St. Bartholomew

A Roman Catholic Community

First Sunday of

Advent

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bartholomew is a diverse Catholic community welcoming to all. Called to serve, we are united by faith, bonded by prayer, and committed to living the Gospel message.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Mass • 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass
8:00 am • 9:30 am (Livestreamed)
11:00 am • 12:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturdays • 3:30-4:15 pm
(Now inside the Church.)

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday:
8:30 am- Noon • 1:00-5:00 pm

✝ PARISH HAPPENINGS

Christmas Giving Tree

This holiday season the Community Group will continue the tradition of working with Christian Outreach in Action (COA) to collect Christmas gifts for needy children. However, due to COVID this year's event will not be in-person. COA is asking families to register through their website for children's gifts that will be delivered to their homes on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Giving Trees trimmed with gift-tag ornaments will be located in the Church's Vestibule and Parish Hall. Please take a gift-tag ornament from the Giving Tree, purchase the requested gift, and bring it unwrapped to the Parish Hall **this weekend and next weekend, Dec. 4-5.** For questions about the Christmas Giving Trees, please contact Debby Margulis, Community Group Chair. *God bless you for your generosity!*

Christmas Ornament Sales

For several years, the Community Group has sold custom-designed Christmas ornaments. These keepsakes feature replications of church statuary, stained-glass windows, etc. While 2020 and 2021 editions were not minted due to the pandemic, there is backstock of gift-boxed ornaments from past years. Previously priced at $15 each, these one-of-a-kind mementos are being sold for $10.

If your personal collection is missing a year or two, or if you are looking for a unique stocking stuffer, visit their sales table after all Masses **this weekend.** Proceeds are used to support the Community Group's ministry of feeding the homeless.

Advent Almsgiving Project to the Poor

Throughout the Season of Advent, a Creche (crib) will be placed near the altar and parishioners are invited to fill it with $5 gift cards that can be used to purchase food. These will be given to the parishes in West Long Beach (St. Anthony's, Holy Innocents, St. Lucy's, and St. Athanasius) for distribution to the poor who come to their doors looking for a meal. This Advent let us be Christ for one another by helping to feed our brothers and sisters who live on the margins.

Christmas Poinsettias

Special envelopes are in the pews this weekend and throughout Advent to help pay for the altar flowers and poinsettias that decorate the altar on Christmas Eve and throughout the Christmas season. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts

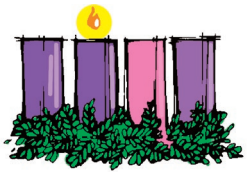
Join Us in the Parish Hall <u>today,</u> Sunday, Nov. 28, after the 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Masses.

Hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. Donations are free will and will support their ministry. Please be generous.

Please observe local protocols for wearing of masks unless you are eating or drinking.

Pastor's Corner | By Fr. Mark A. Strader

FIRST Sunday OF Advent



I recall as a young student that one could find the "answers" at the end of the textbook to many of the subjects that would include quizzes and exams. Math was always one that included these helpful answers.

However, as students would usually come to find out in math or any other subject for that matter is that the answer was not good enough. Rather, the teacher would often add to the instructions of the lesson or before an exam: "Please show your work!" Ugh! I could not just fill in the answer in the blank on the page.

Christianity is much the same way: we cannot just search the *"Cliff Notes"* of our Sacred Scriptures. We must read and *know* the Book. We must *show the work with our lives.* We are not perfect creatures, but we can do the work especially with the teachers we have had along the journey.

We will make mistakes and may have to have a "do over"; but, in the long run we will be rewarded with knowing how we solved the problem no matter how many erasures we make. May our Advent season allow us the opportunity to come to read the Book in a different light and help us respond by showing the work with an attitude of gratitude.

Happy Advent! The journey continues…wide awake…keeping watch and solving the problem.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand, they may
be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Tribute was paid to military veterans on Veterans Day at St. Bartholomew and daily Mass-goers were greeted with flags posted at the entrance to the church.

Pictured are flags of the United States of America (center), State of California (lower left), City of Long Beach (upper left), Papal / Vatican City flag (upper right), and St. Bartholomew Catholic Church (lower right).

Organ music accompanied the liturgy, as the assembly joined in singing "America," "America the Beautiful," "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (Naval hymn), "Saints and Beloved of God," and "God Bless America."

During this Month of Remembrance let us not forget those who gave their lives or were gravely injured in the service of our country.

