Laherty, Mark Lott, Clark Boyd, John Coppens, Carol McEachen, Michael Carlson, Candace Weissman, Teresa Balogh, Sara Simpson , Stefania Chadsey, Denise Altomare, Raquel Altomare, and Patrick Farrell.

THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Frank Risica

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT, featuring the Long Beach City College Christmas Chorale. Sunday, December 13th, 5:00pm, in our Social Hall. Donation is $25.00—Adults; $13.00—Children (10 and under). Sit-down dinner catered by Edward's Steak House. Opportunity tickets available for the Chinese Auction and a Money Wreath. All proceeds will go to Local Catholic Charities. Please make reservations by December 7th to: Judy Houston (562)434-5011.

ANNUAL SEE'S CANDY SALE

Deadline to order See's Candy is Monday, December 7th—12:00 noon. Red order forms are at all entrances to the Church and Chapel, and in the Social Hall. Please fill them out and drop into the Rectory mail slot or put into the See's boxes in the Vestibule, the entrance to the Chapel, and in the Social Hall. Orders can also be placed by phone to the Rectory 9–noon on Monday the 7th. **All proceeds of the sale will go to New Life Beginnings.**

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, December 10th, and every 2nd Thursday of each month, at 6:30pm, in the Jubilee Room.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Christian Outreach in Action, COA, an organization that our Parish Community Group works closely with, is requesting new, unwrapped toys for their annual Christmas party. Toys for infants to 18 years are needed. COA serves the needs of thousands of families here in our town, and they expect upwards of 900 kids this year. Gift cards for older kids are also welcome. Please drop donations item off in the Social Hall after any Mass next Sunday.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL, campus tours and admission information, Tues., Dec. 8, 3-4:00pm, 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood (562)925-5073.