

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE  
 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)  
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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.

### THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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### ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 31	5:00	Ahumada/Ramos
Jan. 1	8:00	Ficarra/Sweeney
	9:30	Sanchez/Abboud
	11:00	Bebeks
	12:30	Stonick/Parkin

### LECTORS—EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 31	5:00	Smith/Boessow—Hoehne/Hoffman
Jan. 1	8:00	Barczys—Dahl/Carroll/Keller
	9:30	Gorman/Surfus—Team 1
	11:00	Woznicki/Leonard—Team 1
	12:30	Arnold/Hanley—Hanley/Ward

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this week-end are donated by the Mendez Family in memory of Ruth Wood.



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### PLACEMENT OF THE MANGER

The manger is located in the vestibule of the church in the baptistry area. You are invited to stop by the manger before or after the liturgy to visit and say a family prayer. Some parishioners have expressed a concern over the placement of the crèche (nativity scene). We here at St. Bartholomew's are following Archdiocesan directives which state: "The crèche, or nativity scene, does not belong near the altar. According to the Book of Blessings, 'If the manger is set up in the church, it must not be set up in the presbyterium (sanctuary). A place should be chosen that is suitable for prayer and devotion and is easily accessible by the faithful.' (reference #1544).



### THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Bernie Rollinger, Shirley Wood, Pat Schuck, Lucy Svimonoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, Chris Shulberg, Larry Sauter, John Swanson, Fabio Marinetti, Sandra Shadden, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, and MaryAna Finks.

### THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Donald Prescott



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**The Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2005**

The light shines in the darkness,  
And the darkness has not overcome it.

- John 1:5

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS**

Jennifer Deering

Barbara Brown Thompson, for her grandmother, Mary McCloskey.

Josephine Singer, in memory of Nancy and Louis Bernardi. Pat and Mo Mohler for Barbara Keller.

Becky Almquist, in loving memory of her parents Jesus and Jane Hernandez.

Teri Shanahan, in memory of Anthony Palmesi, grandfather of Michael, Brendan, Nicholas and Mary Shanahan.

Patricia Mazon, in memory of Francisca Mazon.

Maureen Rinella-Smith, for Richard Rinella.

Sandra Beebe Thompson, for Eugene and Margaret Beebe and Howard and Louise Thompson.

Alison Cameron, in memory of her father, Alan Elgar.

Chris Szczepaniak, for Jack Errion.

Mary Sabol, for her husband Bob.

Arthur and Eleanor Beland.

Charlotte James, in memory of her parents and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Crowley, for deceased family members.

John and Anne Price.

John and Teri Walsh, for prayers for her brother and special friend, both battling disease.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS**

Colleen and Bill Green, in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. Roche and Mrs. and Mrs. Roy Green.

Tom and Sandi Shadden.

Lucy M. Snow.

Maria Pozo-Humphreys, for Edward Allen Pozo.

Marianne Werton, for the Werton Family.

Annette Groen, for Ann Sylvia and LaVerne English.

Mary Anderson.

Georganne Papac.

Ken and Arlene Svlich, for their family.

Roger and Liz Reyburn, in memory of John VanderLans and Grant Hampton.

MaryKate Belliveau, in memory of her father, Patrick McCormick.

Donald A. Ruescher, R.I.P.

Richard Mosely, in memory of Al and Margaret Mosely.

Mary & Angelo Mauro, for speedy recovery for Dorothy Lineberger.

Carl & Jean Klein, for the Klein Family.

Dermot & Susan Leech, in memory of Johanna Leech.

Norma Lopez, in memory of her student Darrell Gallo.

Michele Rakiey, in memory of Dennis Ammons.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH MEETING**

The "Purpose Driven Life" Spiritual Growth Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3rd, and on every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, in the Jubilee Room. All are welcome, and if you have an interest, please call Jim Birmingham at (562)433-6137.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

- 2nd Christopher Adams & Danielle Nadeau
- Daniel Hofstadter & Jill Zucchero
- Joshua Slattery & Belia Juarez
- Paul Altomare & Raquel Balisi
- Michael Brewer & Yvonne Bergeon



**DANCE LESSONS**

There is still time to sign up for the Dance Lessons beginning in January to benefit our Confirmation Program and their house-building in Mexico in the spring. Please call the Rectory for registration.



**THANKSGIVING DAY** \$1,200.00 (\$400.00 each to New Life Beginnings, St. Francis Center, and Catholic Worker of Los Angeles)

**ORDINARY INCOME**

December 17th/18th \$9,592.00

**RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS**

\$5,652.00

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

\$1,245.00