Mass Intentions

Week of November 28, 2021

Saturday, November 27

5:00 pm Lionel Venzor *RIP*

Sunday, November 28

8:00 am Eileen Anderson *RIP*

9:30 am Peter John Ryan *RIP*

11:00 am Alice Szyska *RIP*

12:30 pm St. Bartholomew Parishioners *INT*

Monday, November 29

8:00 am Michael Stajek *INT*

Tuesday, November 30

8:00 am Daniel Ledford *INT*

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 am Huong Gia Ho *RIP*

Thursday, December 2

8:00 am Rita McGral *INT*

Firday, December 3

8:00 am Debbie & Caitlin Fanning *INT*

Saturday, December 4

5:00 pm William Kennedy *RIP*

Sunday, December 5

8:00 am Rosalie Ricci *RIP*

9:30 am Clem Wandrisco *RIP*

11:00 am Randy Rubio *RIP*

12:30 pm St. Bartholomew Parishioners *INT*

✝ LITURGY, WORSHIP & PRAYER

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Youth Altar Servers

Dec. 4	**5:00 PM**	Kaylee G.
Dec. 5	**8:00 AM**	Walter P.
	12:30 PM	Lucas M.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 4	**5:00 PM**	S. Barrozo, TBD	Team 2
Dec. 5	**8:00 AM**	J. Huntsman, P. Funk	Team 1
	9:30 AM	C. Sowden, J. Boyce	Team 3
	11:00 AM	R. Wittkop, M. Trinnaman	Team 3
	12:30 PM	TBD, A. Manfredi	Team 1

Hospitality Ministers

Dec. 4	**5:00 PM**	T. Fanning, B. Bigham, L. Fong, T. Topp, J. Desmond
Dec. 5	**8:00 AM**	L. Crowley, M. Turner, D. Turner, R. Rothell, D. Rothell, M. Crowley, T. Trujillo
	9:30 AM	K. O' Connor, T. O'Connor, J. Boyce, G. Bornhop, D. Dreidame, J. Dungan
	11:00 AM	J. Boyce, S. Bittner, T. Bittner, J. Dungan, J. Ross, C. Morse
	12:30 PM	L. Oracion, R. Panaguiton, J. Tregear, M. Maloney

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Remember these sick of our parish community in your daily prayers that they may find healing and comfort in Christ, especially...

Rowena Benaraw
Randy Bilsley
Tom Bittner
Francis & Nancy Boyle
The Casado Family
Catherine Crow
Anita De Witt
Paul Feinberg
Dr. James Fries
Renee Henderson
Alex Herrera
Cindi Jackson
Monica Kelly
Lois Kimble
Lani Korth
Ford Kuzina
Akiko Larsen
Lori Lopez
Rory Loquet
Laura Malloy
Allen Moeneart
Diane Markoff
Cesar Morales
Susan Moreno
Joanie Massoto
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Ocampo Family
Kathy Owens
Paul Pignieri
Stan & Maureen Poe
Tom Poyer
Ireneo A. Reus, Jr.
Jim Rodgers
Natasha Rossi
Leanne Rozier
Teresa Salmon
Hudson Docto Schoen
David Sheppard
Stephen Silker
Michael Stajek
Mazie Stempkowski
Ken Sonntag
Rick Sonntag
Ken Svilich
Angeles Tan
L. Tanguay
Donald Thompson
Robert Topp
Mary Uyeno
The Vasquez Family
Charlie Walker
Father Jerry Walker
Judi Walsh
Paula Williams
Jim Wolfe

LIFELONG FORMATION

Virtual Advent Prayer Experience

Advent is coming! Are you ready for the adventure to begin!? You are invited to join us for a reflective Virtual Evening Prayer experience on **Wednesday, Dec. 1,** at 6:45 pm, hosted by Sister Paulynne.

Come and be spiritually refreshed with the traditions of our faith: the Advent candles, the Advent wreath, and O Antiphons. Christ is bringing us hope and joy for He is our Emmanuel: God with us! Call the Parish Office at (562) 438-3826 to register. You will receive an e-mail link to the Zoom prayer service.

Advent Reflection Books

Families are invited to take one of the complimentary Little Blue Books that are located at all entrances of the Church. The Little Blue Book is a daily reflection aid for encouraging spiritual growth and renewal during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Each day, these books offer short, six-minute reflections on Scripture and seasonal traditions that help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

Daily Advent Prayer & Activity booklets are also available for children.

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage with Fr. Michael

If walking The Way of St. James is on your "bucket list," Fr. Michael Reardon is the Spiritual Director for an early fall pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. This will be on the last section of the French Way from Sept. 24 to Oct. 6, 2022.

There will also be an optional 5-Day pre-Camino Del Norte journey along the Northern Coast of Spain Sept. 21-25, 2022.

Enjoy a special discount if you signup before Christmas. Limited space! Sign up through our latest Flocknote e-mail or call the Parish Office. Buen Camino!

Scripture Studies

50+ Scripture Study

On **Wednesday, Dec. 1,** the 50+ Scripture Study will continue with its thematic scripture study, "Angels of God," which provides an overview of the Bible's presentation of God's angels as guardians and messengers.

New members are welcome to join any time. The group meets every other Wednesday in the Courtyard outside the Seton room from 8:30 to 10:00 am. For details, contact Ted Flood at (562) 438-3826.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Bible Study will continue its readings of Divine Mercy on **Wednesday, Dec. 15,** 6:30-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Study materials are provided. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion. The group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month (No session on Dec. 8). For details, contact Robert Cordova at (562) 438-3826.

Today's Readings

First Reading —
The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm —
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading —
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel —
There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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Readings for this Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Introducing. . .

Faith Formation Playlist

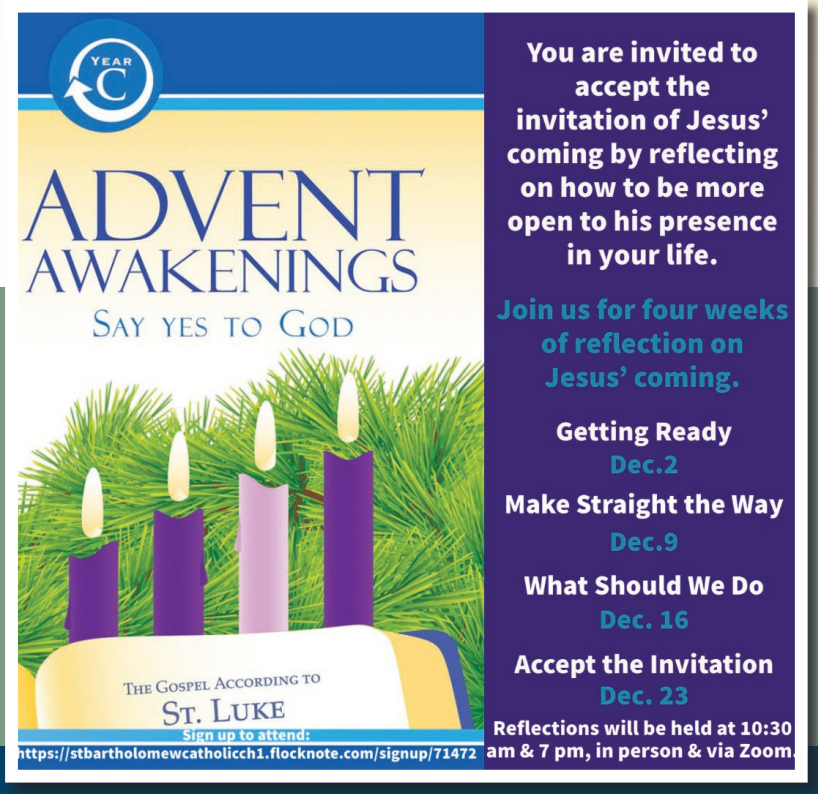
Read | Listen | Watch | Participate | Pray & Reflect

Journey with Us

The St. Bartholomew Faith Formation Program is pleased to present a collection of resources in a Faith Formation Playlist for exploring your faith.

Choose the resources that fit your INTERESTS and SCHEDULE.

Participate independently or ENGAGE with your parish community.



How would you like to deepen your *faith* and become *closer to God?*

Join Us for Our

Advent Awakenings REFLECTION SERIES

To register for the Reflection Series (located under the Participate Tab) and view the full Playlist, visit www.stbartholomewcclb.org/playlist.

For more information, contact Kellie De Leo at (562) 438-3826, Ext. 250 or KDeLeo@la-archdiocese.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN | REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

St. Matthew's to Host Advent-Christmas Concert

On **Friday, Dec. 3,** the Music Ministry of St. Matthew's will host an Advent-Christmas concert at 7:00 pm in the church. Featured music will include favorite Advent-Christmas carols and hymns, popular world classics, Renaissance pieces, beautiful Spanish songs, and of course, some Sing-along!

Tickets are available at St. Matthew's Parish Office or after all Masses through Nov. 28. Ticket cost is $25 for adults and $12 for children 12-17. The concert will be followed by a "meet the artists" gathering and wine tasting experience.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Mass

The Los Angeles Archdiocese will host the 90th Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Sunday, Dec. 5.** This year's theme is "Always Forward in Mission and Hope."

The procession will begin at 10:30 am, on the corner of Cesar Chavez Avenue and Ford Boulevard. The celebration will be followed by a special Mass at 1:00 pm, presided by Archbishop Gomez in honor of the Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego that will take place at East Los Angeles College Stadium.

The Pilgrimage of the Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego will be on display at various locations through Dec. 4. Visit www.guadalupela.org for more information.

DID YOU KNOW? | SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Understanding the dangers of carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is often undetected. More than 400 people in the U.S. die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and thousands more are hospitalized. When gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it in can be poisoned.

Consider installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector, and have your furnace, water heater, and other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced regularly, along with your chimney.

For more information, visit https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide.

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Dec. 12 Bulletin Deadline: *Tuesday, Nov. 30*

The deadline for content submissions is two Tuesdays prior to the publication date. Material is printed as space permits. Please e-mail bulletin announcements in an attached Word document to Mary Broomfield at mbroomfield@la-archdiocese.org. Photos should be separate JPEG attachments.

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